

GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK
SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY
The Holy Eucharist: Rite One
April 13, 2025 at eleven o'clock a.m.

PRELUDE Marche Religieuse *Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)*
On the theme of the chorus "Lift up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" from Handel's "The Messiah"

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*Palm branches are distributed to worshippers upon entering the church.
At the direction of the Celebrant, all stand for the blessing of the palms.*

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.**

THE GOSPEL Luke 19:28-40 *(Please remain standing)*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All hold their palm branches high for the 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.**

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. 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.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

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

THE PROCESSION

HYMN 154 All glory, laud, and honor (All stand for the hymns)

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 clo - 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.

Repeat Refrain

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 321); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), all.

Music: *Psalm mit ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Töschner (1531-1635), alt.; arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

HYMN 561 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus

1 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus, ye sold - iers of the cross;
 2 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;
 3 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; stand in this strength a - lone;
 4 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus: the strife will not be long;

lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss:
 forth to the might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day:
 the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:
 this day, the noise of bat - tle; the next, the vic - tor's song.

from vic - tory un - to vic - tory his ar - my shall he lead,
 ye that are his now serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 put on the Gos - pel ar - mor, and watch - ing un - to prayer,
 To val - iant hearts tri - um - phant, a crown of life shall be;

till ev - ery foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
 when du - ty calls, or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
 they with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Words: George Duffield, Jr. (1818-1888), alt. Music: *Morning Light*, George James Webb (1803-1887)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

THE LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9a *(Please be seated)*

Ellen McElduff

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 helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:19-29

(To be said by all)

Confitemini Domino

- 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 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *
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 EPISTLE Philippians 2:5-11

Dana Foote

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

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

HYMN 156 Ride on! Ride on in majesty! (All stand)

THE KING'S MAJESTY

During the singing of the hymn, children (ages 4-12) are encouraged to meet at the chancel steps, then follow the Children's Chapel leaders to the chantry.



1	Ride	on!	ride	on	in	ma	-	jes	-	ty!	Hark!	all	the	
2	Ride	on!	ride	on	in	ma	-	jes	-	ty!	In	low	-	ly
3	Ride	on!	ride	on	in	ma	-	jes	-	ty!	The	an	-	gel
4	Ride	on!	ride	on	in	ma	-	jes	-	ty!	Thy	last	and	
5	Ride	on!	ride	on	in	ma	-	jes	-	ty!	In	low	-	ly



1	tribes	ho	-	san	-	na	cry;	thy	hum	-	ble	beast	pur	-	sues	his
2	pomp	ride	on	to	die;	O	Christ,	thy	tri	-	umphs	now	be	-		
3	ar	-	mies	of	the	sky	look	down	with	sad	and	won	-	dering		
4	fierc	-	est	strife	is	nigh;	the	Fa	-	ther	on	his	sap	-	phire	
5	pomp	ride	on	to	die;	bow	thy	meek	head	to	mor	-	tal			



1	road	with	palms	and	scat	-	tered	gar	-	ments	strowed.					
2	gin	o'er	cap	-	tive	death	and	con	-	quered	sin.					
3	eyes	to	see	the	ap	-	proach	-	ing	sac	-	ri	-	fice.		
4	throne	ex	-	pects	his	own	a	-	noint	-	ed	Son.				
5	pain,	then	take,	O	God,	thy	power,	and	reign.							

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SERMON

(Please be seated)

THE REVEREND J. DONALD WARING

THE PEACE

(Children return from the chantry)

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

AT THE OFFERTORY

Jean Baptiste Faure (1830-1914)

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festal preparation
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears a way
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare
Join all and sing, His name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

His word goes forth, and people by its might
Once more regain freedom from degradation
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness are restored to light
Join all and sing, His name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

Sing and rejoice. O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy songs sing the emancipation;
Through boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings forth the hope to thee forevermore.
Join, sing His name divine,
Let ev'ry voice resound with united acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord,
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

English version by *Theodore T. Baker*

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DOXOLOGY

(All stand)

OLD 100TH

**PRAISE God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Remain standing)*

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.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS, HYMNAL S-114

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All may kneel after the Sanctus.

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 before thy divine Majesty, 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 innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe 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. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain 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 be partakers 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.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

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

People and Celebrant

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.



