



# The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024  
10:00am

Church of the Epiphany  
Vacaville, CA

**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE**

# Holy Eucharist: Rite II

## Liturgy of the Palms

*The people gather in the Parish Hall so that all may process into the church.*

*The people standing the Celebrant says*

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.*

*The celebrant then reads the story of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem.*

### **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.

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing*

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.**

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.**

*Deacon*          Let us go forth in peace.

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

*The people process from the parish hall to the portico holding palm branches in their hands.*

## Processional 1

*"Hosanna..."*

*Verse 1:* Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest

*Chorus:*

Lord we lift up Your name  
With hearts full of praise  
Be exalted oh Lord my God  
(1st) Hosanna in the highest  
(2nd) Glory to the King of kings

*Verse 2:* Glory glory  
Glory to the King of kings  
Glory glory  
Glory to the King of kings

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*All halt while the Collect is said.*

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.*

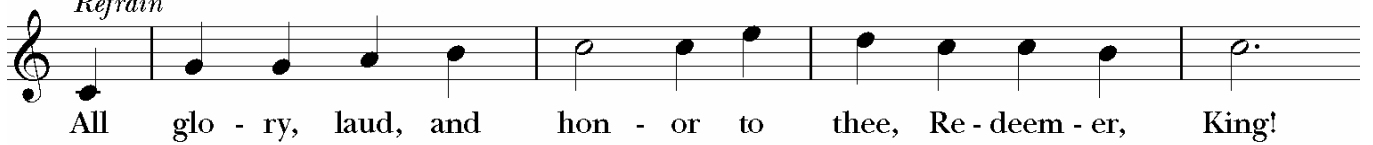
*The procession then continues into the church and the people may go to their places in the pews.*

Processional 2

Hymn 154, vv. 1-3

"All glory, laud, and honor..."

