



St. Peter the Fisherman Episcopal Church

Gather in Christ's Name, Grow in the Father's Love
Go in the Spirit's Power

The Holy Eucharist – 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday

March 24th, 2024

The Liturgy of the Palms

The branches of palm will be distributed to the people before the service.

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.
Celebrant 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.

John 12:12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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.

(Please hold the branches that were distributed high)

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.

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Procession of the Palms

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

8:30 Service – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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| 1 | Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever. | 24 | On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it. |
| 2 | Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever." | 25 | Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *
Lord, send us now success. |
| 19 | Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord. | 26 | Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from
the house of the Lord. |
| 20 | "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter." | 27 | God is the Lord;
he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches
up to the horns of the altar. |
| 21 | I will give thanks to you,
for you answered me *
and have become my salvation. | 28 | "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God,
and I will exalt you." |
| 22 | The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone. | 29 | Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever. |
| 23 | This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes. | | |

10:30 Service

All Glory, Laud, and Honor – Hymnal 154

*Refrain - All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

*Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One. (Refrain)*

*The company of angels is praising thee on high
And we with all creation in chorus make reply. (Refrain)*

*The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. (Refrain)*

*To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)*

*Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. (Refrain)*

Celebrant 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 of the Day

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	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 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? The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16

9	Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; * my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.	13	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.
10	For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; * my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.	14	But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.* I have said, "You are my God.
11	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.	15	My times are in your hand; * rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
12	I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; * I am as useless as a broken pot.	16	Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save me."

Reader Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
People As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

The Epistle

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. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to St. Mark

EVANGELIST: They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

JESUS: Sit here while I pray.

EVANGELIST: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them,

JESUS: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.

EVANGELIST: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

JESUS: Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.

EVANGELIST: He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS: Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

EVANGELIST: And again, he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

JESUS: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

EVANGELIST: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

JUDAS: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.

EVANGELIST: So, when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

JUDAS: Rabbi!

EVANGELIST: and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS: Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.

EVANGELIST: All of them deserted him and fled. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked. They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

CONGREGATION: We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands."

EVANGELIST: But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

HIGH PRIEST: Have you an answer? What is it that they testify against you?

EVANGELIST: But he was silent and did not answer. Again, the high priest asked him,

HIGH PRIEST: Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?

JESUS: I am; and "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven."

EVANGELIST: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

HIGH PRIEST: Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?

EVANGELIST: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

CONGREGATION: Prophecy!

EVANGELIST: The guards also took him over and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

SERVANT-GIRL: You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

EVANGELIST: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: I do not know or understand what you are talking about.

EVANGELIST: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

SERVANT-GIRL: This man is one of them.

EVANGELIST: But again, he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said Peter,

CONGREGATION: Certainly, you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.

EVANGELIST: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

PETER: I do not know this man you are talking about.

EVANGELIST: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

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EVANGELIST: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

PILATE: Are you the King of the Jews?

JESUS: You say so.

EVANGELIST: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

PILATE: Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.

EVANGELIST: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

PILATE: Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

EVANGELIST: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

PILATE: Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

CONGREGATION: Crucify him!

PILATE: Why, what evil has he done?

EVANGELIST: But they shouted all the more,

CONGREGATION: Crucify him!

EVANGELIST: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

CONGREGATION: Hail, King of the Jews!

EVANGELIST: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.

(Here, all stand, if they are not doing so already.)

EVANGELIST: Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews". And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

CONGREGATION: Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

EVANGELIST: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

CONGREGATION: He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.

EVANGELIST: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

JESUS: Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

EVANGELIST: Which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

CONGREGATION: Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

EVANGELIST: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

(Silence is kept for a few moments, during which some may wish to kneel.)

EVANGELIST: And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

CENTURION: Truly this man was God's Son!

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People – Form III

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Confession & Absolution

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The Peace & Announcements

Offertory

Ride on! Ride on in Majesty – Hymnal 156

*v. 1 - Ride on ride on in majesty
Hark all the tribes hosanna cry
The humble beast pursues his road
With palms and scattered garment strowed*

*v. 2 - Ride on ride on in majesty
In lowly pomp ride on to die
O Christ thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin*

*Chorus - Ride on to die; ride on to die
Then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign*

*v. 3 - Ride on, ride on in majesty
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering
Eyes to see the approaching sacrifice*

*v.4 - Ride on, ride on in majesty
The last and fiercest strife is nigh
The Father on his sapphire throne
Expects his own anointed Son*

*Chorus - Ride on, ride on in majesty
In lowly pomp ride on to die
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain
Then take, O God, thy power and reign*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer B

