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THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024 10:30 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE REV. LESLIE J. HAGUE IS THE CELEBRANT AND PREACHER TODAY.

Please join us in front of the Church for the Blessing of the Palms.

PRELUDE

Celebration in C Major

Michael R. Keller

New River Handbell Choir

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

OPENING PRAYERS

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 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:1-2,19-29

(spoken)

- 1 **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
 his mercy endures for ever.**
- 2 **Let Israel now proclaim, *
 "His mercy endures for ever."**
- 19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
 I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.**
- 20 **"This is the gate of the LORD; *
 he who is righteous may enter."**
- 21 **I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
 and have become my salvation.**
- 22 **The same stone which the builders rejected *
 has become the chief cornerstone.**
- 23 **This is the LORD'S doing, *
 and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- 24 **On this day the LORD has acted; *
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.**
- 25 **Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
 LORD, send us now success.**
- 26 **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
 we bless you from the house of the LORD.**
- 27 **God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
 form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**
- 28 **"You are my God, and I will thank you; *
 you are my God, and I will exalt you."**
- 29 **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
 his mercy endures for ever.**

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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.**

Palms are distributed.

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant 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.**

*Congregation follows the choir and altar party to process to pews in the nave, singing
(Music and verses are on page 10 in this bulletin)*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 154 All glory, laud, and honor *Valet will ich dir geben*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Let us pray

Almighty and ever living 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.**

A READING FROM 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

PSALM 31:9-16

*Cantor sings the versicle –
congregation sings the response*

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Henry Walford Davies
(1869-1941)



- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
- 11 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.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their head together against me;
They plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE 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.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 458

My song is love unknown

Love Unknown

Verses 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST.MARK

Read by team of readers using printed text insert

The congregation remains seated until the mention of Golgotha.

THE SERMON

THE REV. LESLIE J. HAGUE

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Jesus, you set your face towards Jerusalem and walked alongside those who suffer. Be our vision, that we too may walk the way of compassion and extend a hand to those we meet. Lord, hear our prayer, and in your love, answer.

Intercessor Lord, you stopped to heal the sick and tend to those broken in body, mind or spirit. Be our vision, that we too may be a source of healing to all in need of your grace. Lord, hear our prayer,

People **and in your love, answer.**

Intercessor Jesus, you said, "The first shall be last and the last first." Be our vision, that we too may work towards your realm - when the marginalized and oppressed will be raised up and know that they are indeed beloved children of the Holy. Lord, hear our prayer,

People **and in your love, answer.**

Intercessor Jesus, you took the time to pray and to be silent. Be our vision, that through our prayers, meditation and reflection we may draw closer to you and find our way on this journey of faith. Lord, hear our prayer,

People **and in your love, answer.**

Intercessor Lord, you entered Jerusalem with peace in your heart. Be our vision, that we too can live as people of peace in the face of the world's many conflicts. May we hold your vision of justice and peace ever before us. Lord, hear our prayer,
People **and in your love, answer.**

Celebrant Bless us, O Blessed One, as we enter into the days ahead of us. We will need your power and presence to sustain us as we move through these difficult days together. Spirit of Love and Life, stay close. **Amen**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

EUCHRISTIC PRAYER A

During the offertory anthem, we invite your offerings for All Saints' ministry of sharing God's love with the world. You may place your offering in the plates passed by the ushers or scan our QR code to give online.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far to small; Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

OFFERTORY HYMN 158

Ah, holy Jesus
Verses 1 & 2

Herzliebster Jesu

The people remain standing.

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.**

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. 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

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

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Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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**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.**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

You are invited to receive Holy Communion, an ancient practice intended for all baptized Christians, no matter your tradition. You may receive just the Bread or both the Bread and the Wine. Alternative to sipping directly from the cup, you may hold the Bread up between your fingers; the chalice bearer will dip the Bread in the chalice for you, then place the Bread on your tongue. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the priest. For those not receiving Holy Communion, you may also cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Jesus, So Lowly

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth: Christen me wholly, Bring me new birth. Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; Teach me that only Love maketh glad. Jesus, so broken, Silent and pale; Be this the token Love will not fail. Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; Teach me how glorious death is to be.

COMMUNION HYMN 172 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were You There

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION SAID BY THOSE NOT PRESENT AT HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Officiant Mother Leslie, we send you out to share communion this week with our fellow Episcopalians and friends at John Knox Village.

