



CHURCH OF THE
TRANSFIGURATION
SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 24, 2024

**A community praising God,
Growing in Christ, and
Joyfully serving others.**



*Welcome. We are so happy to have you with us!
If you are visiting us for the first time, please fill out a
visitor's card and put it in the offering plate which is in front
of the baptismal font.*

The Liturgy of the Palms

The service begins in Leach Hall

The following or some other suitable anthem is sung or said, the people standing

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.***

Deacon:

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.

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.*

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said

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

People *Hosanna in the highest.*

(Repeat during procession)

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

In unison

- 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 Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

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

Opening Hymn

The King of Glory Comes

Fr. Willard Jabusch

Refrain

Em C Em

The King of Glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.

5 C Em

Op - en the gates be - fore Him, lift up your voic - es.

9 G Em G

1. Who is the King of Glo - ry; how shall we call Him?
2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in ci - ty or vil - lage,
3. Sing then of Dav - id's son, our Sav - ior and bro - ther,
4. He gave His life for us, the Lamb of Sal - va - tion.
5. He con - quered sin and death; He tru - ly has ri - sen,

13 Em G

He is Em - man - u - el, the pro - mised of a - ges.
He goes a - mong His peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness.
In all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.
He took up - on Him - self the sins of the na - tion.
and He will share with us His hea - ven - ly vi - sion.

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Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People ***His mercy endures for ever.***

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the Prophet 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?

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

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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.

[ANT.]

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.

[ANT.]

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.

[ANT.]

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."

[ANT.]

The Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

See Booklet

Sermon

The Rev. Jason Elliott

The Prayers of the People

Enter our hearts this day and every day, O Christ,

and lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Lead each member of your church in humility as we walk together. Guide our bishops and priests and deacons so that your glory may be revealed through them in your word and sacraments.

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Lead the authorities of every country in the way of justice for all of their citizens and peace between neighbors and nations. We pray for those in the military and first responders, especially Alex, Anthony, Frank, Edilio, Sam, Michael, Alexander, Jacob, Will and their families. Are there others?

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Lead each us to reach out our hands and hearts in love where there is suffering and anxiety, sickness and grief. We pray for all those on our parish prayer list, especially Chelsea, Marilyn, Chuck, Pam, Bill, Ed, Steven, Michael, Rich, Patrick, Annette, Christopher, Lorna, Pura, Cathy, Pam, Joe, Laura, Michael, Jude, Lois, Jack, Wayne, Chris, Tom, Kim, Derek, Barb, Sherrill, Kathleen, George, Tom E., Dory and her family, Rachel, Dawn, MaryAnne, and Stacye. Are there others?

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Lead us to lead lives that please you as we walk this earth so that with those who have died we may join you in our eternal home.

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

We pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially Jeff Leach and Karen Madonia. Also those celebrating their anniversaries, especially Brooks and Sue Ann Beardsley. Are there others?

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Merciful Lord, you know the pain of death—even death on a cross. Have mercy on the dying and the dead. Bring them to the joy of everlasting life in you. We pray for those who have died.

Celebrant's Concluding Prayer

Almighty God, you have given us grace to bring our prayers to you, and you promise that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers, as may be best for us. Grant us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Minister and People

Absolution

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. *Amen*

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

“Hosanna to the king” by Lloyd Larson

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People *And of thine own have we given thee.*

The Holy Communion

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 every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we can triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might, Heav'n and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Blessed is the one who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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,

*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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

THIS IS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Words and Music by
John L. Bell

Gently $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 72$

The musical score is written for Soprano (S, A) and Tenor/Bass (T, B) voices. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked 'Gently' with a quarter note equal to approximately 72 beats per minute. The lyrics are: 'This is the bod - y of Christ, bro - ken that we may be whole; this cup, as prom - ised by God, true to his word, cra - dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.' The score includes measure numbers 5, 10, and 15. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

S, A
This is the bod - y of Christ,

T, B

5
bro - ken that we may be whole; this cup, as

10
prom - ised by God, true to his word, cra - dles our

15
Lord: food for the good of the soul.

The Invitation to Communion

This is the table, not of the Church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little. You who have been here often, and you who have not been here for a long time or ever before. You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed.