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

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take and eat them in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE ADMINISTRATION

The Communion is administered (bread only) at the sanctuary steps, near the altar rail. Please wait for ushers to instruct you to leave your pew and approach single file from the center aisle and keep six-feet behind the person in front of you. Return to your pew using the side aisle to your right or left.

COMMUNION HYMNS

(The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the Communion hymns.)

313 Let thy Blood in mercy poured

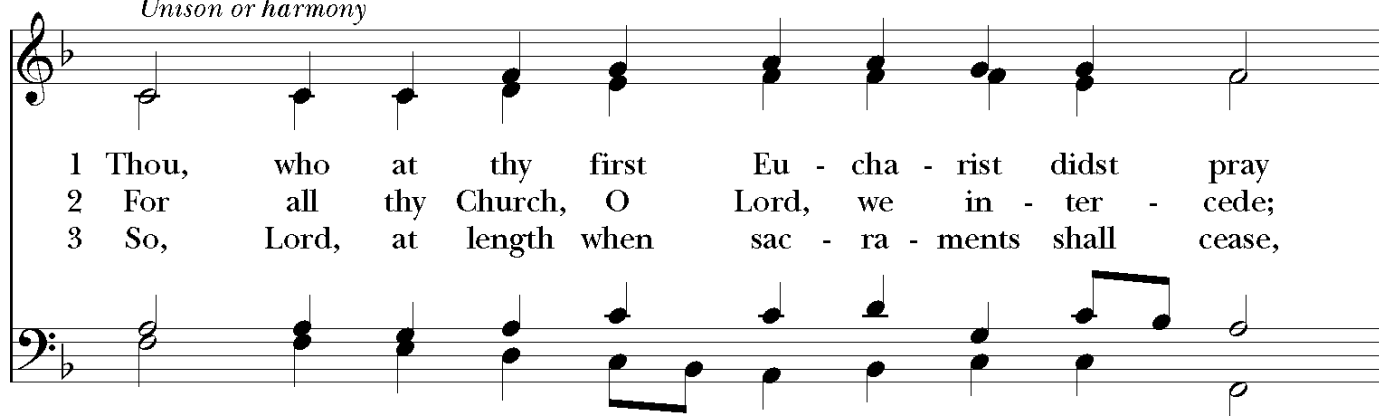
1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

Refrain
 of thy bound-less love the to - ken.
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
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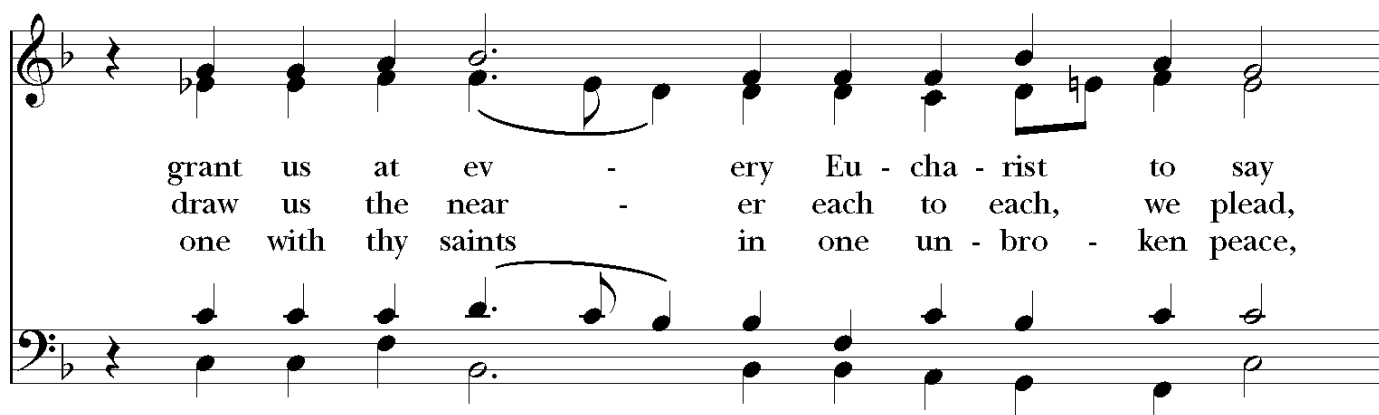
Words: John Brownlie (1859-1925) Music: *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