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Officiant May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 171 **Go to dark Gethsemane**

Petra

DISMISSAL

Celebrant, Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Thanks to Dan Bishop, the New River Handbell Choir
and the All Saints Choir for our music today.**

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Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

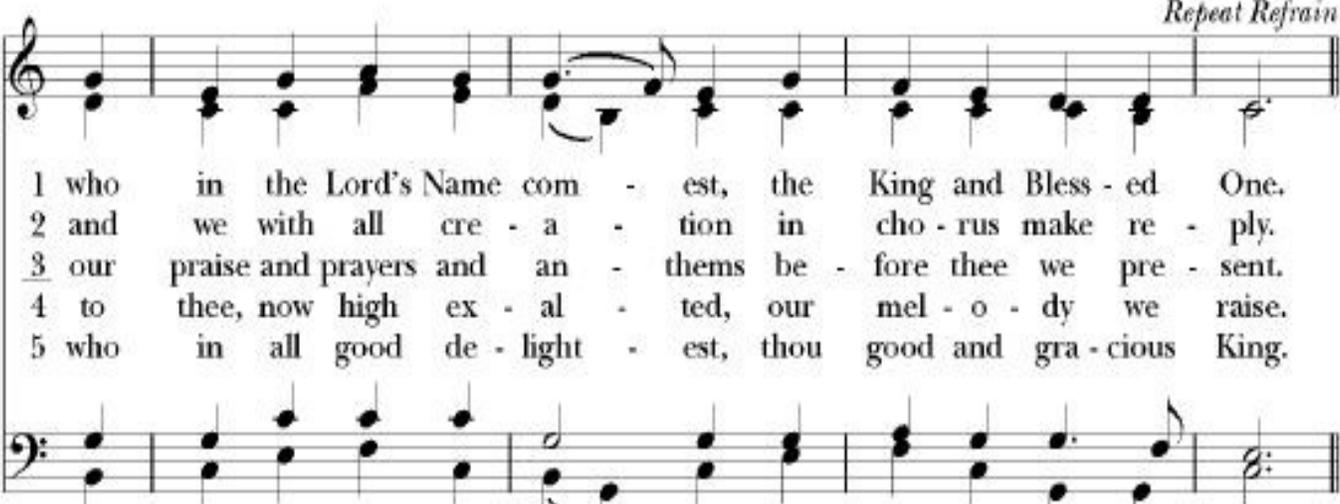


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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 Hymnal 1982; Section: The Liturgy of the Palms: Processional; Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.; Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

BLESSINGS TO ALL CELEBRATING THIS WEEK OF MARCH 24-30

Birthdays **Andrew Cobble, Patty Hawk, Gloria Kline,
Kenneth Latsch, Holbrook Platts, Joe Staiano**

Anniversaries **John and Arlyn Kirk**

*Please bring a bell to ring at the Easter Vigil service to ring in
the joy of the Easter Season.*

ALL SAINTS LEGACY SOCIETY

By including the church as a beneficiary in your estate plan, it reflects your commitment to supporting its mission and values even beyond your lifetime. It will help ensure that the church can continue its vital work of pastoral care, spiritual guidance, and community outreach. It also demonstrates your belief in the importance of stewardship and investing in causes that have a positive impact on society. For the church, being included as a beneficiary and being a member of our Legacy Society ensures ongoing support, sustainability, and the ability to carry out its ministry effectively for future generations. Please let Mother Leslie know if you have made these changes to your estate plan. Thank you.

**All Saints ECW invites all women to join them at
BOATHOUSE at the RIVERSIDE**

**for a "Leadership -Thank you"
on Friday, April 5th
at 4:00pm - 6:30 pm
Cost: BYO wallet
Parking at Riverside Hotel**

**SIGN UP FOR
OVERNIGHT VIGIL WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN ST. LUKE'S CHAPEL**

Jesus 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." Matthew 26:40-41

This is available for anyone that wishes to share an hour of prayer with Jesus on Maundy Thursday, March 28 from 8:00 pm to 12:00 noon on Good Friday, March 29

Link : <https://bit.ly/OvernightVigil2024>

ARE THERE BATS IN THE BELFRY?

Hopefully, it is generally understood that the long time All Saints practice of ringing 13 bells prior to Eucharist not only provides an aural signal that the parish is gathering and preparing for worship, but also that each tolling represents one of the twelve Apostles, then (after a brief pause) one final thirteenth ring in the name of Christ.

