



# St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

## **SEEK SERVE SHARE**

### SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year A**  
**March 29, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.**

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Alyssa Stebbing
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. Vicki Knipp
<b>Family Minister</b>	Lyssa Williford
<b>Verger</b>	Scott Cummings
<b>Seminarians</b>	Christina Allen and Casey Clough
<b>Music</b>	Ann Vail, Director Michael Davis, Piano Duane Carter, Trumpet Michelle Carter, Woodwinds John Cotten, Guitar St. Christopher's Choir

## Pastoral Note Regarding the Passion Gospel

*On Palm Sunday it is a tradition to proclaim the passion narrative so that Jesus Christ's love for all is made clear. Over time, this narrative has been used to promote anti-Judaism. The responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus Christ cannot be attributed, in either preaching or teaching, indiscriminately to all Jews of that time, nor to Jews today. The Jewish people should not be referred to or represented as rejected or cursed by God, as this claim cannot be found in Scripture. Christians must remember that Jesus, his mother Mary, and his early disciples were Jewish. We must affirm the long-standing teaching of the church that Jesus Christ entered into suffering and death by his own free will as a sign of God's saving and reconciling love to the world.*

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## *Directions for the Procession*

*The congregation gathers at the Parish Hall. Palms and palm crosses will be distributed before the service begins.*

*Please raise your palm for the blessing.*

The procession will proceed in the following order:

1. Crucifer
2. Children
3. Choir and musicians
4. Congregation (*please join the procession, falling in behind the choir*)

*Please wave your palms joyfully as the procession begins and as we process into the church, joining in the singing of the refrain from All Glory, Laud and Honor, repeating until the choir is in place.*

*Upon entering the church, please proceed to your pew.*

*Once the choir is in place we will sing the entire hymn.*

## LITURGY OF THE PALMS

### PRELUDE Hosanna!

Choir and Musicians

Blessed is the One 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.**

*The Deacon reads the following*

### READING:

Matthew 21:1-11

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

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."

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

## **BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

BCP, p. 271

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing*

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God 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 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 with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **PROCESSION TO THE NAVE**

*Deacon*

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

## **Palm Processional**

Hymnal 1982, # 154

*(Repeat the refrain until the choir is in place)*

All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King!

to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 154

Refrain

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

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

[Refrain]

2 The company of angels  
is praising thee on high;  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply.

[Refrain]

3 The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems  
before thee we present.

[Refrain]

4 To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.

[Refrain]

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

[Refrain]

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, p. 323

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray

### COLLECT FOR THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY BCP, p. 168

Almighty and everlasting God, who of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated for the readings)*

### FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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--



6 But as for me, I am a | worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and de | spised by the people.

7 All who see me | laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and | wag their heads, saying,

8 "He trusted in the LORD; let | him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if | he delights in him."

9 Yet you are he who took me | out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe up | on my mother's breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever | since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still | in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for | trouble is near, \*  
and | there is none to help.

Glory to the Father, and | to the Son, and | to the Holy Spirit,\*  
as it was in the be | ginning, is now, and | will be forever. Amen.

*(Please stand as you are able and join in singing.)*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 156

1 Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;  
thy humble beast pursues his road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

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.

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.

## PASSION GOSPEL:

Matthew 26:14–27:66

*The Congregation remains seated while the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a Narrator and reads the lines marked as CONGREGATION. At the mention of Golgatha, the place called the Skull, all should stand, in body or in spirit.*

NARRATOR: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

NARRATOR: One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

JUDAS: "What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?"

NARRATOR: They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

DISCIPLES: "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

NARRATOR: He said,

JESUS: "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, `The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'"

NARRATOR: So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

NARRATOR: And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

DISCIPLES: "Surely not I, Lord?"

NARRATOR: He answered,

JESUS: "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

NARRATOR: Judas, who betrayed him, said,

JUDAS: "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "You have said so."

NARRATOR: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

JESUS: "Take, eat; this is my body."

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

NARRATOR: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS: "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, `I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

NARRATOR: Peter said to him,

PETER: "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you."

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: Peter said to him,

PETER: "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

NARRATOR: And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

JESUS: "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

NARRATOR: He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

JESUS: "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

NARRATOR: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

JESUS: "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

NARRATOR: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS: "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

NARRATOR: Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

JESUS: "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

NARRATOR: Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

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

NARRATOR: While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

JUDAS: "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him."

NARRATOR: At once he came up to Jesus and said,

JUDAS: "Greetings, Rabbi!"

NARRATOR: and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Friend, do what you are here to do."

NARRATOR: Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"

NARRATOR: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

JESUS: "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled."

NARRATOR: Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

ACCUSERS: "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'"

NARRATOR: The high priest stood up and said,

HIGH PRIEST: "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

NARRATOR: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

HIGH PRIEST: "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "You have said so. But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

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

HIGH PRIEST: "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?"

NARRATOR: They answered,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "He deserves death."

NARRATOR: Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

NARRATOR: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

SERVANT GIRL: "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

NARRATOR: But he denied it before all of them, saying,

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

NARRATOR: When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

SERVANT GIRL: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

NARRATOR: Again he denied it with an oath,

PETER: "I do not know the man."

NARRATOR: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

BYSTANDER: Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."

NARRATOR: Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

PETER: "I do not know the man!"

NARRATOR: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

JESUS: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

JUDAS: "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

NARRATOR: But they said,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

NARRATOR: Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."

