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Palm Sunday, The Sunday of the Passion
April 9, 2017
7:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:45 Procession from Longfellow Square
10:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite II
5:15 Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to St. Luke's Cathedral! We are a community of faith with ancient worship and modern thought, catholic traditions and progressive theology, a Biblical perspective for thinking people, a respect for reason, science, and diversity of perspective, compassion and care for the wider community and one another, and a commitment to radical welcome and inclusion... all modeled on the Kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed. Whoever you are and wherever you may be in your journey through life, we welcome you! During the school year, our Adult Education programs are at 9:00, Sunday School for K-5 begins at 9:45 with children returning at the peace, and Middle and High School groups meet at 11:30. *Child care is available for children four years old and under from 9:30-11:30 all year long.* We thank you for coming today and hope you will make the Cathedral your spiritual home. If you are new, please take a moment to sign our guest book and enjoy the material on our welcome table.

About Palm Sunday: Palm fronds and palm crosses will be handed out by ushers both at Longfellow Square at 9:45am and as you enter the Cathedral. Following the blessing of the palms all are invited to move to a side aisle to join in a triumphant celebration around the cathedral. After the procession, the mood of today's liturgy shifts from exaltation to the reading of the Passion Gospel. No postlude is played today in recognition of the events leading up to our Lord's death. Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week observances that continue on Maundy Thursday at 7:00 pm, Good Friday noon and 7:00 pm and Easter Eve at 7:00 pm. We conclude on Easter morning. Note that on Easter Sunday we add an extra service, with worship at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00am and 5:15 pm and an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 am.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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The Blessing of the Palms (at Longfellow Square)

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.*

A reading from the Prophet Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Blessing of the Palm Branches

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 God thanks and praise.*

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: *Hosanna in the highest.*

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace;

People: *In the name of Christ. Amen*

Hymn sung in Procession from Longfellow Square

"We are marching in the light of God"

(see back page)

Hymn in Procession inside the Cathedral, Hymn 154

"All glory laud and honor"

Valet will ich dir geben

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,

Repeat Refrain

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 mcl - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect for Palm Sunday

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 Epistle

Reader: Rachel Keller

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.

Hymn 164

"Alone thou goest forth, O Lord"

Bangor

1 A - lone thou go - est forth, O Lord, in
2 Our sins, not thine, thou bear - est, Lord; make
3 This is earth's dark - est hour, but thou dost
4 Grant us with thee to suf - fer pain that,

sac - ri - fice to die; is this thy sor - row
us thy sor - row feel, till through our pit - y
light and life re - store; then let all praise be
as we share this hour, thy cross may bring us

nought to us who pass un - heed - ing by?
and our shame love an - swers love's ap - peal.
giv - en thee who liv - est ev - er - more.
to thy joy and re - sur - rec - tion power.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Holy Gospel

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."

Deacon: This is the gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Prayers of the People (from Daily Prayer for All Seasons)

Read By Susan McCuller

Jesus, faithful servant of God, sometimes it is difficult for us to know how to be faithful;

Help us discern your will and follow you with gladness.

Jesus, faithful servant of God, in this most holy of weeks, we see the brokenness of our world;

Help us be people who faithfully bring forth justice.

Jesus, faithful servant of God, we know the world longs for healing; *Help us be people of hope and bearers of light.*

Jesus, faithful servant of God, we want to be the people you long us to be; *Help us walk in your way of love.*

We pray today for the concerns of this congregation. Please add your own petitions (pause).

We pray for all the people of this cathedral family and we especially give thanks for Terry Foster, Fred and Pat Fowler, Wayne Frederick and Karen Spak, Ruth Freeman, Daniel Funk, Angela and Tom Gadbois. We offer prayers of healing for Michael Borkowski (nephew of Chuck Sawyer). We pray for all who have died, especially Bobbie Huston (mother of Linda Wolfe), that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray for Michael our presiding Bishop, Stephen our Bishop, and for our Cathedral clergy. We pray for Donald our President and Paul our Governor. We pray for our City Council members, Nicholas Mavadones, at large, Ethan Strimling, Mayor and Belinda Ray, District 1.

Jesus, faithful servant of God.

Hear the prayers of our hearts

The Confession

from Enriching Our Worship

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

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 cred. We repent ent of the evil we have done on our behalf. F ne 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.

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. *People: And also with you.*

Parish Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Words: Peter Abelard, Music: Kenneth Leighton

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord, giving thyself to death whom thou hast slain. For us thy wretched folk is any word? Who know that for our sins this is thy pain? For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, our deeds, why must thou suffer torture for our sin? Let out hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord, that very suffering may thy mercy win. This is the night of tears, the three days' space, sorrow abiding of the eventide, until the day break with the risen Christ, and hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied. So may our hearts share in thy anguish, Lord, that they may sharers of thy glory be; heavy with weeping may the three days pass, to win the laughter of thine Easter Day.