Unison or harmony


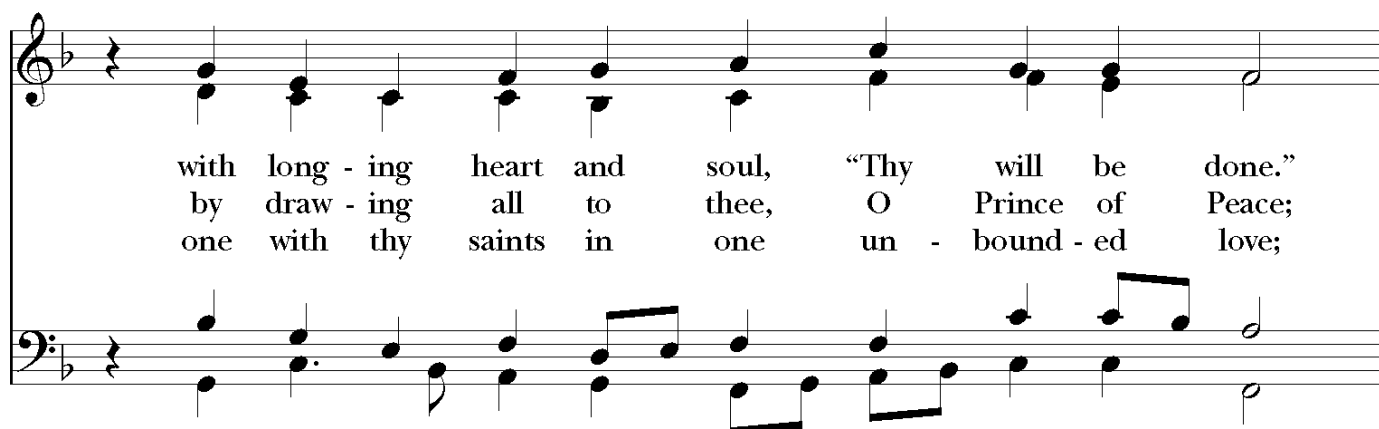
1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray
 2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;
 3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,



that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,
 make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;
 may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,



grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say
 draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,
 one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,



with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
 by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
 one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

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1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 5 done thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Words: Johann Heermann (1585-1647) tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930) Musik: *Liebstes Jesu*, Johann Crüger (1598-1662) u. alt.

The Celebrant and People say together:

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*Please kneel*)

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.

THE BLESSING

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
 3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re-deem - er's con-flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!
 mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;

turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
 "It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854) Music: *Psalm*, Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

*The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion.
At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.*

*At the conclusion of the Passion Reading, the clergy and choir depart.
The congregation follows in reverent silence.*

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Passion Readers

Stacie Waring, Joshua Fesi, Cody Jones, Will Obering,
Ansley Galjour, Nancy Ritter, Rebecca Dixon, Joann Hill

Serving Today

The Combined Choirs

Emma Slibeck, Susan Yacarino, Cody Jones, Jasmine Short, Vivian Peterson, *Acolytes*

Ellen McElduff, Dana Foote, *Readers*

Cathy Minuse, Ginger Blake, *Altar Guild*

Jason Slibeck, Patrick McCullough, Colin Heywood, Charlie Johnston, *Ushers*

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TODAY

Holy Week – Today begins the central week of the Christian year. Please see the full list of worship opportunities coming up, including today, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and of course, Easter Day.

Coffee and Fellowship takes place today in Tuttle Hall following the 9 am and 11 am services. Come enjoy coffee, conversation, and a variety of treats that have been provided.

The Sunday Forum – The Sunday Forum will be on break both for Palm Sunday, April 13, and Easter Day, April 20.

Help Stuff Easter Eggs! -- Help us get ready for the Easter Eve Walk by stuffing Easter Eggs in the Reception Room after the 11am service. Shifts available between 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Just show up or email the Rev. Julia Offinger for more information joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org. We also need volunteers on the day. Sign up using the QR code or at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949AFAA2BAAFB6-56226127-easter#/>



Apr 13 – J.S. Bach, Jesu, Meine Freude with works by Bairstow, Byrd, Howells &

Walton – On Palm Sunday, April 13 at 4:00 p.m. in the Church the Adult Choir will offer a choral meditation for Palm Sunday featuring Bach's Motet Jesu, Meine Freude and additional works by Bairstow, Byrd, Howells and Walton.