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

People And also with you.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Sanctus

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Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father.
People. We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
People have mercy on us.
Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
People have mercy on us.
Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
People grant us peace.

v. 1 - My song is love unknown,
 my Savior's love to me,
 love to the loveless shown
 that they might love-ly be
 O who am I, that for my sake
 My Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

v. 2 - He came from his blest throne
 salvation to bestow,
 but men made strange, and none
 the longed-for Christ would know.
 But O my friend, my friend indeed,
 who at my need his life did spend.

v. 3 - Sometimes they strew his way,
 and his strong praises sing, resounding
 all the day hosannas to their King.
 Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
 and for his death they thirst and cry.

v. 4 - Why, what hath my Lord done?
 What makes this rage and spite?
 He made the lame to run,
 he gave the blind their sight.
 Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
 themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

v. 5 - They rise, and needs will have
 my dear Lord made away;
 a murderer they save,
 the Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet steadfast he
 to suffering goes,
 that he his foes
 from thence might free.

v. 6 - In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heaven was his home;
 but mine the tomb
 wherein he lay.

v. 7 - Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine never was love,
 dear King, never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
 I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
 I can hear the brush of angels wings, I see glory on each face.
 Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Benediction & The Blessing

Song of Praise

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross – Hymnal 474

*When I survey the wondrous cross where the young Prince of glory died
 My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride*

*Forbid it Lord that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ my God
 All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood*

*See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down
 Did ever such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown*

The Dismissal

Thanks be to God.

Scripture Readings for Easter Sunday, March 31st

Isaiah 25:6-9 ; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 ; John 20:1-18

Holy⁺ Week at St. Peter's

PALM SUNDAY - 3/24

8:30 A.M. ~ HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday School for Children ~ 10:15 a.m.

10:30 A.M. ~ HOLY EUCHARIST

Beach Service at Bethune Beach ~ 5 p.m.

MONDAY - 3/25

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. ~ Office Hours

9 a.m. ~ Flower Guild

TUESDAY - 3/26

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. ~ Office Hours

5:30 P.M. ~ SEDER SUPPER

(\$ 25 reservation required)

WEDNESDAY - 3/27

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. ~ Office Hours

10 A.M. ~ HOLY EUCHARIST

11 A.M. ~ STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7 p.m. ~ Alcoholics Anonymous

THURSDAY - 3/28

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Office Hours

6 P.M. ~ MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

followed by Prayer Vigil in St. Francis Chapel

FRIDAY - 3/29

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Office Hours

12 P.M. ~ GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

1 P.M. ~ STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY - 3/30

9 - 11 a.m. ~ Flower Guild

5 P.M. ~ ALL AGE FAMILY SERVICE

EASTER SUNDAY - 3/31

6:30 A.M. ~ SUNRISE BEACH SERVICE

at Bethune Beach

No Sunday School for Children today

8:30 & 10:30 A.M. ~ HOLY EUCHARIST

Reconciliation of a Penitent available with Fr. Peter during the week by appointment.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of West Africa. **In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Holy Faith Church, Port St. Lucie & Holy Cross Church, Sanford. **St. Peter's Cycle of Prayer:** Flower Guild

Those Who Suffer: Nancy Moja, Cinder Dior, Bart D., Barbara Soldwedel, Lori S., Katie A., Aurelia, Shannon, Crosby, Gavin, Fredrick Behrend, Jan, Penny G., Mike, Janet Lewis, Joan & Mark, Fowler, Marsha, Theresa B, Lorraine S, Lynnette, Marsha W

Those with Extended Suffering: Michael Wentz, Eleanor Nygren, Darlene Duerr Engles, Walt D., Paula G., Laura Routh, Jennifer, Fr. David MacDonald, Judy D., Tom, Ann Smith, Brenda Mares, Jeremy, Jeanine Deane, Jennifer Stitch, Sandy Thornton, Becky Routh, Kat B., Justin N., Danny B., Carolyn, Janice Mears, Amanda, Tammie, Jo, Cindy, Ashleigh, Janet, Sharon H., Connor S. Melissa M., Pat Brown, Dave M., Patricia Longacre, Mary Burgess, Melissa, Brenda Owens, Sue Willard, Freddy, Tom R., Lori, Victor, Francisco, Jeff & Susan Merrill Donna W, Dick Lomnitzer

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Happy Birthday ~ Terry Stearns, Arthur Fasoli, Michael Johnson, Judi Jodoin, Shannon Adams, Al Forkhamer, Thomas Lloyd