

Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist, Rite I – 8:00am, March 24, 2024



St. Mark's Episcopal / Anglican Church

Fairland Parish

Rev. Dr. Christopher I. Wilkins, Rector

Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms

All stand, having with them palm leaves and other signs of life, hope, growth, or renewal from their homes or garden, such as flowers in bloom, houseplants, a small tree, or a basket of fruit.

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

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the week in which we contemplate those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gospel

Mark 11:1-11

Then, all standing, a Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Mark*.

People: Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.

11 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw

their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to thee, Lord Christ.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 King of kings by the people, who spread garments and branches of palm along his way. Bless these flowers and fruits of the earth, that they may be for us signs of his victory and your grace. 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.

Celebrant: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

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 Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me
a trained tongue,
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.
⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.
⁶ 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.
⁷ 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;
⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand in court together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: *Confitemini Domino*

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Cantor chants the Psalm.

- 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 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! *
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 New Testament Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ 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.

The Sermon: He Went Out

The Creed

As a Deacon or Priest prepares the table, the LEM leads the People as they say:

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, was made human, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered and was buried;

and on the third day rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father, and shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And *we* believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father *and the Son*; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And *we* believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The LEM says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

We pray for all God's people; for our bishops, our clergy, and this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

We pray for peace; for goodwill among nations, for justice, and for the well-being of all.

Silence

We pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

We pray for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may seek, and pray that they might find.

Silence

We pray for those who have lost their faith, or who have never known it. Pray that God may open their minds, and grace move their hearts, to know and to follow Christ's way of love.

Silence

We pray for the departed [*especially N.N.*]. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

We pray for those on our prayer list, and for those whose needs are known to you alone.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

If the confession is not omitted, the Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence is kept. The People, led by the LEM, then say

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, alone stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Comfort

A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to God.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Mt. 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; the perfect offering for our sins, and not ours only, but the sins of the whole world. *1 Jn 2:1-2*

The Peace

The People stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

People: And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and People greet one another while keeping physical distance.

The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you,

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father. You bid your faithful people

cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The People, led by the LEM, say

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is the one that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ‡

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." ‡

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate

and make here, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the infinite benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood, obtaining thereby remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall partake of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him;

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN. ††

Now, as Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

The People, led by the LEM, pray

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 (Fraction)

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and then keeps a period of silence.

The following is said

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

As the Celebrant sets out the gifts, the LEM may lead the People as they pray

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property it is always to have mercy. Grant us, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People come forward to receive the gifts.

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *The Celebrant prays*

Almighty, ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us, members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of the faithful; and heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. We beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou preparest for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Announcements

Announcements, if any, are made here.

Blessing and Dismissal

The Bishop, if present, or the Celebrant says

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you *always*. Amen.

The LEM says

Let us go forth, in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

The Celebrant, the LEM, and the People depart, maintaining physical distance.

Liturgical note: Palm Sunday begins the final week of Lent, and marks the start of Holy Week, the most sacred week of the Christian liturgical year. The service begins with a rite unique to this day: the Liturgy of the Palms, in honor of the palm branches that the people of Jerusalem spread before Jesus as he entered in triumph into that city. For this reason, our gospel reading comes before the opening hymn and the other readings of the day. They, like our hymns, lead us from the triumph of the palms to

the grief of the cross, even as we prepare for the greater triumph of the empty tomb.
May this service be a blessing to you. – Rev. Christopher

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LEM/Reader

Kim Hazel

St. Mark's Announcements

1. **Sunday Adult Study and Discussion:** in the Parish Hall and via Zoom, Sundays, 9:05-10:10 am. All are welcome. Please see Rev. Christopher for more information.

Our current topic of study: The 1st Book of Enoch and Other Pseudepigrapha.

Our next topic of study: Walter Rauschenbusch and the Social Gospel Movement.

2. **Monday Night Compline & Prayer Circle:** All are invited to meet on Monday evenings during Lent via Zoom from 8:00pm – 8:30pm, to pray together and develop renewing patterns of prayer. We are all called to pray. Yet it's not always easy to know how to do so. Anglican Prayer Beads and our *Book of Common Prayer* can help. See: https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/prayers_and_thanksgivings.php#bcp. And the Daily Office prayers: <http://bcponline.org>. If you wish to receive the Zoom link, please sign up on the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex.
3. **Altar Flowers:** Beginning with Easter and through the season of Epiphany, you may sponsor the Altar Flowers for any Sunday or major feast day in memory of your loved ones, a birthday, an anniversary, or any other suitable occasion – or even just because. The sign-up book with details is in the church office or, on Sundays, in the narthex (at the back of the church). Please contact the office for more information or to support this part of our worship.