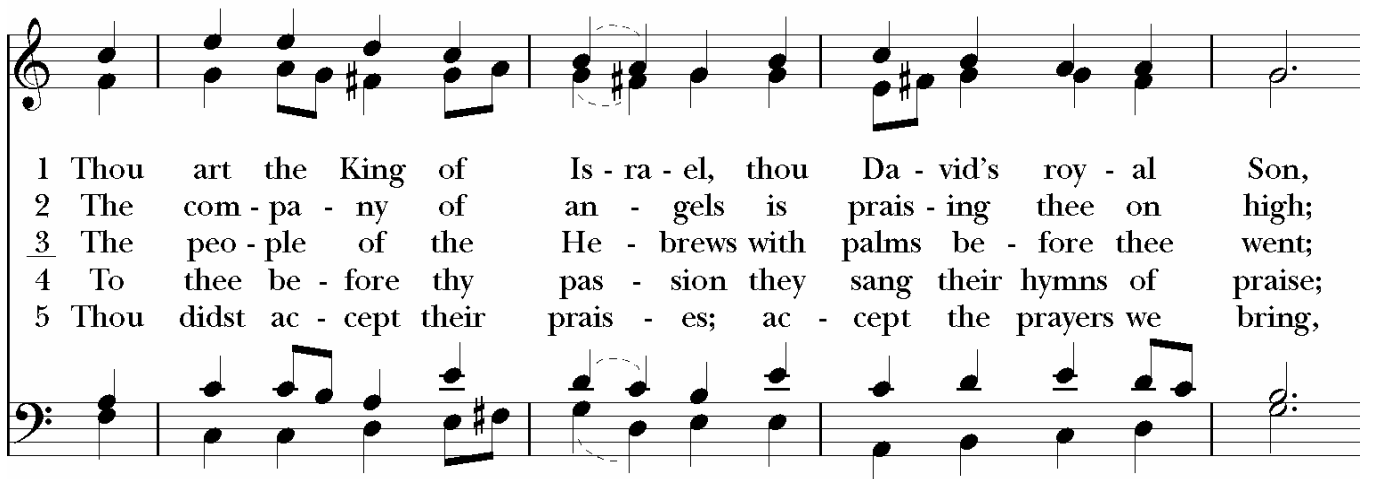
*Refrain*



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

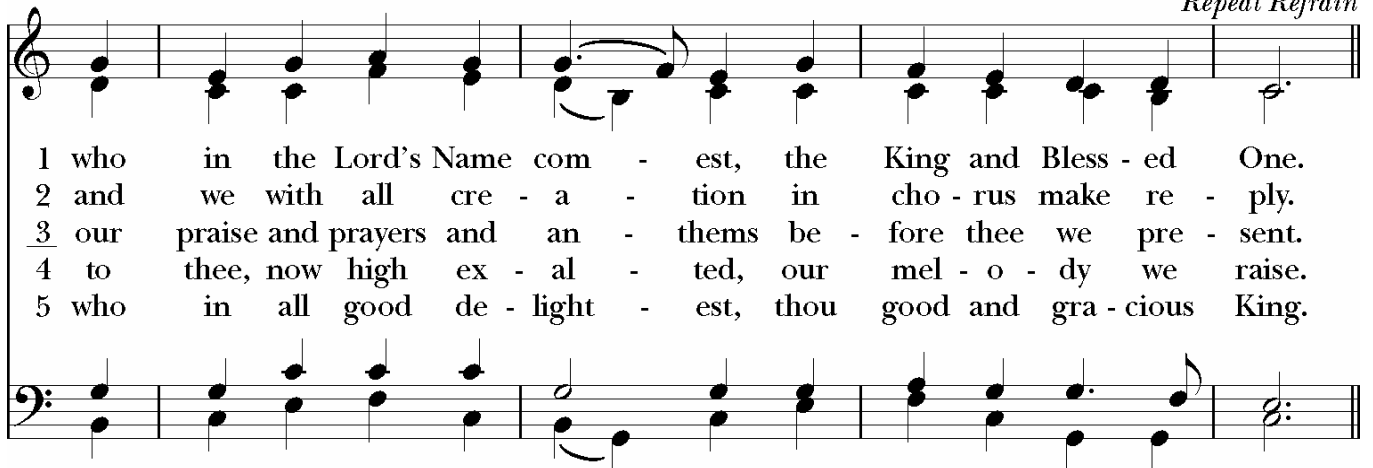


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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

*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.*

### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

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?

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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

- 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 heads 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."

**Epistle**

**Philippians 2:5-11**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul 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.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 168, vv. 1-3

*“O sacred head, sore wounded....”*

1. O sacred head, sore wounded,  
defiled and put to scorn;  
O kingly head, surrounded  
with mocking crown of thorn:  
what sorrow mars thy grandeur?  
Can death thy bloom deflower?  
O countenance whose splendor  
the hosts of heaven adore!

2. Thy beauty, long-desired,  
hath vanished from our sight;  
thy power is all expired,  
and quenched the light of light.

Ah me! for whom thou diest,  
hide not so far thy grace:  
show me, O Love most highest,  
the brightness of thy face.

3. In thy most bitter passion  
my heart to share doth cry,  
with thee for my salvation  
upon the cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus moved  
to stand thy cross beneath,  
to mourn thee, well-beloved,  
yet thank thee for thy death.

### Holy Gospel

Mark 14:1-15:47

*The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by the celebrant, who begins by saying:*

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



*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. Please stand when instructed to do so at the mention of the arrival at Golgotha. At the announcement of the death of Jesus, silence will be kept. It is customary to kneel during this silence. Please read aloud the parts marked "Crowd."*

NARRATOR: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

NARRATOR: While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

DISCIPLES: "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor."

NARRATOR: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

JESUS: "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

NARRATOR: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

DISCIPLES: "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

NARRATOR: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

JESUS: "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

NARRATOR: So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

NARRATOR: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

DISCIPLES: "Surely, not I?"

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

NARRATOR: While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

JESUS: "Take; this is my body."

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

JESUS: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

NARRATOR: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

JESUS: "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

NARRATOR: Peter said to him,

PETER: "Even though all become deserters, I will not."

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: But he said vehemently,

PETER: "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

NARRATOR: And all of them said the same. They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

JESUS: "Sit here while I pray."

NARRATOR: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them,

JESUS: "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake."

NARRATOR: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

JESUS: "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

NARRATOR: He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS: "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

NARRATOR: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

JESUS: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

NARRATOR: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

JUDAS: "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."

NARRATOR: So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

JUDAS: "Rabbi!"

NARRATOR: and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS: "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

NARRATOR: All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at

a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

ACCUSERS: "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'"

NARRATOR: But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

HIGH PRIEST: "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

NARRATOR: But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

HIGH PRIEST: "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

NARRATOR: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

HIGH PRIEST: "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?"

NARRATOR: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

ACCUSERS: "Prophesy!"

NARRATOR: The guards also took him over and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

SERVANT GIRL: "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: "I do not know or understand what you are talking about."

NARRATOR: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

SERVANT GIRL: "This man is one of them."

NARRATOR: But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

BYSTANDERS: "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."

NARRATOR: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

PETER: "I do not know this man you are talking about."

NARRATOR: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

JESUS: "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: And he broke down and wept.

NARRATOR: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He answered him,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

PILATE: "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

NARRATOR: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,



PILATE: "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

PILATE: "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: They shouted back,

CROWD: "Crucify him!"