(All quarters in the offering plate will provide a meal for children at our school in Haiti)

Unison or harmony

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
 *3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
 *4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
 *5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
 5 stead - fast he to suf - fer - ing goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

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

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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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 our thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Missa Oecumenica

Arr. Richard Proulx

Russian Orthodox Tone 1
Arranged by Richard Proulx

Ho-ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of hosts. ___
 Heav'n 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, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

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

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

Agnus Dei

Missa Oecumenica

arr. Richard Proulx

after Alexander Archangelsky
Arranged by Richard Proulx

Lamb ___ of God, you take ___ a - way the
 [1, 2]
 sins of the world, have ___ mer - cy on us.
 [Final]
 world, grant ___ us ___ peace.

Celebrant

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.

Communion of the People *Words of welcome (from the Iona Community): "Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here." Gluten-free hosts are available for those who need them. If you do not wish to receive wine, or only wish a blessing, cross your hands over your chest as you come forward. After receiving communion, you may wish to go to All Saints Chapel (to the right of the high altar) for the Laying on of Hands, anointing with holy oil, and prayers of healing for yourself or someone else.*

Communion Anthem:

Words: Philippians 2:8-9, Music: Anton Bruckner

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even to death on the cross. Therefore God exalted him and gave him a name which is above all names.

Hymn 168

O sacred head sore wounded

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
 *4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 *5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light:
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 26:14- 27:66 (remain seated until indicated)

The congregation is invited to read the parts in bold

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to

that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” Peter said to him, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.” At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?” At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’” The high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.” Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?” They answered, “He deserves death.” Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” But he denied it before all of them, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about.” When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” Again he denied it with an oath, “I do not know the man.” After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “**Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.**” Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know the man!” At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.” After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s

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

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “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. (*All rise*)

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 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!”

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.” Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.” So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

*The congregation, choir and clergy leave the Cathedral in silence.
Please refrain from talking until you reach the parish hall for coffee hour.*

A comment on the reading of the Passion

The passion that we are enacting today has sometimes been interpreted as the Jewish people denouncing Jesus. This is a false interpretation that has fueled antisemitism for two hundred centuries. It was the Temple priests, elders, and scribes who wanted to get rid of the man central to the unrest and potential rebellion of the Jewish people. The Temple authorities were local collaborators with Imperial Rome and did not represent the vast majority of the Jewish people. The authorities managed the crowd's violent reaction. Our enactment today does not blame Jews for Jesus' death but instead places us as members of the crowd. Today as you shout "Let him be crucified!" reflect on the ways you have given in to societal pressure to be part of the crowd, to deny Jesus, reject his love, and help put him on the cross.

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Passion Cast

Matthew - Rose Griffin

Jesus - David Keller

Judas/Centurian - Judd Hume

Disciples - Judd Hume, William Connolly, Garison Murrell, Erich Chase

Peter - William Connolly

High Priest - Elaine Connolly

Priests - Elaine Connolly, Chloe Dearborn, Miryam Keller, Louisa Radtke-Rowe, Erich Chase

Servant Girl 1/Pilate's wife - Miryam Keller

Servant Girl 2 - Louisa Radtke-Rowe

Witnesses - Louisa Radtke-Rowe, Chloe Dearborn

Pilate - Garison Murrell

Announcements

Welcome! There are greeters at the door who are available to answer any questions you might have about the Cathedral. Please join us in the upper parish hall after the service for coffee hour.

Note that we add an extra service on Easter with worship at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 and 5:15. There are babysitting and children's programs during the 9:00 and 11:00 services and an Easter Egg hunt at 10:30.

Easter Offerings for Flowers, Music & Advertising Are Due Tomorrow, April 10.

Easter Brunch: We'll be hosting our annual Easter Brunch for our Choir between the 9am & 11am services. Are you available to help? We need brunch items and helpers with serving and clean-up. Please contact Margo Hill @ 553-0330.

The Cumberland Club Lot is CLOSED to St. Luke's Parking on both Easter and Mother's Day because of their brunch schedule.

New to St. Luke's? Curious to learn more about the Episcopal Church? Interested in getting confirmed? Join us for a Inquirer's group on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 in the downstairs resource room. This class will culminate with confirmation, reception into the Episcopal Church or renewal of baptismal vows on May 7. We meet again on April 23.

The Explorers are completing the Bishop Tutu and Dalai Lama volume on Joy. We next meet the week after Easter.

Heart of the Matter explores religious belief through the work of Joseph Campbell each week. It's a great place for those seeking new ways of understanding their relationship with their faith. Join us in Classroom 8 on Sundays from 8:45-9:45am.

