

CHRIST CHURCH

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 2, 2023

Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshiping with us today.

Hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Text of prayers and lessons are included here.

Please join us for refreshments following the service, outside the front steps or in the Rowland Davis Hall (weather depending).

10:00 AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-366

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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

People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Presider: 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.**

Here the Priest reads the Gospel account of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem.

MATTHEW 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"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."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The 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!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues: 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.**

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

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: Let us go forth in peace.

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 154, *All glory, laud and honor*, Verses 1,2,4,5

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Priest says: 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.*
(*Please be seated.*)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH 50:4-9A

The 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 wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I 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.

The 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;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM - 31:9-16

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

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

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

I 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.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; * I am as useless as a broken pot.
For 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.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. * I have said, "You are my God.
My times are in your hand; * rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

**Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN

**Hymnal 158, *Ah, holy Jesus*, Verses 1,2,5
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THE GOSPEL (*Please stand*)

Priest: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 27:11-54

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

SERMON
A period of silence will be kept.

The Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kym, our Bishop, and Bill, our Rector; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations, especially peace in Ukraine; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. We pray for the family and friends of Dodie Catlett, for Billie Erwin on the passing of her husband Greg Erwin, for the family and friends of Mary Price, for Kitty D'Agostino on the passing of her mother Gloria McBride, and for the family and friends of Bruce Scott.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your thanksgivings for Good Friday.

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

We pray for members of our Christ Church Family, especially for Tracy Murtagh, for John, for Sue, for Jenny Treacy, and for Emma Treacy. We pray for Chip Howe, Charlie Flanders, for Lexi, and for Betsy Warren. We pray for Robert, for Mindy, Chris, and Jim, for Philip, Marilyn, and for Jan. We pray for the continued development of little Otto.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE *All stand.*

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS / TRAVEL PRAYERS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY MUSIC

A Reflection On The Cross, Arr. Heather Sorenson

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DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380 vs. 4, *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; / Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(The people remain standing)*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Presider proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...etc. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Tune: Land of Rest

**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.

Hosanna in the highest.

(The people stand or kneel.)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...etc. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...etc. ...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.** *[The great AMEN is said as a loud acclamation].*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please stand)*

Presider: 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then the following is said:

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

INVITATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

After the Invitation, members of the congregation will be invited to come pick up the blessed elements, one per person, at the altar rail. Please come up the center aisle and return to your seat via the outside aisle. After everyone has returned to their seats we will all receive communion together.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Jesus Paid It All, Arr. Dan Forrest

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER, p. 365 *(Please stand)*

Presider and People: **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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 555, Lead on, O King eternal
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Presider: Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Ride On, King Jesus, Arr. Gina Springer
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### PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

***Presider:*** The Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer

***Director of Music:*** Molly Noel

***Piano and Organ:*** Molly Noel

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| <b><i>Acolyte</i></b>       | 8:00 a.m.  | Diana Rumsey               |
|                             | 10:00 a.m. | Donna Rowlands             |
| <b><i>Reader</i></b>        | 8:00 a.m.  | Neala Young                |
|                             | 10:00 a.m. | Robert Sonderman           |
| <b><i>Altar Guild</i></b>   | 8:00 a.m.  | Katrina Gallant            |
|                             | 10:00 a.m. | Donna Rowlands             |
| <b><i>Greeter/Usher</i></b> | 8:00 a.m.  | Lynn Russell, Stoney Davis |
|                             | 10:00 a.m. | Bob D'Alessio              |

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In-Person Service at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Broadcasting Live at 10:00 a.m. at ChristChurchAspen.org

VESTRY

Lindsay Gorman (Sr. Warden), Joel Shannon (Jr. Warden), Eric Pelander (Treasurer),
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The Sunday News Page

April 2, 2023, THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We are glad you are here. If you are a newcomer, or a visitor, please sign in at the front table.
We would love to get to know you better.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

4/3 Covington Pearson, 4/5 Ella Zane, 4/8 Andi Epler, 4/8 John Moore

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHURCH

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY

Thursday, April 6 **Maundy Thursday**, with dinner at 5 p.m. and the service at 6 p.m.
Sign up for dinner in the Narthex.

Friday, April 7 **Good Friday** at 7 p.m. A beautiful service of Music and Meditation

Sunday, April 9 **Easter Sunday** at 8 and 10 a.m.
Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m., with a visit from the Easter Bunny!

SPRING WORSHIP CHANGE Sundays - One Service - 9 A.M. - April 16 through May 28

Christ Episcopal Church of Aspen announces a Springtime Worship change!
Please join us for Rite II Liturgy and Holy Eucharist at 9 :00 a.m. on Sundays this spring!
Fellowship will follow. Live Broadcast at 9:00 a.m. at www.christchurchaspen.org.
For more information contact marisa@christchurchaspen.org.

MUSIC IN THE WEST END Friday, April 21 at 7 P.M.

Chamber Music with Molly Noel, piano, Brittini Brown, violin, Charles Hebenstreit, viola, Sarah Graf, cello, and Stephen Cody Clark, double bass. Free of charge. Reception follows the concert.

FEED MY SHEEP

A Message from Leone:

On Thursday, I dropped off an older phone cord asking if FMS had any interest. Interest! Karen Pepper replied, that's golden here because our guests mostly have old phones. *So, I am putting out a request for those old phone cords that have plain almost square metal ends to them that you want to unload. With plugs if possible please.* Drop them into the Feed My Sheep box under the coat rack and I will deliver them to her.

Thank you for your help. ~Leone

ON-GOING AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School and the Nursery are available on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, April 4 at 5 P.M.

A Ministry Council has been formed to help build Christ Church programs. Meets in Rowland Davis Hall. All are welcome to participate! For more information, contact Peter: petergrenney@gmail.com or Katrina: katrinagallant@gmail.com.

FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST May 7 at 10 A.M.

Join us between services at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 7. Donations are appreciated and everyone is welcome!
Some say it's the best breakfast in Aspen...come along and decide for yourself.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 8 a.m. at the Mountain Chalet

Every Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. for breakfast and men's Bible Study. Email Warren Klug, warrenklug1@gmail.com, for details.