NARRATOR: Pilate asked them,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done?"

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

CROWD: "Crucify him!"

NARRATOR: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

SOLDIERS: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

NARRATOR: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

*(At the mention of Golgotha, all stand as able.)*

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

BYSTANDERS: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

NARRATOR: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

NARRATOR: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until

three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

JESUS: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

NARRATOR: Which means,

JESUS: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

BYSTANDERS: "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

NARRATOR: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

BYSTANDERS: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

NARRATOR: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

CENTURION: "Truly this man was God's Son!"

NARRATOR: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Jesus, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation,

that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

*After another period of silence, the congregation may be seated for the Homily.*

**Homily**

**The Rev. John Heidel**

*All Stand*

**The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant:* Lord our God, we pray to you this Lenten Season, a time of dedication and renewal.

*Reader:* We pray for the people of our church and the diocese, especially Presiding Bishop Michael, Bishop Megan, Rev. John and Rev. Kevin. We pray for guidance to increase our faith and increase our love for others. Help us be firm in our stance against evil, and enhance our faithful efforts helping others. Lord, we trust in you.

*People:* **Deliver us from evil.**

*Reader:* We pray all the leaders of the world. Lord, guide each of them to work together for the greater good of all your people, and for the good of our planet. Help them to work together to resolve conflicts, and to find unity and peace in the world. Lord, we trust in you.

*People:* **Deliver us from evil.**

*Reader:* We pray for those who have lost their faith, are weak in spirit, or have never known you. We pray that they may come to know your love, renew their faith, and grow in prayer. Help them reach out to help others in need of support. Lord, we trust in you.

*People:* **Deliver us from evil.**

*Reader:* We pray for those who are anxious about their health or their future; the lonely, the sick, the forgotten. We pray for counselors, physicians, nurses, and care givers who aid the sick and lonely. We pray for all who serve others in their time of need. Lord, we trust in you.

*People:* **Deliver us from evil.**

[*Read intercessions and thanksgivings list here*] Lord, we trust in you.

*People:* **Deliver us from evil.**

*Reader:* We give you thanks for your love, which was made known to us in the passion and cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank you for the gift of redemption, and for the forgiveness of our sins. There is nothing greater than your love for us. Help us to give of ourselves in faith and action. Lord, we trust in you.

*People:* **Deliver us from evil.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect*

## **The Peace**

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

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

*Deacon* Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Offerings:** *Failin McCord (3/27), Don Potts (3/31).*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

## Offertory Anthem

*"When Jesus Left his Father's throne..."*

**Hymnal 480**

1 When Jesus left his Father's throne, he chose an humble birth;  
like us, unhonored and unknown, he came to dwell on earth.  
Like him may we be found below in wisdom's paths of peace;  
like him in grace and knowledge grow as years and strength increase.

2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mothers round him  
pressed;  
their infants in his arms he took, and on his bosom blessed.  
Safe from the world's alluring harms, beneath his watchful eye,  
thus in the circle of his arms may we for ever lie.

3 When Jesus into Zion rode, the children sang around;  
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their garments on the ground.  
Hosanna our glad voices raise, hosanna to our King!  
Should we forget our Savior's praise, the stones themselves would sing.

## Doxology

**Hymnal 380**

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.

## Great Thanksgiving

*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*

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*

**Sanctus**

**Hymnal S-125**

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

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem**

*"Lamb of God..."*

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.

**Hymnal S-161**

*The Celebrant says*

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.

*At Church of the Epiphany, we welcome everyone equally as children of God created in the image of God. Whether you are visiting from out of town, "shopping for a church," seeking God, or hoping to learn more about Jesus Christ, we welcome you to our worship services. Whatever your religious background, age, race, gender, sexual orientation, or economic status, we welcome you. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, please join us at the altar for Communion. Please notify Clergy if you require a gluten-free wafer.*

### **Communion Hymn**

*"The Battle Belongs to the Lord"*

1. In heavenly armour we'll enter the land  
The battle belongs to the Lord  
No weapon that's fashioned against us shall stand  
The battle belongs to the Lord

*Chorus:*

We sing glory and honor  
Power and strength to the Lord *(repeat)*

2. The power of darkness comes in like a flood  
The battle belongs to the Lord  
He's raised up a standard, the power of His blood  
The battle belongs to the Lord *[Chorus]*

3. When your enemy presses in hard do not fear  
The battle belongs to the Lord  
Take courage my friend, your redemption is near  
The battle belongs to the Lord. *[Chorus]*

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*  
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.**

### **Solemn Prayer over the People**

*Celebrant:* Bow Down before the Lord.

