



# Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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Our services follow The Book of Common Prayer, the red book in your pew rack. If you'd like to use the book to follow the service, instead of this order of service booklet, we begin on page 355. Unless otherwise marked, our hymns are from the blue Hymnal 1982. A hymn noted "S-xxx" is part of the service music, found at the front of the hymnal, appearing before the regular congregational hymns begin. For example, S-280 (The Gloria) is found before hymn 1.

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# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## 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.**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*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.**

*Celebrant* It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* **Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.

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

**Processional Hymn** *All glory, laud, and honor*

**Insert from Hymnal 154**

*While singing and waving palms, we process to the Nave where our worship continues.*

## The Word of God

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

## The First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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?

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31:9-16** *In te, Domine, speravi*

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*Lector* We will read the Psalm responsively.

*Congregation reads the bold lines.*

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.”**

*Lector and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**The Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11**

*Lector* A reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

*Please stand as able.*

*Ah, holy Jesus (verses 1-3)*

**Hymnal 158**

**The Gospel: Matthew 27:11-54**

*Celebrant* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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.

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 also 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!”

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### Sequence Hymn

*Ah, holy Jesus (verses 4-5)*

Hymnal 158

### Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Marc Strong

*[The Nicene Creed is omitted on Palm Sunday due to the addition of the Liturgy of the Palms.]*

### The Prayers of the People

*Common Worship, Intercessions for Lent*

*Please assume a posture of prayer, whether standing, kneeling, or sitting as able.*

*Intercessor* We pray to the Lord for courage to give up other things and to give ourselves to him this Lent. Give your Church the courage to give up her preoccupation with herself and to give more time to your mission in the world. May the blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus bring forgiveness to your people and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation. Lord, meet us in the silence,

*People*            **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness and hatred, and to seek peace. We pray for the leaders of our nation and our world, especially for the President of the United States and cabinet officials, members of Congress, and Supreme Court justices, as well as the Tennessee governor and state legislators, that they may lead with mercy, ‘ wisdom, integrity, and compassion. May the shoulders of the risen Jesus, once scourged by soldiers, bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

*People*            **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife and jealousy in our families, neighborhoods and communities. We pray especially for our neighbors here in Loudon County and our state of Tennessee. May the presence of the risen Jesus, his body once broken and now made whole, bring peace and direction as we live with one another.  
Lord, meet us in the silence,  
*People* **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give time, care and comfort to the sick. We pray for

*People* **Jeanette, Walter, Jim N., Vicky & Dave, Carolyn, Lee R., the McAfee family, Jim, Tom, Marshall S., Brenda B., Jackie C., David H., and all who are in pain or distress; and all who are suffering due to oppression, war, gun violence, or natural disasters.**

*Intercessor* May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his presence fill their rooms. Lord, meet us in the silence,

*People* **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Give us the courage to give up our fear of death and to rejoice with those who have died in faith. Especially we hold Tammy in our minds. May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross, walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony, and walk with us and all your Church through death to the gate of glory.  
Lord, meet us in the silence,

*People* **give us strength and hear our prayer, here and in eternity. Amen.**

*Hold a moment of silence.*

*Celebrant* God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

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*Continuing in a posture of prayer, we will hold a moment of silence for individual, silent confessions before the priest leads us into the words of corporate confession.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### Absolution of Sin

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sin 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

*Please stand as able.*

*Celebrant* May the peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us show one another a sign of God's peace.

### Brief Announcements

## The Holy Communion

*Celebrant* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2a

### Offertory Music

*My song is love unknown*

**Hymnal 458**

Doxology (Spoken at 8:00. Sung together at 10:30.)

Hymnal 380, verse 3 only

**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.**

*Celebrant* For all things come from you, O Lord;

*People* **and of your own have we given you.**

# The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2

*Enriching Our Worship*

*Sursum Corda* (Lift Up Your Hearts)

Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.

