



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

**A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**The Liturgy of the Palms and Passion Sunday  
April 2, 2023**

**Holy Eucharist Rite Two  
Eucharistic Prayer C (BCP)  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
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## WORD OF GOD

### OPENING ANTHEM (BCP p. 270)

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

*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.*

### GOSPEL READING: 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."

### BLESSING OF THE PALMS: BCP p. 271

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing*

*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.

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.*

**SECOND ANTHEM (BCP p. 271)**

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

*Hosanna in the highest.*

**PROCESSION COLLECT (BCP p. 272)**

*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 PROCESSION (BCP p. 271)**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in peace.

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

*During the procession, all hold branches in their hands.*

**PROCESSION HYMN *All glory, laud, and honor (Valet will ich dir geben)* (H 154)**

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 272)**

*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 LESSONS**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

Susan Schubert

*The people sit.*

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16- *Read responsively, by whole verse, beginning with the Officiant***

*Remain seated.*

<sup>9</sup>*Officiant:* Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

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

*Officiant: 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.*

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

*Officiant: <sup>13</sup>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.*

*Congregation: <sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, “You are my God.*

*Officiant: <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.*

*Congregation: <sup>16</sup>Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me.”*

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

Sherran Davis

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

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

*Silence may follow.*

**THE PASSION GOSPEL: MATTHEW 27:11-54**

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!”

*The reading will be followed by a time of silence.*

## **THE HOMILY- THE REV. TIM BLACK**

*A period of silence will follow the homily*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*All remain standing.*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Charles Mizell

The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. So, let us cry out to our Lord, saying, “Crucified King, *have mercy on us.*”

Have mercy on your Church, O Lord, for the times we have denied you. We have not been humble as you are humble. We have been unwilling to share the gospel with our friends and families.

*Silence*

Crucified King,

***Have mercy on us.***

Have mercy on those who hold authority in the nations of the world, O Lord—especially those who are threatened by your message of love and justice. Have mercy on us for our silence and complicity.

*Silence*

Crucified King,

***Have mercy on us.***

Have mercy on those of us who are called to be stewards of your creation, O Lord. We have exploited and mistreated your masterpiece. Have mercy on us and teach us to love what you have called good.

*Silence*

Crucified King,

***Have mercy on us.***

Have mercy on us, O Lord. Teach us to value what you value. Increase in us love for our neighbors.

*Silence*

Crucified King,

***Have mercy on us.***

Have mercy on all who are sick and suffering, O Lord. Strengthen those whose strength fails them. Comfort and care for those wasted with grief. Make your face to shine upon your servants. We pray today for: Archie Polk

*The congregation is invited to add your petitions, followed by silence*

Crucified King,

***Have mercy on us.***

Merciful Lord, you know the pain of death—even death on a cross. Have mercy on the dying and the dead. Bring them to the joy of everlasting life in you. We pray today for:

*The congregation is invited to add your petitions, followed by silence*

*Silence*

Crucified King,

***Have mercy on us.***

*Celebrant:* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*



## ***Confession and Absolution***

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Congregation and Officiant:* God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

### *Absolution*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

## **THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*           The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*               *And also with you.*

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

*We end the peace by singing:*

We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that our unity may one day be restored  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)**

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN -*Ride on King Jesus*- LEVAS 97**

### **SURSUM CORDA**

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant*           The Lord be with you.

*People*            *And also with you.*  
*Celebrant*        *Lift up your hearts.*  
*People*            *We lift them to the Lord.*  
*Celebrant*        *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*  
*People*            *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

## PROPER PREFACE

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

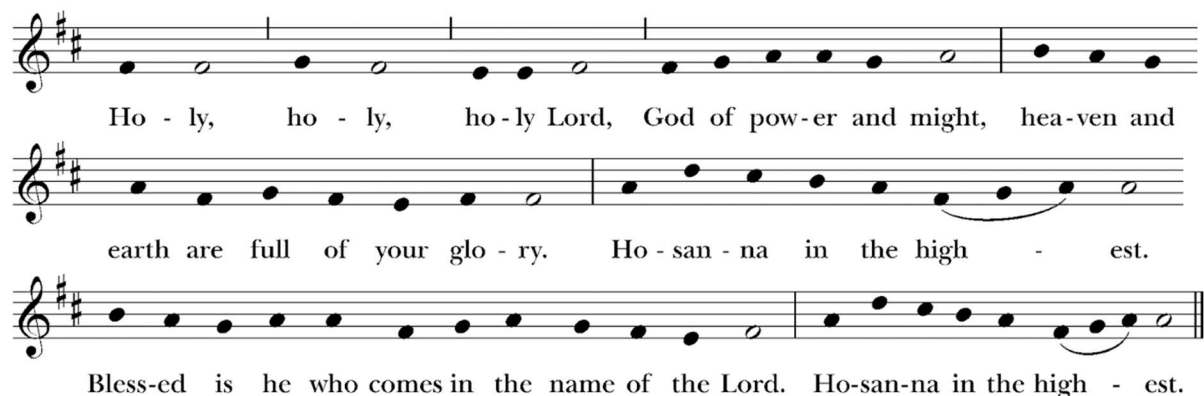
*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, Christ reconciled us.*