Easter Flower Offerings – Every year the glorious display of Easter flowers is thanks to the love and generosity of our parishioners. If you wish to contribute this year, please use the Easter flower envelope to offer your cash or check (made payable to Grace Church), and place it in the collection plate or the wooden box in the Parish House hallway. Or you may donate online <https://gracechurchnyc.org/donate-flowers/>. (If your gift is dedicated "in honor of" or "in memory of," please list this in the comments box and it will be included in the Easter service bulletin. Donations must be received by Palm Sunday, April 13.) Thank you!

New Hymnals – We have ordered a number of new Hymnals to replace those that are showing their wear, or have disappeared altogether. We hope to distribute these throughout the pews in time for Easter. If you would like to donate a new Hymnal (or two!) in memory or in honor of a loved one, we will add a bookplate inside the front cover in thanksgiving for your gift. Hymnals are \$30 apiece. Please contact Mickey Hawley at the parish office: mhawley@gracechurchnyc.org.

Lenten Sock Drive – This Lent, Grace is collecting new (unused and unopened) socks to be distributed by the Red Door Place to those in need. At a previous parish day of service at Red Door Place one parishioner asked what besides food is most needed and the answer is socks. Red Door Place is a food ministry but it tries to meet other client needs as well. On raw, cold days, warm, dry socks are a godsend. The sock drive will culminate at the Maundy Thursday service on April 17.

6 pm Sunday and Wednesday Worship in the Chantry – If you cannot be here on Sunday mornings, note that every week we offer two evening opportunities for worship. The Sunday and Wednesday 6 pm services in the Chantry include Holy Eucharist, sermon, and lively hymn singing accompanied by our Steinway grand piano. The first Wednesday of every month includes prayers for healing and anointing with oil.

Canterbury Downtown Campus Ministry for College Students – Canterbury Downtown is an open and inclusive Episcopal campus ministry for students of Manhattan colleges. Students of all religious and cultural backgrounds are invited to share in a faith-based community, connect with one another, and grow together in Christ. During the academic year, students gather for worship, conversation, and a complimentary meal with Canterbury Downtown Chaplain, The Rev. Megan E. Sanders, following the Sunday 6 pm service at Grace Church. All college students welcome.

COMING SOON

20s30s Daily Prayer Group – You're invited to a newly formed WhatsApp group for folks in their 20s & 30s to receive daily prayer and meditation from the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger. Participants can share prayer requests and resources that have been meaningful this Lent. It's never too late to join! Sign up using the QR code. Email the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org for more details.



Apr 16 – 1 Corinthians for Everyone – This coming Wednesday of Holy Week we will conclude our Lenten Bible Study of St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Using the study guide prepared by the Anglican Biblical scholar, the Rt. Rev. N.T. Wright, our focus will be Chapter 15 – St. Paul's great treatise on the resurrection. Led by the Rector and Associate Rector. 6:45 pm in the reception room. A soup supper and beverages are served.

Apr 18 – Good Friday – Personalities of the Passion – On Good Friday it is our annual tradition to keep vigil with Jesus during the hours of his crucifixion. This year, from 12 noon to 3 pm, seven sermons will focus on certain people who encountered Jesus as he suffered for our sakes: Malchus, the slave of the high priest – the Rev. Robbie Pennoyer; Barabbas, the bandit released in place of Jesus – the Rev. J. Donald Waring; Mary, the mother of Jesus – the Rev. Canon Alissa Newton; John, the beloved disciple – the Rev. James Morton; the Centurion, the soldier who proclaimed Jesus the Son of God – the Very Rev. Harry Krauss; the Women who looked on from afar – the Rev. Sarah Anne Wood; Nicodemus, who came to Jesus by night – the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger. The service will include hymns and prayers, and is designed so that you can attend any or all of it.

Apr 19 – Easter Eve Walk – Children and families are welcome to join us on Holy Saturday, April 19, from 10:30 am-12 pm, as we experience the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus through interactive storytelling, crafts, lunch, and an Easter egg hunt. Activities are designed for kids ages 3-10, but the whole family is welcome. Register using the QR code or at this link: <https://forms.gle/Uh9X2mUe2MoNitYp6> Email the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger for more info joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org



Apr 19 – Easter Vigil – The dramatic liturgy moves us from the darkness of death to the light and life of resurrection. The service will include eleven baptisms (10 of them adults!), sermon by the Rev. Julia Offinger, and sung choral Eucharist. 7 pm in the church.

