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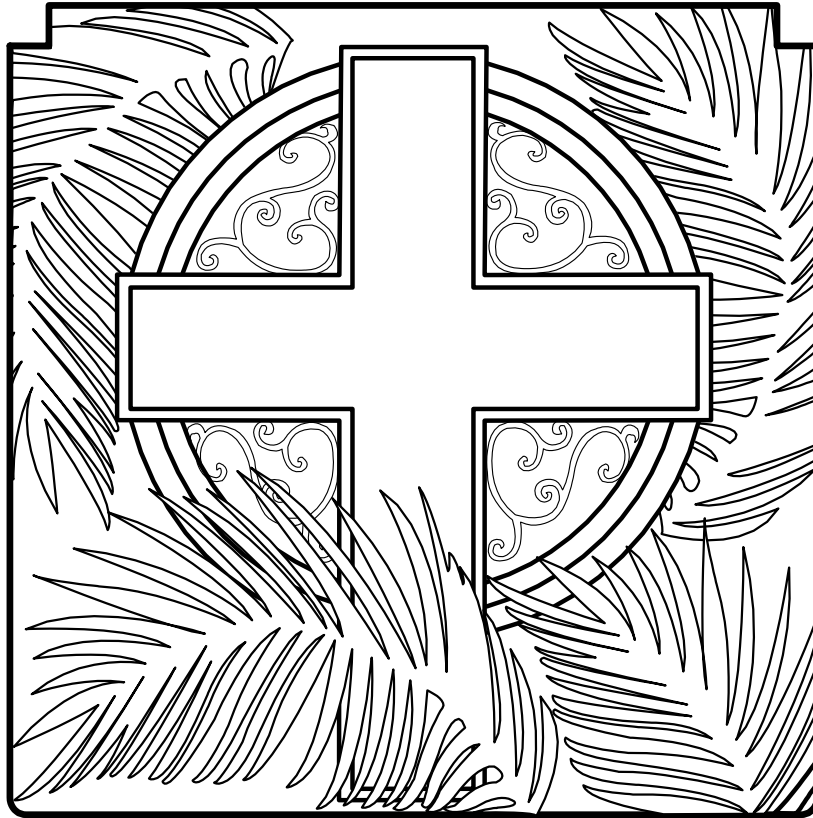
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The Observance of A Holy Lent

“I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self examination and repentance, prayer, fasting, and self denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.” [From Book of Common Prayer- Ash Wednesday Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent]

The **Season of Lent** is an opportunity for us to work to strip away what stands in the way of us living out the vows of our Baptism. Our prayer and fasting, our good works and almsgiving, and our efforts for spiritual renewal including our consistent participation in the Lenten celebrations of Sunday Holy Eucharist usher us toward our Great Holy Days, **The Triduum**. The three liturgies of the Triduum are really one liturgy: (1) **Maundy Thursday**, we experience in the washing of feet and the sharing of the Eucharist how servanthood is true risen life; (2) **Good Friday**, we celebrate Jesus’ victory on the cross and how in our own daily dying, we live; (3) **Holy Saturday** night, we see in fire, the stories of how God saved our ancestors through water, and in the Eucharist we remember and celebrate how risen life is now ours, and how each of us are charged with sharing the gift of risen life.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The people gather at the outdoor altar in the church yard (weather permitting) or Parish Hall.

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.

People: *Amen.*

THE LESSON: *Mark 11:1-11*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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.*

THE DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS

The palms are distributed to the congregation.

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: *In the name of Christ. Amen*

THE PROCESSION OF PALMS: *Thou art the King of Israel (All Glory, Laud and Honor)*

The Celebrant and People process into the church, palms in hand, singing the following hymn

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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 Lessons *Please be seated*

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?

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm—Psalm 31:9-16 In te, Domine, speravi

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *

when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *

I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; *

they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *

I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; *

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *

and in your loving-kindness save me."

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST according to Mark (No Response)

*The Passion is available on the yellow insert;
the people are seated until where indicated to stand.*

Sequence Hymn: O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded # 168 verses 4 and 5 Only

The Sermon - *A period of silence is kept after the sermon.*

The Prayers of the People (Form III)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Bishop Paul, Therese, Heather, Jack, Henry, Sarah, Matt, Debbie, Hennie, Brian, Hans, Karen, Len, Father Jim, Grace, Lee, David, Maryann, Dan, Bill, Art, Specialist Robert Price, SPF Sean Cappellini-Boyle. and for all of those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. For Ed and Jan in thanksgiving for their healing. And for all of those celebrating special times in their lives.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace (All stand.)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Please be seated.

The ushers now come forward with the gifts of Bread & Wine and then collect the people's gifts of treasures.

Offertory Hymn: *In the Garden* (Please remain seated for this hymn)

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the

1. dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing
2. sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He
3. night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go through the

1. on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.
2. gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.
3. voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He

tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we

tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

Presentation Of Offerings: Doxology: Praise to God # 380 verse 3

Please stand and sing as the people's treasure is presented.