*By Christ's wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Almighty God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. On the night Christ was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, Christ took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*Congregation: We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection, as we await the day of Christ's coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Congregation: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER S 119 *The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)***  
***(Plainsong/Douglas)***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our

dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

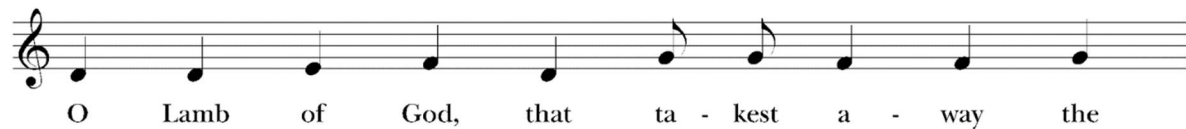
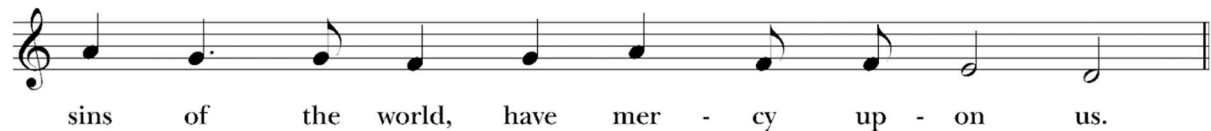
**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast.

**FRACTION ANTHEM- 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



## INVITATION

*The Celebrant says*

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. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.

## DISTRIBUTION

*We will be sharing communion in both kinds available by either priest intinction (dipping the host in wine) or common cup. If you desire common cup, you can communicate this by holding out one hand for bread only, two hands for bread and wine. If you desire priest intinction, you can communicate your preference by holding your hands in a prayer position or simply by telling the Eucharistic minister.*

## COMMUNION HYMN – *O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded*- Blue Hymnal 168

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, 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.

## CLOSING SONG- *Were you There?* –

Lisa Norton-Rotella

**BLESSING (BCP p. 366)**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

**DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People Thanks be to God.*

*The service will end with no exiting processional or hymn.*

***We ask that you depart in silence.***

**PARISH NOTES**

**At 10:00 AM: Join us via Zoom April 2, 2023** You may be prompted to enter the following: Meeting ID: 890 4465 2335 Password: 704817. If you do not have a camera-enabled device, but want to participate via audio only, then call (toll-free) 1-929-205-6099 and use the same meeting ID and password as above.

**Make Prayer Requests Online:** <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfrukh furgD8>

**Wednesday Night Supper -April 5, 2023 6:00 PM**

Come enjoy a "humpday" dinner with your church family. Dinners are on a donation basis- \$5.00 or "pay what you can." All are welcome, regardless of ability to donate. If you are coming, please RSVP to [info@stjohnscollegepark.org](mailto:info@stjohnscollegepark.org)

**Bible Study WEDNESDAY at 7 PM.**

Bible study will continue Wednesday (April 5, 2023) with our study on The Revelation. Come join us for a fresh look at this often-abused and misunderstood book of scripture at 7 PM online and in-person. Use the zoom for Sunday Morning for bible study.

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**Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM**

One of the vastly underutilized gifts of the Episcopal Church is morning prayer. Start your day off with prayer with our online community each week on Tuesday and Thursday. Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305

**Compline Night Prayer Thursday - 7:00 pm**

Join us on zoom. Meeting ID: 843 7684 4017 Password: 848486

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**Sunday April 2, 2023**

Organist: Toku Kawata  
Readers: Susan Schubert and Sherran Davis  
Prayers of the People: Charles Mizell  
Verger: Michael Proscia  
Priest in Charge: The Rev. Tim Black  
Church Administrator: Terry Glover

**Vestry Members**

Daniel Hudson, Hospitality  
Archie Polk, Evangelism  
Michael Proscia, Jr. Warden  
Pat Roberts, Sr. Warden  
Val Valverde, Worship & Music  
Sherran Davis, Clerk  
Richard Pflieger, Treasurer



# Lent and Holy Week at St. John's College Park



Sundays during Lent 5 pm Contemplative Evening Prayer with Taize Music

Wednesdays during Lent 7 PM Bible Study - Revelation

April 2 10 pm- Liturgy of the Palms and Passion Sunday

April 6 7 pm - Maundy Thursday Footwashing Service

April 7 Good Friday:

12 pm- Community Stations of the Cross

6 pm- Stations of the Cross in the Nave

7 pm- Good Friday Liturgy with Communion from Reserved Sacrament

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*Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. Psalm 74:15,16*

## O Gracious Light: Contemplative Evening Prayer

**5 PM on Sundays during Lent**

**Featuring acoustic & Taize music and poetry**

***Come sing, pray and be present to God's love .***



## A Stations of the Cross for Our Times

Good Friday April 8 12:00 PM St John's

At 12:00 on Good Friday you are invited to pray this re-imagining of the Stations of the Cross as we walk through our neighborhood. Meet at the cross before 12:00. Be ready to walk about 1 mile. Rain or Shine (unless it is stormy)