Come. Not because the Church invites you. It is Christ who invites you to be know and fed here.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow

H 160

Post-Communion Prayer

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.

PRAYER FOR SEARCH OF NEW RECTOR

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and ignorance in asking: teach us to know that our lives and futures are in your loving hands, and guide us in the calling of the next rector of the Church of the Transfiguration; grant that we may rely on your loving providence and not trust in our own cleverness, and that we might cast aside our anxieties and follow where you lead as you carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Sending of the Eucharistic Visitors

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

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

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever. *Amen*

Closing Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* *H 474*

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*



This week at Transfiguration:

Today	Adult Formation	Leach Hall	9:00am
	Palm Sunday	Leach Hall/Church	10:00am
	Children's Formation		11:30am
	Coffee Hour hosted by the Sundins		11:30am
3/26	Silent Prayer	Church	5:30pm
	Stations of the Cross	Church	7:00pm
3/27	Tenebrae	Church	7:00pm
3/28	Maundy Thursday	Church/FB	7:00pm
3/29	Good Friday	Church/FB	7:00pm
3/30	Holy Saturday	Church	10:00am
3/30	Easter Vigil	Church/FB	7:00pm
3/31	Easter Sunday	Church/FB	10:00am

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE: Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Natasha, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia, Anita.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE PARISH LIFE EVENTS**
Spring Planter Workshop, **Saturday, April 27th, 10a.m.** Leach Hall with Amanda from "Lavender and Lu"
Cinco de Mayo Coffee Hour. Special festive coffee hour **May 5th**, immediately after church in Leach Hall.
Family Bowling Outing and fundraiser. Arena Bowl, Oak Lawn. **Saturday May11**, 3 to 5 p.m. Mini bowling and Cosmic bowling for all ages to benefit our Venezuelan families.
- **Our 50th Anniversary** is coming up and we need to plan for our Jubilee! It doesn't matter if you didn't come to the other meeting - we need your input! Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday **April 3 at 6:30 pm**. Any questions please contact Beth Lewis.
- The highlighted gift for March is the Gift of Helping a Stranger. Transfiguration has many opportunities for members to participate in sharing this gift. This month the Beds Plus program, the food pantries, and Shower the Shelter will be explained. If you are interested in participating in any of these programs, information will be available. This is the schedule: March 24, Shower the Shelter – Diann.
- The Daycare will be hosting their annual art show in April. They are currently asking the parents to donate items for raffle baskets; however, if anyone from the congregation is interested in donating an item, you may do so by putting your name on the appropriate sign-up sheet in the foyer. All items are **due by April 7** and can be placed on the chest freezer in the closet in Leach Hall. Everyone is also invited to attend the art show. Further details will be given closer to the event date. Please contact SueAnn with any questions.

- As Easter approaches and we look forward to decorating the altar with flowers in honor of the risen Christ. Donations are being accepted by the Altar Guild to purchase those flowers. A suggested donation of \$40 can be placed in an envelope found at the back of the church and put in the offering plate; please indicate on the envelope whether your donation is in celebration/thanksgiving or as a memorial to someone. Checks should be made out to Church of the Transfiguration, noting ‘Easter Flowers’ in the memo; or if you wish to give a donation to Altar Guild for supplies or special purchases (a banner, linens chalices etc), note ‘Altar Guild’ on the memo line. Thank you for your generous donations to enhance the beauty of our worship space...
- During Lent, we are collecting supplies for PAWS Animal Shelter. A PAWS Wish List is posted on the collection bin in the foyer. Thank you so much for supporting this Lenten outreach project.
- **Also, A QUICK REMINDER-**Please sign up for coffee hour. The nursery girls make the coffee, and simple instructions are emailed every week when you sign up. **THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE FOR DOING SO!!!!**
- Our Beds Plus Outreach program volunteers continue to pack lunch bags for the homeless shelters every other weekend. If you would like to make a contribution toward purchasing food items for this ministry plus make your check out to the church and write “Beds Plus” in the memo line.
- If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Zack Ottinger at zottinger@gmail.com Please remember the other ministries we support; including the area Food Pantries and Shower the Shelter

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