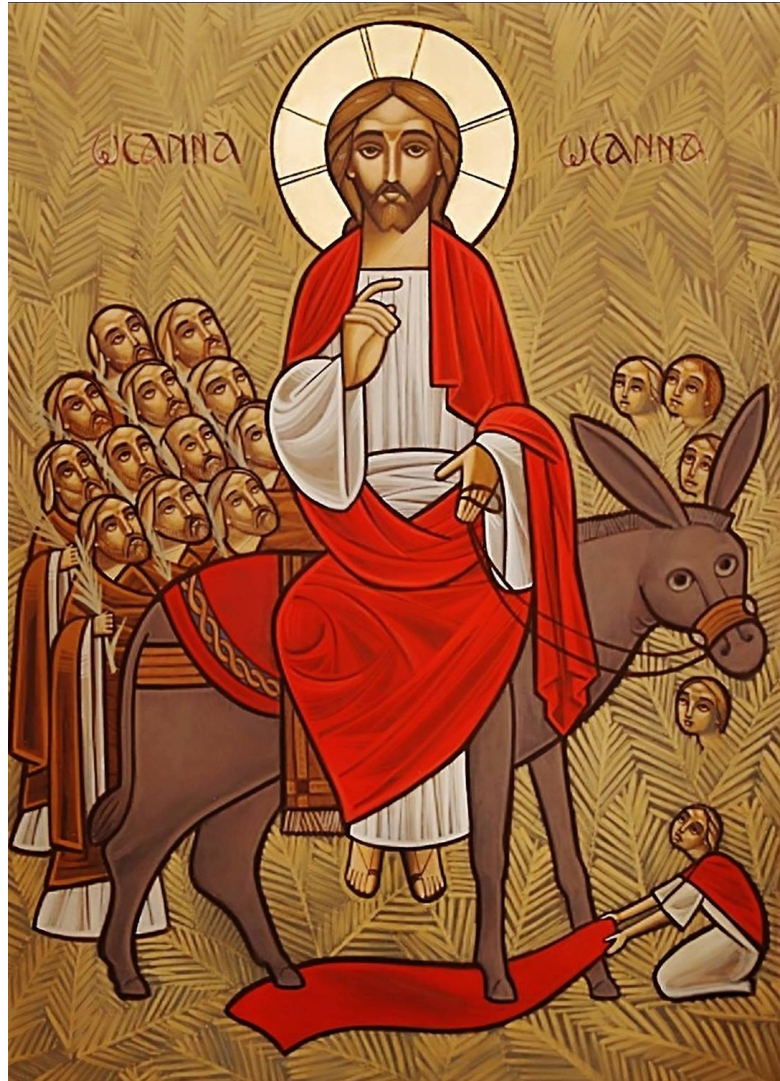


CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



PALM SUNDAY
April 10, 2022—10:30 am

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A Note To Our Guests:

Welcome to Epiphany, we are glad to have you join us this morning as we celebrate Holy Eucharist—especially during this Holy season!

Guests sometimes worry about what to do next...where to turn in the book and whether to stand, sit or kneel. From time to time you will receive page number guidance from the clergy, and you may watch to see what others do. The “BCP” page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer, the black book. The “S” numbers refer to the Service Music in the front of the blue Hymnal 1982. But we invite you into worship and just to enjoy the service. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at the Lord’s Table. If you prefer not to receive, but wish to come forward for a blessing, please do so, crossing your arms against your chest.

We are blessed to have you with us! So, sing the hymns, join in, and celebrate the joy of our Lord’s life, death, and resurrection!

Again, welcome ...We wish you God’s peace and joy!

Faithfully,
The People of Church of the Epiphany

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)—Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist (Rite II)—Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer via Zoom
Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 a.m.

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Holy Eucharist - 10:30am

A time of quiet reflection or personal prayer is requested prior to service.

THE LITURGY 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.**

Luke 19:28-40

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 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.**

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

THE PROCESSION

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

PROCESSIONAL PSALM *Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
- ² Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever."
- ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- ²⁰ "This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter."
- ²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
- ²² The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ 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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Hymn 154

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM *Psalms 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25*

All **Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit.**
Cantor In you, O LORD, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame.
In your justice, set me free. Into your hands I commend my spirit.
You will redeem me, O LORD, O faithful God.

All **Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit.**
Cantor Because of all my foes I have become a reproach,
an object of scorn to my neighbors and of fear to my friends.
Those who see me in the street flee from me.
I am forgotten, like someone dead, and have become like a broken vessel.

All **Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit.**
Cantor But as for me, I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.
My lot is in your hands, deliver me
from the hands of my enemies and those who pursue me.

All **Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit.**
Cantor “Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love.”
Be strong, let your heart take courage, all who hope in the LORD.

All **Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit.**

THE EPISTLE *Philippians 2:5-11*

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

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Celebrant People	The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
SEQUENCE HYMN	<i>Ride On, Ride On in Majesty</i>	Hymn 156
The Passion According to Luke		
<i>The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator who begins by saying: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.</i>		
Narrator:	When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,	Narrator: And he said to him,
Jesus:	“I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”	Peter: “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!”
Narrator:	Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,	Narrator: Jesus said,
Jesus:	“Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”	Jesus: “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”
Narrator:	Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,	Narrator: He said to them,
Jesus:	“This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”	Jesus: “When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?”
Narrator:	And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,	Narrator: They said,
Jesus:	“This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!”	Disciples: “No, not a thing.”
Narrator:	Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.	Narrator: He said to them,
	A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,	Jesus: “But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was counted among the lawless’; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.”
Jesus:	“The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.	Narrator: They said,
	“You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.	Disciples: “Lord, look, here are two swords.”
		Narrator: He replied,
		Jesus: “It is enough.”
		Narrator: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,
		Jesus: “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”
		Narrator: Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed,
		Jesus: “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.”
		Narrator: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,
		Jesus: “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

Narrator: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

Jesus: “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?”