Social justice is the theme of this year's Lenten series. Join us today at 11:30 in the upper hall as Joan MacDonald and Sallie Smith discuss the Sanctuary Movement. What is it? Where is it? What would it mean if we were part of the movement?

Weekday Services: Our Taizé service is held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 5:30pm in Emmanuel Chapel. **The Tuesday Bible Study** and brown bag lunch continues each week after the 12:10 service.

The Thursday pm theological study group will **not** meet on Maunday Thursday, but will recovene on April 14th.

Twilight in the Chapel: Please join us in Emmanuel Chapel at St Luke's Cathedral on Sunday evenings at 5:15 for Twilight in the Chapel. We gather in the intimate setting of the candle lit chapel for a casual, contemporary, and contemplative Eucharist service accompanied by live music provided by local musicians. The Twilight service is a time for worship and renewal as the weekend draws to a close and the new week begins. In the coming weeks our music will be provided by: Shannon Allen (Cello), April 9; Emmett Harrity (Piano), April 16; Michael Katz (Guitar), April 23; Sisters in Song (Girl's Choir), April 30.

Spring Update on the Living Stones Capital Campaign: This is an exciting time for the Living Stones campaign! We are delighted to report that over 215 individuals and families, not to mention 10 other parishes as well as the diocese, have pledged or contributed nearly \$1.3 million dollars so far – plus the proceeds of the sale of the Deanery last year (nearly \$446,000) were added to the fund. The work in the nave is nearly complete. We have received a generous grant to help with refurbishing the lancet windows below the rose window, and this work is being discussed by the Vestry. The Building & Grounds Committee and the Vestry are now working on plans for Phase 2 of the Cathedral renovations, to enhance the program space in the Parish House. Stay tuned for details! We are also poised to make our second contribution of \$20,000 to Camp Bishopswood against our commitment to assist it with its urgent repairs and renovations. To our pledgers and contributors – your great generosity is deeply inspiring. And if you have not already contributed to the campaign, now would be a great time to do so! Claire Hammen & John Watson

Wondering what the blue boxes scattered throughout the church are? They are UTO boxes which is a ministry of the Episcopal Church to recognize and name our many blessings daily. The offerings go to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion world-wide. St. Luke's was a recipient of one of their grants to help us build the school in Haiti. The UTO ingathering will be held on Sunday, April 23.

Spring Training, Saturday April 29 from 9-3:15pm: Join Bishop Steve Lane and Episcopalians across the diocese for a day of learning, sharing and growth. Whether you are a church leader, a clergy person, or someone interested in spiritual growth or outreach, we'll have something that interests you. For more information or to register, visit www.episcopalmaine.org.

We welcome Joan Carney as St. Luke's new communications director: From her website, Joan Carney has been working with business owners and non-profits for more than a decade, crafting results-focused websites to support their business growth and exposure. She is the founder and creative director of FreshView Studios, Joan's initial focus will be finishing our new website as well as helping with internal communications. She may be contacted through the cathedral office.

Sabbatical update: Many have been asking about my sabbatical plans. I will be away from St. Luke's from April 17 September 16 (the day before our fall startup.) For the sabbatical period, the Rev. Canon Sam Henderson will serve as priest in charge, providing pastoral care, leading worship on Sundays, covering for weddings and funerals, and overseeing staff and daily operations. The Rev. Suzanne Roberts, the Rev. Richard Rasner and other staff and volunteers will continue their usual duties and all programs and activities will maintain their regular schedules. I will not be in the office or checking church related emails or voice mails during this time. The sabbatical will begin with time spent with Shari's family in Oregon followed by a time on retreat. Beyond this and some time at my family's camp in Michigan, it may include some continuing education, time on the water and in the Maine woods, and playing in a few summer band concerts along the way. I thank St. Luke's for this opportunity of rest, renewal and reflection, and look forward to seeing you on my return. –Dean Shambaugh

Holy Week and Easter Services

Holy Tuesday: Chrism Mass 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday: 7:00 pm, followed by the Watch

Good Friday: Noon and 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday/The Easter Vigil: 7:00 pm

Easter Day 7:30, 9:00, 11:00, and 5:15 with an **Easter Egg Hunt** at 10:30 am(babysitting provided)

