



**The Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday**

9:15 a.m.

March 29, 2026

Church of the Epiphany
Vacaville, CA

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Liturgy of the Palms

The choir, clergy and all who are able gather in the Narthex or Patio and process into the church.

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 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 story of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem is read, all standing.

Matthew 21:1-11

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."

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.**

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.**

Palm branches are distributed in preparation for the processional.

The Order of the Procession is: Crucifer, People, Choir, Celebrant

Procession

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.
People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Crucifer leading the people, choir and Celebrant will process in, all holding palm branches in their hands and singing, "All Glory, Laud and Honor."

Processional

Hymnal 154

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor ..."

Refrain:

All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One. *[Refrain]*
2. The company of angels is praising thee on high;
And we with all creation make chorus in reply. *[Refrain]*
3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our prayers and praise and anthems before thee we present. *[Refrain]*
4. To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *[Refrain]*
5. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. *[Refrain]*

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

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures forever.**

Collect for the Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

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."

Second Reading

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

"Open our hearts, O Lord..."

Open our hearts, O Lord,
That we might live for you,
Hungry to hear your Word
All of our days.
Lord, let us walk with you,
Trusting in all you do,
Your pilgrim people who
Follow your Way. *(Repeat)*

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

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

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

Narrator One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

Judas "What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?"

Narrator They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

Disciples "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

Narrator He said,

Jesus "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'"

Narrator So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

Jesus "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

Narrator And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

Disciples "Surely not I, Lord?"

Narrator He answered,

Jesus "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 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 Judas, who betrayed him, said,

Judas "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

Narrator He replied,

Jesus "You have said so."

Narrator While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after

blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

Jesus "Take, eat; this is my body."

Narrator Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

Jesus "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Narrator When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

Narrator Peter said to him,

Peter "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you."

Narrator Jesus said to him,

Jesus "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

Narrator Peter said to him,

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

Narrator And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

Narrator He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and

began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

Jesus "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

Narrator And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

Jesus "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

Narrator Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus "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."

Narrator Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

Jesus "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

Narrator Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

Jesus "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Narrator While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him."

Narrator At once he came up to Jesus and said,

Judas "Greetings, Rabbi!"

Narrator and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus "Friend, do what you are here to do."

Narrator Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"

Narrator At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

Jesus "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled."

Narrator Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

Accusers "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'"

Narrator The high priest stood up and said,

High Priest "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

Narrator But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,
High Priest "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."
Narrator Jesus said to him,
Jesus "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."
Narrator Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,
High Priest "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?"
Narrator They answered,
Chief Priests "He deserves death."
Narrator Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,
Chief Priests "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"
Narrator Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,
Servant Girl "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."
Narrator But he denied it before all of them, saying,
Peter "I do not know what you are talking about."
Narrator When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,
Servant Girl "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."
Narrator Again he denied it with an oath,
Peter "I do not know the man."
Narrator After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,
Bystander "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."

Narrator Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter "I do not know the man!"

Narrator At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

Jesus "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

Narrator And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

Judas "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

Narrator But they said,

Chief Priests "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

Narrator Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

Chief Priests "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."

Narrator After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Narrator Jesus said,

Jesus "You say so."

Narrator But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

Narrator 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,

Pilate "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

Narrator 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,

Pilate's Wife "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

Narrator 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,

Pilate "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

Narrator And they said,

Congregation "Barabbas."

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

Narrator All of them said,

Congregation "Let him be crucified!"

Narrator Then he asked,

Pilate "Why, what evil has he done?"

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

Congregation "Let him be crucified!"

Narrator 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,

Pilate "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

Narrator Then the people as a whole answered,

Congregation "His blood be on us and on our children!"

Narrator 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,

Soldiers "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Narrator 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.

(At the mention of Golgotha, the congregation should stand and remain standing for the remainder of the reading.)

Narrator 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,

Bystanders "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."

Narrator In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Chief Priests "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.'"

Narrator 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,

Jesus "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

Narrator that is,

Jesus "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Narrator When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystander "This man is calling for Elijah."