Narrator: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

Disciples: “Lord, should we strike with the sword?”

Narrator: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

Jesus: “No more of this!”

Narrator: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus: “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!”

Narrator: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Servant 1: “This man also was with him.”

Narrator: But he denied it, saying,

Peter: “Woman, I do not know him.”

Narrator: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Accuser 1: “You also are one of them.”

Narrator: But Peter said,

Peter: “Man, I am not!”

Narrator: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Accuser 2: “Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.”

Narrator: But Peter said,

Peter: “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!”

Narrator: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Soldiers: “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?”

Narrator: They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

Assembly: “If you are the Messiah, tell us.”

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: “If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

Narrator: All of them asked,

Assembly: “Are you, then, the Son of God?”

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: “You say that I am.”

Narrator: Then they said,

Assembly: “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!”

Narrator: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

Assembly: “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.”

Narrator: Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate: “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Narrator: He answered,

Jesus: “You say so.”

Narrator: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.”

Narrator: But they were insistent and said,

Assembly: “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

Narrator: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

Narrator: Then they all shouted out together,

Assembly: “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”

Narrator: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

Assembly: “Crucify, crucify him!”

Narrator: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.”

Narrator: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’

Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

(At the mention of the place called the Skull, all should stand, as able.)

Narrator: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

Narrator: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Assembly: “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”

Narrator: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Soldiers: “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

Narrator: There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Criminal 1: “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

Narrator: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2: “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”

Narrator: Then he said,

Criminal 2: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Narrator: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion:

“Certainly this man was innocent.”

Narrator:

And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

SERMON

Fr. Dcn. Gary Stoddard

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Why

Why did it have to be a friend
Who chose to betray the Lord
And why did he use a kiss to show them
That’s not what a kiss is for

Only a friend can betray a friend
A stranger has nothing to gain
And only a friend comes close enough
To ever cause so much pain

And why did there have to be a thorny crown
Pressed upon His head
It should have been a royal one
Made of jewels and gold instead

It had to be a crown of thorns
Because in this life that we live
For all who would seek to love a thorn
Is all the world has to give

And why did it have to be a heavy cross
He was made to bear
And why did they nail His feet and hands
His love would have held Him there

It was a cross for on a cross
A thief was supposed to pay
And Jesus had come into the world
To steal ev’ry heart away
Yes Jesus had come into this world
To steal ev’ry heart away

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DOXOLOGY

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

Hymn 380 v. 3

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 361

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Hymn S-130

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Hymn S-164

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, who always delights in showing mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

To Mock Your Reign, o Dearest Lord

Hymn 170

Per Crucem / By Your Cross

Per cru - cem et pas - si - o - nem tu - am,
By your cross and all the wounds you suf - fered,
li - be - ra nos Do - mi - ne, li - be - ra nos Do - mi - ne,
grant us free - dom in your love, grant us free - dom in your love,
li - be - ra nos Do - mi - ne, Do - mi - ne. Per cru - cem et
grant us free - dom in your love, in your love. By your cross and
pas - si - o - nem tu - am, li - be - ra nos Do - mi - ne,
all the wounds you suf - fered, grant us free - dom in your love,
li - be - ra nos Do - mi - ne, li - be - ra nos Do - mi - ne,
grant us free - dom in your love, grant us free - dom in your love,
Do - mi - ne. Per san - ctam re - sur - re - cti - o - nem
in your love. By your ho - ly, life - giv - ing re - sur -
tu - am, li - be - ra nos Do - mi - ne, li - be - ra nos Do - mi - ne,
rec - tion, grant us free - dom in your love, grant us free - dom in your love,
li - be - ra nos Do - mi - ne, Do - mi - ne.
grant us free - dom in your love, in your love.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded

Hymn 168

*We are a community of discipleship, healing and worship.
We are committed to God, one another and
the transformation of the world in Jesus Christ.*

NEWS

Watch in the Garden—Pray at home or in the chapel for one hour Thursday evening through dawn on Good Friday. Check your email for the SignUp Genius link. Security will be provided.

Easter Lilies—Fill out a donation slip if you would like to honor someone special this Easter season. \$5 donation suggested.

Sunday School—There will be no class this week or on Easter Sunday. Beginning April 24th the teen/adult class will begin looking at “Great Anglican Spiritual Lives.”

Nursery Help Needed—We are looking for caring nursery staff for Sunday mornings. Background check and vaccination required. \$18/hour including paid diocesan training.

⌘ Holy Week Services ⌘

April 14	Maundy Thursday Foot Washing with Eucharist followed by the Watch in the Garden (Check your email for the SignUp Genius link)	7:00 pm
April 15	Stations of the Cross	Noon
	Good Friday	7:00 pm
April 16	Easter Vigil (Bring your bells!)	7:00 pm
April 17	Easter Sunday (Bring your bells!)	8:00 & 10:30am