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*St. James' Episcopal Church welcomes you to our service of worship.
If you are searching for a spiritual home,
we invite you to become part of our community of faith and love.*

*The mission of St. James' Church derives from the nature of the church.
It exists for the good of all people, to spread the word of
God's Salvation and to bring people to know Jesus Christ.*



PALM SUNDAY
Blessing of the Palms,
Reading of the Passion
and Holy Eucharist
29 March 2026 9:30 AM

The Liturgy of the Palms

Weather Permitting, the service will begin in the Parish Hall.

Let us acknowledge with respect and reverence the Unkechaug People, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations, while not forgetting the colonization of this land.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Matthew 21:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.” *The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and

reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Let us go forth in peace. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Psalm 118: :1-2,19-29

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *

his mercy endures for ever.

² Let Israel now proclaim, *

“His mercy endures for ever.”

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; *

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ “This is the gate of the Lord; *

he who is righteous may enter.”

²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *

and have become my salvation.

²² The same stone which the builders rejected *

has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the Lord’s doing, *

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ On this day the Lord has acted; *

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *

Lord, send us now success.

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *

we bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷ God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *

form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ “You are my God, and I will thank you; *

you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *

his mercy endures for ever.

The procession stops at the front of the church while the following is read by the Presider.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

¹¹I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *

when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *

I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; *

they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *

I have said, “You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand; *

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶Make your face to shine upon your servant, *

and in your loving-kindness save me.”

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *The Word of the Lord.*
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Sung to the tune of Winchester New

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The Gospel

The normal responses are omitted.

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Homily

Prayers of the People

Presider: As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all peoples everywhere.

Intercessor(s):

For the holy catholic church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, Geralyn, and William our bishops, and for all the holy people of God. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families. **Lord, have mercy.**

For justice, mercy, and peace in all the world. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are tempted, oppressed, afflicted, or in need. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the dying and the dead, and for those who mourn. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love. **Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed James and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord.**

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord our God, who sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and as we near the holy mountain grant us strength on our journey; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Liturgy of the Table

Hymn

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Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion.

If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come up for a blessing.

Postcommunion Prayer *(Please stand)*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

Announcements

Hymn

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Welcome to our service. We are happy you could join us, either in person or via technological means. To join us as we worship via Zoom. Call in to 646 558.8656 Meeting ID: 317 854 854 Password: 187300. Please join us in the Parish Hall for Fellowship. Thank you to Team 1 for hosting. Next week Team 1 will host.

Our Lenten Food Drive items this week are Non-perishable milk and juices Next week, we will collect dessert.

Hickman's mobile number is 631.320.8777. You may call or text him there.

Dates to Remember

- 1 April Tenebrae 7 PM at Christ Church, Bellport
- 2 April Maundy Thursday 6 PM Agape 7 PM Liturgy St. Andrew's, Yaphank
- 3 April Good Friday Liturgy 12 Noon St. Ann's Sayville
Stations of the Cross 3 PM St. James
Good Friday Liturgy 7 PM St. Paul's, Patchogue
- 4 April Easter Vigil 5 PM St. James



For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *she* begins another year. Grant that *she* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *her* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel in particular _____; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For an Anniversary

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



The Most Rev'd Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Right Rev'd Lawrence Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island
The Right Rev'd Geralyn Wolf, Assistant Bishop
The Right Rev'd William Franklin, Assisting Bishop
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