

## The Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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

**People:** **And also with you**

## ~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

**Offertory Hymn: “THE HOLY CITY” Sung by the Choir**

**DOXOLOGY: 380 (VS 3) PRAISE GOD FROM WHO ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

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 Holy Communion

### Eucharistic Prayer A

**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 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, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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:

### **Celebrant and People(S130)**

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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 maker of all. Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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:

**Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

### **Officiant and People Together.**

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

*The celebrant continues:*

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

**All:** *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **HAVE MERCY ON US.**

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **GRANT US PEACE.**

**Communion Hymn: 158 AH HOLY JESUS**

After communion:

Let us pray.

**Celebrant and People:**

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. AMEN.

**Celebrant**

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**HYMN: 168 O SACRED HEAD SORE WOUNDED**

**AT THIS TIME, THE PASSION GOSPEL IS PROCLAIMED**

***PLEASE EXIT IN SILENCE – REFLECTING UPON THE PASSION OF CHRIST  
DURING THIS MOST SOLEMN WEEK***

**Prayers of the People Form V**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Audrey, Bishop of the Diocese of The Susquehanna, and Bishop Kevin- assisting Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, especially: St. James' Drifton; Christ Church, Coudersport; Brookland Retreat Center, Ulysses' and Christian College & St. James Wudu Parish, Kajo Keji -we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; and for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; especially-Cheryl, Monica, Don, Gloria, Carol, Fr. John, Nancy, Jim, Bill, Chris, Marilyn, Ben, Greg, Lisa, Heather, Donna, Chuck, Milton, Betty, Ilona, George, Kris, Alida, John U., Nancy U., Jonna-Li, Harry, Valerie, Livy, Samantha, Joyce, Jimmy, and Logan that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Mark, St. John, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

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

*St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church*

*March 29, 2026*

*Palm/Passion Sunday*

*The Rev. Timothy Griffin*

**Prelude- “THE PALMS” SUNG BY THE CHOIR**

**The Liturgy of the Palms**

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. *Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*

**Celebrant:** Let Us Pray- Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Reading: Year A** Matthew 21:1-11(see insert)

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing:*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

**PEOPLE :** **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Celebrant : Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**PEOPLE :** **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE**

**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.*

**The Procession and Distribution of Palms**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

**PEOPLE: IN THE NAME OF CHRIST. AMEN**

**“All Glory Laud and Honor”- Hymn 154 (During the Procession)**

**Transformational Collect:**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**Introit: Sung by the Choir “Hosanna”**

**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*

**AT THIS TIME- ONLY THE OLD TESTAMENT, THE PSALM AND THE NEW TESTAMENT IS READ- THE PASSION (GOSPEL READING) WILL BE PROCLAIMED LATER ON DURING THE SERVICE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The 2026 Book has opened to take reservations for Bulletin, Communion Cup Sponsorship and Flower Sponsorship. If you would like to reserve a specific date, please contact the office. The Bulletin Sponsorship fee is \$10 for Sunday Services, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week Services and \$20 for Holidays (Christmas & Easter).. Altar Flower Sponsorship is \$28.00.

**LAY READER SCHEDULE**

Date	Reading	8:30 AM	
March 29	Palm Sunday	Rose Douglas	Jim Pompa Jr
April 2	Maundy Thursday		
April 3	Good Friday		
April 5	Easter Sunday	Sue Ellen Andreas	Zachary Baker
April 12	Easter 1	Bille Diehm	Tom Lager
April 19	Easter 2	Deb Fry	Diane Lager
April 26	Easter 3	Sue Urban	Jill Perry

**ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE**

Date:	Set Up	Clean Up
March 29	Sue Ellen Andreas	Judy Lennon
April 5	Karen Horvath	Jill Perry
April 12	Laura Ferko	Sue Urban
April 19	Tom & Diane Lager	Shelly Pompa
April 26	Sue Ellen Andreas	Judy Lennon

**Pastoral Needs:** Fr. Tim Griffin is available for all pastoral needs. If you should need assistance, please contact him at 215-796-4602 or email: [frtimgriffin@gmail.com](mailto:frtimgriffin@gmail.com)

**LAYING OF HANDS- HEALING- Will Take Place Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month following the 9am Service**

**Email Updates:** Fr. Tim will be comprising a newsletter and would like to send it electronically, via email. Please fill out form located on the wooden table outside the main sanctuary.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE**

**Maundy Thursday- Service time, 6:30PM; Good Friday- Service time-6:30PM; Easter Sunday- 9AM**

**2026 Bulletin and Altar Flowers Sponsor Calendar:** Check availability on the calendar outside the main sanctuary (on the wooden table) and contact the office to reserve your date.

**Cleaning Volunteers:** Those interested in cleaning should contact Deb Fry 484-866-6111 or [Dfrybikes81@gmail.com](mailto:Dfrybikes81@gmail.com) Cleaning Orientations will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6pm.

**Choir Rehearsals:** Choir will meet on **April 1, 15, 22, and 29 (Wednesdays) at 6:15 pm at Tolman House.** New members welcome!

**Blessing Box- Items most needed:** Please participate in the 40 cans in 40 days project- Flyer and Bags located outside the main sanctuary.

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND–** Please remember in your prayers: Cheryl, Monica, Don, Gloria, Carol, Fr. John, Nancy, Jim, Bill, Chris, Marilyn, Ben, Greg, Lisa, Heather, Donna, Chuck, Milton, Betty, Ilona, George, Kris, Alida, John U., Nancy U., Jonna-Li, Harry, Valerie, Livy, Samantha, Joyce, Jimmy, and Logan

*\*If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the parish office*



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Parish office hours: PLEASE CALL TO SET UP APPOINTMENT

**SERVICES**

Sunday 9:00am- Main Sanctuary  
Other services TBA  
September – May

9:00am

Church School

CHRISTMAS, EASTER, AND HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

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**CHURCH SCHOOL**

Zachary and Melissa Baker

**VESTRY**

**Senior Warden:** Deborah Fry ('29)  
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Sue Ellen Andreas ('27)  
Jonna Li Catrini ('28)  
Michael Leonetti ('28)  
Sam Strohl ('28)  
Robert Muscovitch ('28)

**Clerk of the Vestry**

Sue Urban

**Treasurer**

Bill Diehm



# St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church

## Sunday, March 29, 2026

### Palm/Passion Sunday

#### Parish Mission Statement

*Our parish will be energetic, effective, and loving as we seek to be inclusive and diverse in accomplishing God's work in the Church and Community.*



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