*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.**

*Celebrant* We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

*Celebrant* You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Sanctus (Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)

Hymnal S-124

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

*Celebrant* On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**AMEN.** (Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)

Hymnal S-146

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

*All* **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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

## Fraction Hymn

(Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)

Hymnal S-161

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Music** *And now, O Father, mindful of the love*

**Hymnal 337**

*We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy Communion as you feel comfortable. Remain seated, until the usher directs you forward to the communion rail. After receiving communion, return to your seat by the side aisle, so that traffic flows one way.*

*If you would prefer communion be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know and, as always, we will be happy to do so. If you prefer not to receive communion, you may come forward to the altar rail along with those receiving communion.*

*Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you prefer a blessing.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Enriching Our Worship*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All*

**Loving God,**

**we give you thanks**

**for restoring us in your image**

**and nourishing us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

**Now send us forth a people,**

**forgiven, healed, renewed;**

**that we may proclaim your love to the world**

**and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

### The Blessing

*Celebrant* The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

## Recessional Hymn

*O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded*

**Hymnal 168**

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

# Parish Announcements, Prayers & Thanksgivings

## Easter Flower Dedications

If you would like to donate and make dedications for Easter flowers, please bring checks and dedication names to church office no later than this **Wednesday, April 1, 12 noon**, if you would like names included in Easter Sunday order of service.

Thank you for your generous support of our Flower Guild ministry and making our Easter flowers extra special!

## Join us for Easter Brunch with Bishop Brian!

9 a.m. (between services), Sunday, April 5

Please drop off your items in the parish hall, ready to serve, by 8:45. If you plan to attend worship at 8, please do! Just drop off your item(s) before going to church, together with a note if needed regarding re-heating instructions.

Sign up sheets for brunch items, as well as set-up and clean-up help, are in the Parish Hall.

*Questions? Diane Van Koughnett, 865-458-6000.*

## Holy Saturday Holy Hike

Aspire Recreation Area, Clinton

Hike starts at 10 a.m. sharp.

Lunch follows (optional)  
at The Pearl Restaurant at Aspire.

Sign-up sheet for hike and for lunch  
is on the table in the Parish Hall.

*Questions? Contact Andy Hadjian.*

## Our parish prayer list

Jeanette, Jim N., Walter, Vicky & Dave,  
Carolyn, Ruth & Frank, Lee R.,  
the McAfee family, Jim, Tom,  
Marshall S., Brenda B., Jackie C., David H.

## Continuing prayers for

Brian E., Jim; Daphne; Rosemary O.;  
the Hentchel family; Pat; Claire; Sandy;  
Rob & Sherry; Cheri; Jane;  
Shannon; Jim; Mel; Wayne; Diana N.; Jack;  
Ashley; Raynella; Ed & Jean; Kim E.; Joe;  
Beverly; Grace; Virginia; Betty Anne; Janey;  
Johnny; and Karen H.

## Pray for our vestry leaders

Class of 2026: Alice A., Dianna S., Jenny L.  
Class of 2027: Bev B., Karen B., Mark H.  
Class of 2028: Holly P., Tom R., Bonnie S.  
Wardens: Bonnie S. and Mark H.;  
Treasurer: Sally Leonhard

## April Birthdays

Thomas Fiebke April 1  
Claire Boyles April 2  
Carl Bye April 4  
Oralee Adams April 15  
Art Stewart April 25

## April Anniversaries

Carolyn & Chip Parker April 30

# For Your Calendars

THIS WEEK

Mar. 29	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Acolyte	Andrew Wilkinson	Drew Hawley	Altar Guild Donna Bye
Euch. Minister	Judy Hadjian	Jane Mocilac	Flower Guild Lent/no flowers
Lector	Alice Anderson	Keytha Graves	Organist Jedediahj Dahl
Ushers	Jen Hennes	Garry Lucas & Monty Ross	Celebrant The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges
Coffee Hour	Donna Bye	Betsy Schwindt	Preacher The Rev. Dr. Marc Strong
Video	n/a	Bill Schwindt	Offering Counters Andy Hadjian & Liz Berg
Chancellor	Carl Bye	Art Stewart	

NEXT WEEK

April 5	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Acolyte	Judy Hadjian	Drew Hawley	Altar Guild The whole team
Euch. Minister	Andrew Wilkinson	Bonnie Smith	Flower Guild Rosemary Kitts & Dianna Stimpson
Lector	Holly Pate	Keytha Graves	Organist Kate Lee
Ushers	Jerry Ploeger	Garry Lucas & Andy Hadjian	Celebrant/ Preacher The Rt. Rev. Brian Cole
Coffee Hour	Easter Brunch	Easter Brunch	Assisting The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges
Video	n/a	Mark Blakley	Offering Counters Alice Anderson & Monty Ross
Chancellor	Rebecca Bridges	Jenny Lucas	

## Holy Week Schedule

### Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday worship, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
*Procession with palms begins at Parish Hall*

### Wednesday, April 1

Midweek Eucharist, 12 p.m.

### Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday worship, 6 p.m.

### Friday, April 3

Stations of the Cross, 11 a.m.  
*on the church grounds*

Good Friday worship, 12 p.m. (inside church)

### Saturday, April 4

Holy Saturday Holy Hike, at Aspire Rec. Area (Clinton), hike begins at 10 a.m.

Great Vigil of Easter, 6 p.m. (at the church)

### Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday worship, 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
*Brunch between the services in the Parish Hall.*

## Coming Soon @ Resurrection

### Monday, March 30

10:30 a.m. Companions group, classroom

### Tuesday, March 31

1 p.m. Education for Ministry, Library

### Wednesday, April 1

12 Noon, Holy Eucharist (spoken), Nave

### Saturday, April 18

Earth Day Fest, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Saturday, April 25

Men's Group. 9 a.m., Parish Hall

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# Art & Scripture Reflection

Giotto di Bondone: *Entry into Jerusalem*, Arena Chapel (Scrovegni Chapel), Padua, Italy, ca. 1305.  
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As the liturgical calendar relentlessly brings us to focus again on Passion Week, I am moved by the profound aloneness and vulnerability of Jesus. As he enters the city he is poised between the years of teaching and healing he is leaving behind him and the days of violence, betrayal and death that lie ahead. The entry into Jerusalem is detailed in all four gospels indicating its importance for Jesus' story and ours.

Giotto di Bondone (c1267-1337) is known to have revolutionized the art of Florence by his fidelity to the human and natural world as against the stylized manner imported from the Byzantine tradition. His landscapes and figures are reduced to their essential minimum, evocatively communicating both narrative content and emotion. This fresco by Giotto was commissioned and executed for the Arena Chapel in Padua in 1305-1306. It is part of an almost cinematic series of paintings that cover the walls of the chapel telling the story of the life of Christ.

The artist has placed Jesus in the centre of the composition with the disciples on the left and the crowd flowing out of the city of Jerusalem on the right. We can only see the faces of four of the disciples. The rest of the twelve are suggested by a swath of golden halos. From what we can see they are all men. As they stand behind Jesus, stock still, shoulder to shoulder, they form a tight mass. They are alert, sober, as they watch the crowd carefully, even cautiously. And well they might. Three times they have heard from Jesus that he would be arrested and killed in Jerusalem. They are probably afraid for him as well as for themselves. What lies ahead is unknown to them and this outburst of praise and shouting was no doubt both hopeful as well as unsettling.

The welcoming crowd positioned on the right is quite different. It includes both men and women and we can see each person and each face clearly. There is a tremendous sense of movement and action as they surge out of the city gates. People are climbing trees and tearing off branches, one man with grave solemnity lays down his coat on the road, an improvised 'red carpet' marking the arrival of a great dignitary, while two others pull off their cloaks and another waves his palm branch.

Giotto draws our attention to Jesus by making him the largest figure in the fresco and by painting him with a kind of three-dimensional reality so forceful, that he seems as solid and as tangible as sculpture in the round. By placing the entire scene in the foreground the artist makes us feel as if we too are participants. It seems as if Jesus is passing in front of us and we find ourselves unexpectedly caught up in the palm branches and praises.

Matthew 21:5 contains a reference to Zechariah 9:9 which announces the coming of Zion's King. 'Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' The prophet not only speaks into his immediate situation, he also looks beyond into the more distant future. The Jews are called to welcome a King who comes for their salvation, not as a warrior or as a political revolutionary for the overthrow of Rome, but riding on a humble donkey with the commitment to break the bondage of sin and death, to bring healing and hope and peace. While the crowds surge and shout in the streets, Giotto captures the one still point: Jesus, who sits with Messianic dignity in the midst of it all, offering a gesture of peace and blessing. On the cusp of all that will be revealed in Jerusalem of lies and hostility, senseless violence and gruesome death, Jesus' focus is not on himself. As we stand on the edge of Giotto's painting, we might be tempted to try to stop him. We might cry out 'Go back!' and try to block the rider's way. Until we remember that this King comes bringing salvation, salvation that we so deeply need.

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