Apr 25 – Annual Spring Concert – On Friday April 25 at 7:00 p.m. the Combined Choirs will offer their Annual Spring Concert in the Church. Works by Bach, Byrd, Barry Rose, Simon, Stainer, Thompson and others.

Free Admission.

Apr 25 – Celebrating Dr. Allen’s 25 Years at Grace Church – After the Choirs of Grace Church’s Annual Spring Concert at 7:00 pm in the church, everyone is invited to a special festive reception in Huntington Close to celebrate Dr. Patrick J. Allen. This March marks 25 years of service as Organist & Choirmaster. Please join us! For more details and information on how to make a gift in celebration of the occasion, go to <https://gracechurchnyc.org/donate-choir-special-projects/> on our website. You can RSVP to Dr. Allen's 25th Anniversary Celebration via Paperless Post Card by going to https://www.paperlesspost.com/go/VDBzyQ4slXZm7BlnQzvqb/pp_g/144b1b351dd52cc854a22fc4230e42320323f352.

Apr 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25 – Confirmation for Youth and Adults – Sign up to join Spring confirmation classes culminating with the Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool’s visit to Grace on Sunday, June 1 at 11am. For youth in 7th grades and up, we’ll meet from 5pm-7pm on Sundays this Spring, with a couple service projects and worship opportunities thrown in. For adults, we’ll meet for lunch after the 11am service from 12:30-2pm. Sign up ASAP by emailing the Rev. Julia Offinger at joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org.

May 4 – Community Blood Drive – NY Blood Center is partnering with Grace Church for a community blood drive Sunday, May 4, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Can I donate? Questions or concerns regarding eligibility should be directed to the NYBC Eligibility office: 800-688-0900 Mon through Fri. 9:am to 5:00 pm. Those who are ineligible or those who prefer not to donate can still help by spreading the word to recruit donors! How do I sign up? Use this link (https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/323083) or use your phone to scan the QR code shown. Registration is preferred but walk ins are welcome! Sponsored by the Grace Church Women.



May 10 – Volunteer Day at The Red Door Place – Help us prepare a meal for our neighbors at The Red Door Place at The Church of the Village, our food ministry partner. There are two available shifts, 8:30 to 11:45 am and 11:30 to 2:30 pm. Email the Rev. James Morton if you plan on attending.

EVERY SUNDAY

9 am, 11 am Worship Services in the Church and 6 pm in the Chantry. The 11 am service is video streamed every week.

The Sunday Forum – Between the services in the Reception Room (and over Zoom) starting around 10 am, we delve into theological and contemporary topics in depth.

Children’s Chapel – During the 11 am service children ages 5-12 are invited to start church with their parents in the pews and then join Mother Julia in the chantry for a time of learning and prayer. Younger children are welcome to attend with an adult. Children will return during the announcements.

Nursery Care – The nursery (next to the Sunday School classroom, across Tuttle Hall) is open from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Adults can sign children ages 0-5 in and out at their convenience. The nursery is professionally staffed according to Safe Church guidelines.

Coffee Hour – Coffee and fellowship takes place in Tuttle Hall following the 9 and 11 am services.

Activity Corner for Children – In the north aisle of the church you will find coloring supplies, and books for children to use during the service. Please return all materials before you leave and help us keep the area clean for future families.

Hymns from Grace – Held in the church during open hours and on the Organ Meditation YouTube Channel at 4:00 pm - 45-minutes of favorite hymns, anthems and voluntaries played on the Bicentennial Organ.

EVERY WEEK

Monday – Centering Prayer (over Zoom) – 12:15-12:45 pm – Christian silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of God’s presence. Led by Currie Estreich, MA, Spiritual Direction, the General Theological Seminary. For Zoom access, please see The Weekly Epistle or email the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger at joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org.

Tuesday-Friday – Bach at Noon – Held in the church during open hours and on the Organ Meditation YouTube Channel at 12:20 pm - 30 minutes of music by J.S. Bach, played on the Bicentennial Organ.

Wednesday – Women’s Bible Study – 10:30 am on Zoom with the Rev. Julia Offinger. Contact Julia for Zoom instructions.