NARRATOR: After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

PILATE: "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

NARRATOR: 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,

PILATE: "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

NARRATOR: 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,

PILATE'S WIFE: "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

NARRATOR: 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,

PILATE: "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

NARRATOR: And they said,

**CONGREGATION: "Barabbas."**

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

NARRATOR: All of them said,

**CONGREGATION: "Let him be crucified!"**

NARRATOR: Then he asked,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done?"

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

**CONGREGATION: "Let him be crucified!"**

NARRATOR: 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,

PILATE: "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

NARRATOR: Then the people as a whole answered,

ASSEMBLY: "His blood be on us and on our children!"

NARRATOR: 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,

SOLDIERS: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

NARRATOR: 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.

*(At the mention of Golgotha, the congregation should stand and remain standing for the remainder of the reading.)*

NARRATOR: 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,

BYSTANDERS: "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."

NARRATOR: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "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.'"

NARRATOR: 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,

JESUS: "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

NARRATOR: that is,

JESUS: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

BYSTANDERS: "This man is calling for Elijah."

NARRATOR: 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,

BYSTANDERS: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

NARRATOR: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

*Silence is kept. You are invited to bow or kneel as you are able.*

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,

CENTURION: "Truly this man was God's Son!"

NARRATOR: Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first."

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."

NARRATOR: So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 156

4 Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
the Father on his sapphire throne  
expects his own anointed Son.

5 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.

*(Please be seated for the sermon.)*

## SERMON

Christina Allen, Seminarian

*(Please kneel or stand as you are able)*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Deacon*

Kindred in Christ, the Spirit of God dwells in you. Let us appeal to our God, saying, "We call to you, O God; Hear our voice."

*Leader and People pray responsively*

Breathe new life into your Church, O Lord. Where our bones are dried up, where our hope is lost, cause your lifegiving breath to enter. Give us confidence in the truth that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us.

*Silence.*

We call to you, O God;  
**Hear our voice.**

Many are they who wait for you, O Lord. Speak into the souls of those suffering throughout the world, a word of hope.

*Silence*

We call to you, O God;  
**Hear our voice.**

Creating God, it is the wind of your Spirit that sweeps across this planet. Renew and refresh your creation; bring forth newness in dead places.

*Silence*

We call to you, O God;  
**Hear our voice.**

With you, O Lord, there is plenteous redemption. Restore the hope of this city. Renew our trust that you have a lifegiving future in mind for us.

*Silence*

We call to you, O God;  
**Hear our voice.**

With you, O Lord, there is mercy. Consider well the voice of those who call out from their depths. As they wait for you in their pain and sorrow, give life to their mortal bodies by your healing Spirit.

*Silence*

We call to you, O God;  
**Hear our voice.**

God, we trust your Son Jesus to be for us resurrection and life. Give to the dead your life. Assure the living with the promise of resurrection.

*Silence*

We call to you, O God;  
**Hear our voice.**

*Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.*

*(Please be seated for the announcements)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSING**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.

## **OFFERTORY**

*Piano and Vocal Solo*

Michael Davis, pianist and Christina Allen, vocalist



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.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal 1982, # S 157

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

## INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Please follow the guidance of the ushers to approach the altar to receive communion. Gluten free wafers available. If you would prefer you may receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Please ask an usher if you need communion brought to you.*

*(Please sit or kneel as you prefer after receiving Holy Communion)*

## Communion Hymn

Hymnal 1982, # 458

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

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.

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.

## Communion Praise Song

Twila Paris

Your only Son no sin to hide  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God

Refrain

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God  
I love the Holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious Blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified  
They laughed and scorned Him as he died  
The humble King they named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God  
[Refrain]

I was so lost I should have died  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod  
And to be call a lamb of God  
[Refrain]

## Communion Hymn

Hymnal 1982, # 712

Dona nobis pacem, pacem.

Dona nobis pacem. 5X

*(Please kneel or stand as you are able)*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 339

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving 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; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the**

**blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly 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 hast prepared 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.**

1 There is a green hill far away,  
outside a city wall,  
where our dear Lord was crucified  
who died to save us all.

2 We may not know, we cannot tell,  
What pains he had to bear,  
but we believe it was for us  
he hung and suffered there.

3 He died that we might be forgiven,  
he died to make us good,  
that we might go at last to heaven,  
saved by his precious blood.

4 There was no other good enough  
to pay the price of sin,  
he only could unlock the gate  
of heaven and let us in.

5 O dearly, dearly has he loved!  
And we must love him too,  
and trust in his redeeming blood,  
and try his works to do. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

*(Please stand or continue standing and join in singing)*

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Hymnal 1982, # 167

## **DISMISSAL**

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

*You are invited to leave in reverent silence,  
reflecting on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Thank you for joining us in worship today.*

*Please know that your participation  
with us has been a blessing.*

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Please help us keep our Prayer List current.**

*Please send any updates for the Prayer List to the office at [office@stchristx.org](mailto:office@stchristx.org)*

**Prayers for Healing, Comfort, and Peace:** Sally, Mike, Elizabeth, Bob, George, Elena, Paula, Bobby, Mary, Caroline, Alison, Ward, Mary, MJ, Erin, Robert, Pam, Joe, Cheryl, Ray, Michael, Nick, Samuel, Nicholas, Jean, Nate, Shannon, Winn, Diana, June, Linda, Beth, Randa, Andy, Kathy, Ruben, Nancy's family, Louise's family