This practice has been brought inside while the efforts to repair the exterior bell continue.

But wait! There is something different. Yes. The pitch of the 13th bell began a journey the first Sunday of Lent. Rather than being the same as the other twelve, the sound for Jesus is moving one step up the musical scale toward the octave completion on Easter Sunday. Joyful Laetare Sunday will resound with the interval of a Perfect Fifth. Palm Passion Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, will be punctuated by the unsettling, but hopeful “leading tone” of the Major Seventh.

The 13th chime on Easter Sunday will be replaced with a Four Bell Full Peal. The celebratory practice of the constant ringing of every possible sequence of the bells used. Wondering how many sequences there are? See you Sunday, March 31st!

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2024 HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

HOLY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024
HOLY WEDNESDAY HEALING PRAYERS WITH EUCHARIST – 12:05 PM**
TENEBRAE – 7:00 PM**

The word "tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness" or "shadows." Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Holy Week service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial. This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and of hopelessness in the world without God.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024
MANUDY THURSDAY HOLY EUCHARIST AND WASHING OF FEET
WITH THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR – 7:00 PM**

OVERNIGHT VIGIL WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
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GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY WITH THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS
AND THE MASS OF THE PRESANCTIFIED**
MARCH 29, 2024 – 12:00 NOON

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GOOD FRIDAY – STATIONS OF THE CROSS
MARCH 29, 2024 – 7:00 PM

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HOLY SATURDAY SERVICE IN BECKY'S GARDEN**
MARCH 30, 2024 – 12:00 NOON

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THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER WITH THE LIGHTING OF THE NEW FIRE**
SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024 – 7:00 PM

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EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31, 2024
8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
10:30AM FESTIVE CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST

Followed by a reception in Jensen Terrace

***Indicates service will also be livestreamed*

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER. SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024. 7 PM

Just to be clear, there is no complete celebration of the joy of Easter without participating in the liturgies of Holy Week and specifically the Triduum – the three days that begin with the evening liturgy of Maundy Thursday and the Good Friday noon service of the Mass of the PreSanctified. Presanctified simply means that there is no celebration of the Eucharist on this day, and we receive communion from the Blessed Sacrament consecrated the night before.

The climax of the sacred Triduum is reached in the Great Vigil of Easter, a service which abounds in archetypal imagery that evokes responses from deep within the human psyche: darkness and light, death and life, chaos and order, slavery and freedom.

The liturgy is intended as the first and primary celebration of Easter. The service begins in darkness, sometime between sunset or earlier on Holy Saturday



The Liturgy of Light (kindling of new fire, lighting the Paschal candle, symbolizing the light of Christ, the singing of the Exsultet a song of praise in the light of the Paschal Candle)

The Liturgy of the Word (readings from the Hebrew Scriptures interspersed with psalms, hymns, canticles, and prayers)

The Blessing of Baptismal Water followed by Christian Initiation (Holy Baptism) and/or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The first Eucharist of Easter with bells and light and music and the singing of Alleluias!

The Great Vigil of Easter recovers an ancient practice of keeping the Easter feast. Believers would gather in the hours of darkness ending at dawn on Easter to hear scripture and offer prayer. This night-long service of prayerful watching anticipated the baptisms that would come at first light and the Easter Eucharist. Easter was the primary baptismal occasion for the early church to the practical exclusion of all others. This practice linked the meanings of Christ's dying and rising to the understanding of baptism.

The very form of the Easter Vigil reminds us that God works slowly. It reminds us that, even when we feel we are trapped in a time of endless waiting or wandering aimlessly in the desert, we are accompanied, that all of God's work ever so gradually replaces the darkness with light, silence with bells, dry wells with water. All emptiness eventually gives way to Alleluia.

Come join us this year as we celebrate the first service of Easter! Bring your eyes, ears, nose and bells, any kind of bell you have. Let's make a joyful noise. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



**EASTER FLOWERS DEDICATIONS
MEMORIALS & THANKSGIVINGS**

**Help to beautify All Saints during the Easter services
by making a thanksgiving or memorial contribution.**

Please print clearly

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

In thanksgiving for: _____

Phone or email: _____ **(In case we have questions)**

All contributions go for the Easter Flowers.

Please make your check payable to **ASEC**.

Memo: **Easter Flowers**

**Deadline is 12:00 noon
Wednesday, March 27, 2024**

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and email us with your dedication. office@allsaintsfl.org*