Wednesday – 6 pm Eucharist in the Chantry

Saturday – Weekend Organ Meditation – Held in the church during open hours and on the Organ Meditation YouTube Channel at 4:00 pm - 45-minutes of diverse music played on the Bicentennial Organ.

Enter, Rest, Pray (CHURCH IS OPEN) Monday - Saturday from noon – 5 pm.

OUTREACH

Food Donations for The Red Door Place – Our food ministry partner, The Red Door Place at The Church of the Village, is a vital pantry/soup kitchen serving those in need supporting the social safety net in our neighborhood. Donations are desperately needed. Non-perishable food item(s) may be dropped off in the collection baskets in the narthex when you visit Grace Church during open hours. Clothing donations are not needed for this ministry.

Fresh Direct (or Other Reusable) Bags Needed – The Red Door Place is also seeking donations of Fresh Direct or other reusable bags to support its ministries. If you’d like to donate bags, you can place these in the collection baskets in the narthex with the food items.

Knitters and non-knitters unite! Love to knit, curious how to start, or just want to dust off those old needles and plunge into purling again? We want you! We are looking for all levels of knitters to help grow our partnership with Seamen’s Church Institute and the Christmas at Sea program by knitting heart-made hats, scarves, and mittens. If you are interested, please contact Ashleigh Madureira at amadureira1@gmail.com. Just include your name, the # of adults/children in your household that may be interested, and the level(s) of experience. No experience is OK!

Help Ukrainian Families – Episcopal Relief & Development is working to provide humanitarian assistance to the more than 2 million people who have had to leave Ukraine. Specifically, their partner ACT Alliance is helping families on the Hungarian border, and their Anglican partners are mobilizing both an immediate and long-term response in Poland, Romania and Hungary. Your emergency gift will provide cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needs as this crisis unfolds. Visit <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse> to make a donation today.

PARISH LIFE

2025 Annual Pledge Campaign: “And I Mean to be One Too” - Last November we launched the 2025 Annual Pledge Campaign. All parishioners and friends of Grace Church are asked to support the work of Grace Church by making an annual pledge or outright gift. In this way we not only support the church, but give thanks to God for all the blessings of life. To make your pledge, please fill out the pledge envelope, place it in the offering plate today, or return it to the parish office as soon as you can. You may also make your pledge at: 2025 Pledge Form | Grace Church in New York at <https://gracechurchnyc.org/2025-pledge-form/> (You have all of 2025 to make your payments!) Questions about pledging? Contact Travis Kennedy at tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org or 212-254-2005.

2025 pledge envelopes are available for those who use them! Pledge envelopes are used for those who wish to make cash donations in the offering plate on Sunday and have the gift applied as a payment on their pledge. Pledge envelopes are not required for those who make their donations by check. If you received 2024 pledge envelopes, your 2025 envelopes will be available for collection by the baptismal font. If you did not receive pledge envelopes last year but would like to receive them this year, please email Travis at tkenney@gracechurchnyc.org

Altar Flowers – Every Sunday the flowers on the altar assist our prayers by reminding us of the beauty of God’s creation. The gift of flowers is a wonderful way to remember a departed loved one, or give thanks for a happy occasion such as a birthday or an anniversary. The flowers not only brighten our Sundays, but remain on the altar most of the week for school chapels and open door hours. The cost for sponsoring the arrangements on both sides of the cross is \$350. But donors can also go in together and jointly sponsor a Sunday. Either way, we will list the givers and the occasions in the Sunday bulletin. Please note that during Advent and Lent we observe those seasons with simpler arrangements that do not include flowers. That said, many other Sundays are available for flower donors to claim. If you are interested, please email Mickey Hawley in the parish office, mhawley@gracechurchnyc.org.

Become a Worship Leader – Readers, ushers, and altar guild members play vital roles in all our services here at Grace Church. If you feel called to help us lead worship and are interested in learning more about any of these opportunities, email the Rev. James Morton at jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org and he can help you connect to a ministry that suits you.

Wear your nametags! – Nametags can be found on the boards in Tuttle Hall. Newcomers are encouraged to visit our welcome table during coffee hour to create their own nametags. If you are a pledging member and do not see your nametag on the boards in Tuttle Hall, please send Travis Kennedy an email at tkenney@gracechurchnyc.org so he can make you one.