Narrator 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,

Bystanders "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

Narrator 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,

Centurion "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Narrator Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Chief Priests "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his

disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first."

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."

Narrator So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

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

The Homily

The Rev. John Heidel, Rector

Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

**in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen***

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Holy One, you sustain us in the wilderness. Guide us through this Holy Week, so that we may return to you in faith, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son. *Amen.*

Reader: We offer our prayers for our bishop, our diocese, and the church throughout the world. We pray for this congregation here present, who walk together to feed your hungry people. Gracious God, through Christ,

People: ***Hear our prayer.***

Reader: We pray for of our nation and every nation, that there be peace and goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Gracious God, through Christ,

People: ***Hear our prayer.***

Reader: We pray for our community, and give us a reverence for the land on which we stand; we pray for seasonable weather, for all flora, and creatures of the land and sea.

Gracious God, through Christ,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: God of the lost, the least, and all who long for home, help us to welcome them and call them by name, as you do, and help us to respect the dignity of every human being. Let us serve those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of your healing touch, so they may live and grow in faith; sharing your love with others. Gracious God, through Christ,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Holy God, we pray for all those who have commended themselves to our prayers, for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health. We pray for the sick and the distressed, the widows and orphans, those in need, and the dearly departed. We pray for *(read prayer list here)*. Gracious God, through Christ,

People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to Your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that You are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister 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.**

The Priest, stands and says:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins 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

All Stand

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Then the celebrant and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Offerings: *Nicholas Behrens 4/2,
April Cocuzza 4/2*

Holy Communion

Celebrant Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Offertory

Hymn 168 v.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. What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend.
For this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever! And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for thee.

Doxology

Hymnal 380 v.3

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest,
faces them and sings or says*

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:

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-129

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

The 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:

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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:

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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.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-161

"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.

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.

No matter who you are, whom you love, or where you are on your journey, we invite all people to join us at God's table for Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion, but would like a blessing, please come to the railing and cross your arms on your chest.

Communion Hymn:

Hymnal 474

"When I survey the wondrous cross..."

1 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.

2 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 through his blood.

3 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?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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

Bow down before the Lord.

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.*

The service ends here.

We leave in silence as we enter Holy Week.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP burns to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of Miles and Cleo Ulman

TODAY'S SERVERS:

Altar Guild: Kay Gerhardt, Kathleen Ccocuzza

Lector: Emma Green; **Prayers:** David Deerfeeder; **Acolyte:** Sarah Hiedel

Ushers: Liz Sickles

To make a donation ...

Envelopes are available in the narthex and at the end of the pews to make donations to the Church of the Epiphany.

Offerings may also be left in the plate by the baptismal font at the church entrance. To give online, text LIGHT to 73256 or scan the QR code. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us extend God's love to our community.



Special Offering

The four Episcopal churches in Solano County are banding together to support the Solano Pride Center and its Suisun Pride celebration on May 31. In addition to having members of each congregation jointly staff a table at the celebration (watch for signups as the date gets closer!), we would like to sponsor the event at the \$1,000 level.

Two churches have already agreed to chip in \$250 each and a third is considering the proposal. Epiphany's Vestry has agreed to donate \$100, so we need only \$150 more to meet our goal. Donations may be left in the plate at the back of the church; please make sure they are marked for "Pride," either in the check memo field or on the donation envelope. For online donations, click on "Other" and type "Pride" in the memo field.

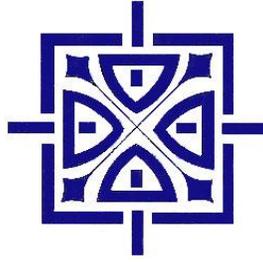
Today at Epiphany

Coffee Hour: After this morning's service in the Parish Hall, hosted by the Heidel family. Please join us!

Daughters of the King: This morning, after the worship service, in the Parish Hall.

Deadline for Easter Lily donations: Today is the deadline. Be sure to include the Easter Lilies Donation card with your gift (available in the Narthex).

Be sure to pick up a Holy Week schedule in the Narthex.



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