The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer A

The Sursum Corda (*The people remain Standing*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Here a Proper Preface is said.*)

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: Holy, holy, holy Lord S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

The Lord's Prayer

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.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: Jesus Lamb of God S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to join sisters and brothers in Christ to partake of the Gifts of God for the People of God.

When you are receiving Holy Communion, please extend your hands to receive the Eucharistic Bread.

Guide the chalice to your lips to receive the Eucharistic Wine. Those who wish may receive Holy Communion by intinction. After receiving the Eucharistic Bread, hold it until the Eucharistic Minister offers you the Eucharistic Wine. Then, after saying, "Amen," dip the Bread into the Wine.

Post Communion Hymn: "Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace" verses 1,2, refrain, 3
(This song is located in the pew rack. Please kneel as you are able.)

The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Blessing

The Dismissal

The People respond: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: *At the Name of Jesus* # 435

A Moment of Silence

Following the recessional hymn and as the candles are extinguished all are invited to kneel for a moment of silence and prayer to ask God's blessing and gift of a truly holy Lent and the spiritual renewal of our hearts and our parish life together.

Organ Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Palm Sunday ✠ April 5, 2009

WELCOME we are pleased to have chosen to worship with us this morning. You will find most of the service printed here within this leaflet. Unless otherwise noted the hymns are in the blue hymnal, located in the pew-rack. Feel free to ask an Usher or someone seated near you if you have any questions or need assistance.

RESTORE THE GLORY A capital campaign is currently underway to repair and restore the main Chancel Windows (the three behind the Altar). We ask that you prayerfully consider giving as you are able to this campaign. Feel free to speak to any of the Restore the Glory committee members for more information (Father Major, Dan Monk, Dan Plashinski, Dave Dillon, Carl Goeringer, Jennifer Martin). Donation forms are available on our website and in the brochure rack, near the steps, in the Parish Hall .

BAKE SALE This morning the Church School is having it's annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale. We ask for your free-will offering for any of the baked goods you take. All money raised is used for our Church School Program Activities.

BRUNCH IN THANKS Today, April 5, marks exactly one year since Ed Dreisbach came from a 51 day stay in four hospitals. It is the first full year he has had at home in three years! During church this morning Ed and his family and friends will be giving thanks to God for His blessings. Immediately after church you are invited to attend a brunch hosted by Ed and ECW (Episcopal Church Women).

MAUNDY THURSDAY POTLUCK We will gather for a potluck supper at **6:00 pm on Thursday, April 9**. Please join us and bring your favorite dish to share. (The Maundy Thursday Liturgy will follow at 7:00 pm)

TRIDUUM This week we observe our Great Holy Days, The Triduum. The three liturgies of the Triduum are really one liturgy: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday (more information on these days is available on the front cover of this bulletin). The services each night will begin at **7:00 pm** and you are encouraged to attend all or as many as possible.

THE WATCH OF THE RESERVED SACRAMENTS A sign up sheet for the overnight watch which runs from Maundy Thursday through Good Friday is available on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Please sign up as you are able. If you are interested in finding out more about this please see Father Major or Chris Sutton.

LENTEN COIN-CARDS can be placed in the offertory at any service or can be mailed to the church. If you have not picked one up they are available in the Parish Hall.

EASTER EGG HUNT A Children’s Easter Egg Hunt will be held following the service next Sunday, Easter morning!! Join us and bring a friend.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED in the church office on **Wednesday, April 8 from 12:30 to approximately 2:00** to help fold Holy Week and Easter bulletins.

SPRING CLEAN-UP Mark your calendars now—our Annual Spring Clean-up will be held on **Saturday, April 25**.

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NEPA A new grassroots advertising campaign for the Episcopal Church in Northeastern Pennsylvania kicked off this week. A series of 3 spots is running in conjunction with WNEP Channel 16’s “Good Things are Happening”. You can find a video of the spots on our website, on the new site www.nepaepiscopalchurch.org, or on the NEPA Episcopal Church Facebook Group. (A few of our parishioners can be seen in the first ad).

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN Time is running out to contribute to the Sunday School penny collection. Be sure to check out the Outer Space Penny Chute in the stairwell. (All coins are graciously accepted, however bills cannot fit down the chute) All money raised through this annual collection is used for Sunday School Outreach through Episcopal Relief and Development.

THANKS The Plashinskis send their thanks to everyone for their cards, visits and/or prayers for Dan. He is on the mend and wants everyone to know how very much he appreciates their kindness.

MEETING CHANGES Due to Holy Week and Easter the Vestry meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 pm and the Finance Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, at 6:00 pm.

MINISTERS

- Celebrant / Preacher** The Reverend John Major
- Organist** Bernard Gardzalla
- Acolytes** Jim Monk, Ryan Monk, Chris Dillon, Matthew Dillon
- Lector** Chris Sutton
- Intercessor** Chris Sutton
- Eucharistic Ministers** Chris Dillon, Jim Monk
- Ushers / Oblationers** Dan & Holly Monk
- Altar Guild** Carol Jones, Mary Jillson-Stout
- Vestry Counter** Terry Martin