*The people kneel.*

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.*

### **Recessional Hymn**

**Hymnal 436**

*"Lift Up your heads....."*

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold, the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here.

2 O blest the land, the city blest,  
where Christ the ruler is confessed!

O happy hearts and happy homes  
to whom this King of triumph comes!

3 Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

4 Redeemer, come! I open wide  
my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel:  
thy grace and love in me reveal.

5 So come, my Sovereign; enter in!  
Let new and nobler life begin;  
thy Holy Spirit guide us on,  
until the glorious crown be won.

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

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**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** burns to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for Ushers.

**TODAY'S SERVERS:**

Altar Guild: Mary Maloney, Kristen Jones

**10:00** Lector & Prayers: Brett Kirby, Lay Eucharistic Minister & Acolyte:  
Ben Smith, Usher: Mary Maloney, Kristen Jones

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**NEWCOMERS** please make yourself known to one of the Clergy. We have a gift for you, and thank you for visiting us.

# Save the Date

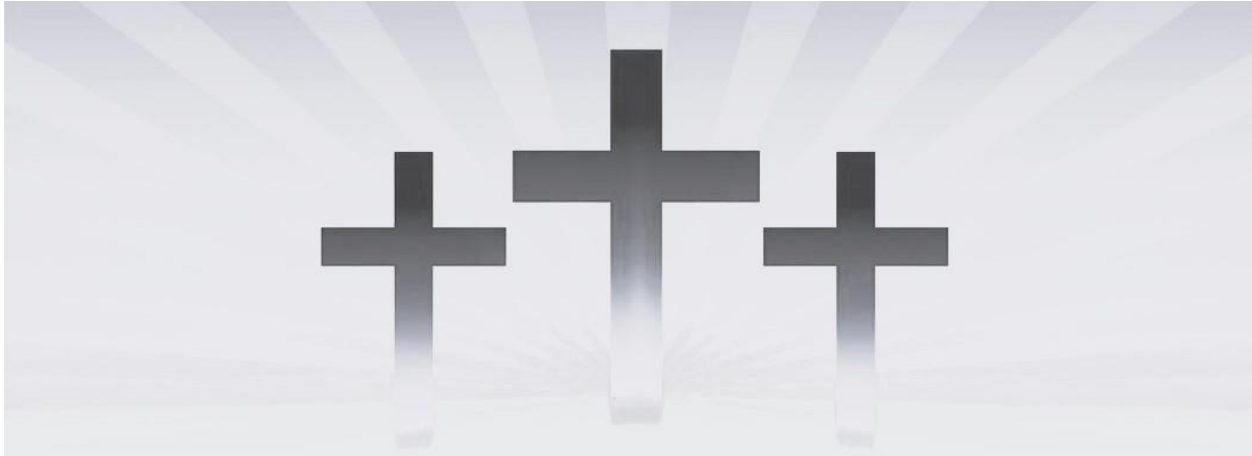
## Today at Epiphany:

- **Sunday School!** *After the 10 a.m. service*, children ages 6 to 18 meet in the Parish Hall Sunday School Room.
- **Vestry meeting:** 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.
- **Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark:** On a two-week hiatus starting March 24. Held during Coffee Hour *after the 10 a.m. service*, **it will resume on April 7**. Led by the Rev. Kevin Phillips.

**Fearless Faith Revival:** Registration now open for our diocesan Fearless Faith Revival, which will be held *Friday and Saturday, April 26 & 27, 2024*, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Roseville. [www.fearlessfaith2024.org/](http://www.fearlessfaith2024.org/)

**Daily Morning Prayer:** *8 a.m. Mondays-Saturdays* on Epiphany Vacaville's Facebook Live or YouTube channel.

**Nightly Compline Service** online: *8 p.m. Monday through Saturday* on the Epiphany Facebook page.



## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Stations of the Cross:** Noon, Monday-Thursday, in the Sanctuary.

**Maundy Thursday worship service and Agape Meal:** Service begins at 6:30 p.m. March 28 in the Sanctuary and includes foot-washing and stripping of the altar. Agape Meal to follow in the Parish Hall.

**Watch Night:** 8 p.m. Thursday to noon Good Friday (March 28-29). Sign up for one-hour watches in the Narthex.

**Good Friday, March 29:**

- Noon—Meditation on the Seven Last Words of Christ at noon.
- 6:30 p.m.—Stations of the Cross service at 6:30 p.m.

**The Great Vigil of Easter:** 6:30 p.m. on Holy Saturday, March 30.

**Easter Sunday, March 31:** One service at 10 a.m. Children are invited to flower the cross. Easter Egg Hunt to follow service.



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