PRAYERS for the Week of April 9, 2017

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Jerusalem - (Jerusalem & Middle East) The Rt Revd Suheil Dawani. **In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for new members of the Church, penitents and seekers. For our Jewish sisters and brothers as Passover begins. We pray for our Bishop, Stephen and for our cathedral clergy. We pray for all in the Diocese of Haiti, especially those in the parishes of St. Simon and St. Jude in Duny. We offer prayers of healing and comfort **for Members of our Congregation:** Jane Kolkhorst, Francis Madeira, June Stevenson, Candy Giroux, Joseph Semmes, Joe Edgar, Susan Hough, Ken Tatro, Peter Mulvey, Jean Wandel, Harold Donatelli, Monica Ellis, Heather Robinson, Donald DeRice, Barbara Prime, Gretchen Lane, Nancy Bowker, Debba Curtis, Betsey Deleuse, Ted Wright, Linda Poland, Bob Cochran, Joyce Walsh, Anne Fowler and Barbara Ryland. **For our Friends and Family** Katharine Doughty (daughter of Mary Doughty), Lydia, Annaelle Safha, Binta and Sabri, (family of Thierry Ndabahagame), Janet Brennan (mother of Michael Brennan), Amanda Su (friend of Thurl Headen), David Trafton (friend of Ray Davis Murdoch Curry), Sabin Streeter (friend of Linda Beane and Celia and Victor Wakefield), Gloria, Wilbur Easler (uncle of Anna Messmer), Nancy Blanchard (friend of Pat and Fred Fowler), Bob Creighton, (brother of Connie Bingham), Michael Veit (friend of Celia and Victor Wakefield), Duane Fleming (step brother of Julie Hugo Vidal), Beth Sim (sister of Pat Fowler), Wilhelmina Young (friend of Sallie Smith), Gordon Robinson (friend of Sallie Smith), Patti Chase (friend of Muffie Fernald), Paul Schwotzer (friend of Ray Davis Murdoch Curry), Lisa Smith (daughter of Frank and Helen Smith), Jerry Wechsler (friend of Celia, Victor and Olivia Wakefield), Lela Williams (friend of Nick Penfield), Meredith MacLeod (niece of Anna Messmer), Paul Goddard (brother of Shari Shambaugh), Beth Morrison (friend of Chuck Sawyer and David Savage), Chris Trombley, (friend of Cynthia Morris), Jerel Chamberlain (son of Dottie Pride), Medjeen Claris (brother of Wisley Claris), Helen Hennessy (mother of John Hennessy), Tri Nguyen (friend of Nikki and Lester Evans), Satish Dhingra (friend of Connie and Peter Bingham), Jacqueline Nutes (friend of Nancy Mawhinney), Greg Bruns (cousin of Marlene

Cordes), Ellen Mitchell (sister of Cynthia Fitzgerald), Marco Petrovic (friend of George Cooper), Mary Manetti (mother of Ellen Manetti), Barbara Curry (sister-in-law of Ray Davis Murdoch Curry) and Michael Borkowski (nephew of Chuck Sawyer). **We pray for all the people of this cathedral family** and we especially give thanks for Terry Foster, Fred and Pat Fowler, Wayne Frederick and Karen Spak, Ruth Freeman, Daniel Funk, Angela and Tom Gadbois. **We pray for all who have died**, especially Bobbie Huston (mother of Linda Wolfe), and Jessica (granddaughter of Donna Ciriello), and Georgine Ndobo (sister of Bruno Mbondo), that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. **We pray for** Donald our President, Paul our Governor, our City Council members, Nicholas Mavadones, at large, Ethan Strimling, Mayor and Belinda Ray, District 1.

Service Participants

Preacher & Celebrant: The Very Rev. Benjamin Shambaugh; Deacon: The Rev. Richard Rasner; Eucharistic Minister: Martha Parshley; Vergers: David Savage, Lisle Blind, Thurl Headen, Nate Thorne; Thurifer: David Fernald; Boat Boy: Oliver Tatro; Crucifer: Ed Hodgdon, Zachary Lull; Torches: Alice Bonnevie-Rothrock, Jane Bonnevie-Rothrock, Louisa Radtke-Rowe, Chloe Dearborn; Altar Guild: Bob Parker, Karin and David Sears, Joan Dow, Philip Lee; Healing Team: Susan Trent, Cynthia Widdows; Ushers: Gregory Lull, Susan McCuller, Jim Messmer, Anna Messmer, Stephanie Lull, Deb Marcoux, MJ Northrop; Coffee Hour: Mary Linneman, Mary Strnad; Flowers: The Flower Guild; Eucharistic Visitors: Fred and Pat Fowler will visit St. Luke's members at Piper Shores. Sallie Smith will visit Deborah Potts.

SIYAHAMBA

South African traditional melody
arranged Anders Nyberg (b.1955)

Vigorously

We are march - - ing in the light of God, we are
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1st time 2nd time

march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing in the
- hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God we are march-ing,
- nyen' kwen - khos' si - ya - ham - ba

light of the light of God, we are march-ing, march-ing, we are
- nyen' kwen kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - ham - ba ham - ba, si - ya -

light of God
- nyen' kwen - khos'

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- ham - ba, ham - ba si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

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