4. **Assisting with Worship and Other Ministries:** We welcome and encourage you to serve at either worship service as Lector (Reader), Intercessor, Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM), Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV), Acolyte, Usher, and Greeter. We also would welcome a new Head of Outreach, or a team of leaders, to lead this ministry, and new members to the Fellowship Committee, Counter Team, and Altar Guild. Please see Rev. Christopher if you would like to serve in any of these roles.
5. **Tending Our Soil:** Tending Our Soil is putting together a small team to take input from the congregation and public on the “Welcoming Children” project and then design it. This project should take fewer than 90 days. To express interest, please contact Beth Walton in person or by texting 240-461-1647.
6. **Bag Lunches for Elizabeth House:** On the 3rd Sunday of each month, following the 8:00am service, St. Mark’s Outreach ministry makes bag lunches for those in need at Elizabeth House. St. Mark’s is looking for volunteers to help make these bag lunches. Please contact Linda Toran or the office if you would like to volunteer.
7. **Coffee Hour Hosting:** Please consider helping to host the *Coffee Hour* following the 10:30 service. Help is needed with setup, cleanup, and purchasing. There is a sign-up notebook located on the wall beside the coffee pot in the Parish Hall. The notebook includes instructions on what a host needs to do. We give thanks for all those who help with this ministry of hospitality.
8. **Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) Meeting:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 7:00pm in the library. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom.
9. **Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting Zoom.

Please check your e-letters and the website for the most up-to-date information.

Save the Date

Parable of the Sower Book Study and Discussion:

Meetings will be held in the Library, on Sundays, from noon to 1:30pm, following coffee hour. The dates and discussion themes, will be as follows:

1. Sunday, March 24th – Chapters 21-25, “To Shape God, Shape Self”

Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex or the Parish Office if you would like to join.

Friday, March 29, 2024: St. Mark's Friends and Family Friday Fish Fry:

Sign up NOW for St. Mark's Friends and Family Friday Fish Fry!

From 4pm to 7pm in the Parish Hall.

See link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0548ACAE23A5F49-48121422-stmarks>

Wednesday, April 3, 2024: MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION:

St. Mark's has partnered with the **Capitol Area Foodbank and Vietnamese American Services (VAS)**, to bring fresh vegetables and fruits to the community on a first come, first served basis, once a month between **1pm and 3pm**. Please pick up at the Parish Hall. St. Mark's parishioners may call the office at 301-622-5860 to reserve a produce bag. All reserved food must be picked up no later than 3pm on Friday. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:** if you can spare an hour or two.

Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter Services

Thursday, March 28, 2024: Maundy Thursday: 7:00pm Maundy Service & Holy Eucharist, *Sanctuary*.

Friday, March 29, 2024: Good Friday: Central Montgomery Episcopalians Shared Service, 12:00noon-2:00pm, *Sanctuary*; Solemn Collects & Passion Gospel using *A Women's Lectionary*, Year W, 7:00pm, *Sanctuary*.

Saturday, March 30, 2024: Easter Vigil: Central Montgomery Episcopalians Shared Service, St. Francis, Potomac, 7:30pm.

Sunday, March 31, 2024: Easter Sunday:

8:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, *Sanctuary*

9:00am Continental breakfast will be available in the Parish Hall lobby.

10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, *Sanctuary*

The Maundy Thursday service, the Good Friday services, and the 10:30 Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services will be live-streamed and recorded for later viewing.

St. Mark's Mission & Vision

Mission

- ❖ To love God, love our Neighbors, and serve Christ in all persons.

Vision: St. Mark's

- ❖ Invites, welcomes, and connects people to God and one another in a thriving church community.
- ❖ Fosters opportunities for people to serve those around them.
- ❖ Promotes equity, justice, accessibility, and care for creation.

Adopted February 27, 2024

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Parish Office hours: Monday – Friday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and by appointment. Rector regular office hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 10-4. Please call, text, or email the rector if you would like to schedule an appointment; prepare for baptism, confirmation, first communion, reception, reaffirmation, or reconciliation; or have a pastoral need or concern.

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We hope that today's service has been a blessing to you.

We are here to serve you and hope to see you again.

Please feel free to call us, email us, or visit us online.

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Easter's Coming to St. Mark's Fairland ... and so are all the flowers!



Help us deck the Easter halls with bells of jolly –
and lots of flowers to celebrate the joyous resurrection of Christ!

Please consider a monetary donation to help with the cost of the Easter
flowers.

To include your gift in memory of or thanksgiving for in the Easter bulletins,
please get this into the office no later than **Tuesday, March 26, 2024**. Donations
will be gratefully accepted after that but cannot be listed in the bulletin.

Then on **Sunday, March 31, 2024** – come to church and celebrate! Join us for
St. Mark's Annual Easter Breakfast from 9:00am-10:00am.

THANKS!

Yes! I want to help pay for the cost of the Easter Flowers!

Given in memory of: _____

Given in thanksgiving for: _____

By: _____

Phone: _____

Contribution amount: \$25, \$35, \$50, \$75, \$100, or other \$_____.

THANK YOU! We look forward to seeing you on Easter!