20s & 30s at Grace Church – We have a very active group of parishioners in their twenties and thirties here at Grace who meet regularly for Pub Theology and other seasonal events. If you are interested in connecting with us, please email the Rev. James Morton and he will add you to our email list.

Baptism at Grace Church – The sacrament of baptism takes place during a weekly, public worship service about once a month. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please first be in touch with The Rev. Julia Offinger at joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org to discuss next steps. Attendance at one class prior to your chosen baptism date is required.

Grace Cares – Would you like a visit at home or at the hospital? Do you need assistance in getting to church or an appointment? Are you struggling and in need of a friendly phone call? Would you like the Sunday lessons read to you or the service bulletin brought to you? Would you like to receive communion in your home? Grace has a pastoral care team that provides these services and more. Contact the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger at joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org.

Restrooms are available on the 1st floor of the parish house, through the north aisle door near the baptismal font.

Nut-Free Fare – To ensure the safety of all our parishioners, every precaution is taken to provide food that is nut-free at coffee hours and other receptions. If you are bringing treats for others to enjoy, please make sure they are nut-free.

Safe Church – Grace Church is committed to providing its members, staff, and visitors with a place that is free of abuse and harassment. If you have observed, or personally experienced sexual or other forms of harassment, or other concerning behavior while attending activities, classes, or events held at Grace Church, or on our shared campus with Grace Church School, we encourage you to notify us. Please visit <https://gracechurchnyc.org/safechurch/> where you will find a direct means of providing feedback.

Assistive Listening System - During Sunday morning worship services, Grace Church provides an assistive listening system (ALS) for visitors with hearing loss. For information on how to connect to our FM radio transmitter, visit <https://gracechurchnyc.org/assistive-listening/>. If you already have your listening equipment, tune in to frequency 87.6 mHZ on your FM dial.



Give Via Venmo – If you don't have cash on you, but still want to give to Grace Church, you can Venmo your donation by searching for our page (@GraceChurchNYC) or by scanning this QR code using the camera on your phone. Use the "What's it for?" line to tell us the specific project or program you want to support.



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Holy Week and Easter at Grace Church

PALM SUNDAY, April 13

9 a.m. & 11 a.m. in the Church

Palm Sunday Liturgy & Holy Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

At 11 a.m.: Music by Gibbons & Guilmant; The Adult Choir.

4 p.m. in the Church—Musical Offering

J.S. Bach, Jesu, Meine Freude with works by Bairstow, Byrd, Howells & Walton

The Adult Choir

6 P.M in the Chantry

Palm Sunday Liturgy & Holy Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. James H.B. Morton III

HOLY WEDNESDAY, April 16

6 p.m. in the Chantry

Holy Eucharist and Hymns

Preacher: The Rev. Julia Macy Offinger

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 17

7 p.m. in the Church

Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar , & Ingathering of New Socks for the Shelters

Preacher: The Rev. James H.B. Morton III

Music by Duruflé, Farrant, Tallis, & others. The Adult Choir.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18

12 - 3 p.m. The Personalities of the Passion

Preachers: The Rev. Robbie Pennoyer, The Rev. J. Donald Waring,

The Rev. Canon Alissa Newton, The Rev. James H.B. Morton III, The Rev. Sarah Wood,

The Very Rev. Harry Krauss, and The Rev. Julia Macy Offinger

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19

10:30 a.m. – Noon – Easter Eve Walk, In the Chantry

Children ages 4–12 and their families are invited to experience the Passion and Resurrection through interactive storytelling, crafts, lunch, and an Easter egg hunt.

RSVP to joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org.

7 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter—Holy Baptism & Eucharist, In the Church

Preacher: The Rev. Julia Macy Offinger

Music by Byrd, Hancock & Palestrina. The Adult Choir.

EASTER DAY, April 20 - All Services in the Church

9 a.m. Festive Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring. Music: The Combined Choirs of Grace Church

11 a.m. Festive Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music by Batten, Byrd, Noyon/Hancock, Parker & others

The Combined Choirs of Grace Church with Brass & Tympani

4 p.m. Organ Music for Easter Day

Music by Bach, Handel, Pachelbel & Widor

6 p.m. Festive Holy Eucharist & Easter Hymns

Preacher: The Reverend J. Donald Waring