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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two



Epiphany Episcopal Church

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**We are a diverse community seeking to embody and share
the teachings and love of Jesus Christ for all people.**

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Welcome to Epiphany Episcopal Church

If you are a guest today, please sign the register and make yourself known to the people around you. The Episcopal Church welcomes everyone to the world-wide Anglican Communion, and to this historic WW I Chapel in the Diocese of Maryland. ***We are glad you are here*** and hope you will return! Please make yourself at home and if you need anything, just ask and someone will be glad to assist you. ***The restrooms*** are located through either door on the side of the fireplace in the back of the Church. There is a ***ramp*** for easy access on the side of the Church opposite the road.

Children and Youth, Toddlers-Teens, are invited to “Godly Play” at 10:30 on Sundays in the Conboy Center. The Mission of Godly Play is: To make meaning through story, wonder, and play and nurture spiritual lives by honoring the centrality, competency, and capacity of children. Children come into Church for Communion.

All baptized persons of any age are welcome to receive communion at our services. If you or a family member are not baptized and would like to know more about joining the Church and making a commitment to the Christian way of life, speak to the clergy or call the Church office. Holy Baptism is the initiation by which we become members of Christ’s body, the Church, and are invited to grow in love for God and service to others, supported by a spiritual family.

Health guidelines: Masks are encouraged, and hand sanitizer is provided on the literature tables. You may remove your mask briefly if you are a lector or receiving communion. You may intinct (“dip”) the consecrated blood in the small intinction bowl offered by the Celebrant, or drink from the chalice.

**We provide gluten-free wafers. Please inform the Priest
of your preference when you come forward to receive Holy Communion.**

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Be sure to call the church office or the Interim Rector’s Cell Phone if you or a loved one is in the hospital or in need of a visit.

WORSHIP NOTES

The Liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Hymns are found according to the following: H=Blue Hymnal;

LV = Black cover, Lift every voice and sing; S=front portion of the Blue Hymnal.

The Hymns are omitted at the 8 AM service.

Names for today’s prayers may be added on the clipboard near the Altar.

We Gather in the Name of God

THE PRELUDE

The Liturgy of the Palms

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
People ***Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.***
Celebrant Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:1-11

¹When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵“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.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”

¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

People **HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace

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

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Verses 1-2 Sung while procession begins.

Verses 3-5 Sung at the end of the Procession when you have entered your pews

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.

We Hear the Word of God

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE READINGS

The First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector A reading from the Book of Isaiah

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector The Word of the Lord!

All **Thanks be to God!**

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

*The Psalm is said responsively by whole verse at the 8 AM service,
and sung at the 10:30 service.*

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."

The Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Lector 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

We Respond to the Word of God

The Sermon, Creed and Confession are omitted on Palm Sunday.

The Passion Gospel is at the end of this service.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lector The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lector Let us pray.

The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. So, let us cry out to our Lord, saying, “Crucified King, *have mercy on us.*”

Have mercy on your Church, O Lord, for the times we have denied you. We have not been humble as you are humble. We have been unwilling to share the gospel with our friends and families.

Silence Crucified King, *Have mercy on us.*

Have mercy on those who hold authority in the nations of the world, O Lord—especially those who are threatened by your message of love and justice. Have mercy on us for our silence and complicity.

Silence Crucified King, *Have mercy on us.*

Have mercy on those of us who are called to be stewards of your creation, O Lord. We have exploited and mistreated your masterpiece. Have mercy on us and teach us to love what you have called good.

Silence Crucified King, *Have mercy on us.*

Have mercy on us, O Lord. Teach us to value what you value. Increase in us love for our neighbors.

Silence Crucified King, ***Have mercy on us.***

Have mercy on all who are sick and suffering, O Lord. Strengthen those whose strength fails them. Comfort and care for those wasted with grief. Make your face to shine upon your servants.

Silence Crucified King, ***Have mercy on us.***

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.

Silence Crucified King, ***Have mercy on us.***

A PRAYER FOR BISHOP-ELECT CARRIE AND THE DIOCESE OF MARYLAND

Almighty God, through whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ gave the Apostles fruitful gifts for the work of ministry to and among your faithful people: Grant, we pray Carrie, our Bishop Coadjutor-Elect, receive your grace to prepare to be to us a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise councilor, that by her ministry Christ's Gospel will be proclaimed and this Diocese equipped to do the work of ministry in this state, country, and throughout the world. O God, accept our prayers for the Diocese of Maryland. May we give thanks to you always and praise your Name. Pour upon us the grace of your unconditional love, that we, refreshed through your Word and Sacraments, may serve you with pure and devoted hearts. All our prayers and praises we offer through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lector adds Petitions

THE PRAYER FOR PEACE *(Written by the Rev. Dr. Phebe McPherson)*

Oh God, the Father and Mother of all, guide us into the ways of peace. Lead us from prejudice to truth; deliver us from hatred, cruelty, violence and mean spiritedness; fill us with generosity, hospitality, and love; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE ANNOUCEMENTS

We Offer our Gifts to God

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Like living stones, you are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Peter 2:4

As we gather today, may we remember the needs of the world, the Church, and the community. During the Season of Lent, you are invited to make a special offering each day towards the work of the Kingdom of God. Consider a special love gift to a charity of your choice, including Epiphany Episcopal Church. If you give up something for Lent, be sure to take something on in its place whether that be an offering of treasure or time. As we prepare the altar, pray for God's grace and peace.



Online Gifts

If you wish to give on-line, use the QR code to link to the “give” page on the Church website or go to <https://epiphany-md.org/giving/>.

Text Epiphany1918 to 73256 to link to the online giving form. If you include a dollar amount after the word “Epiphany1918” the form will be filled in with that dollar amount for you.

THE ANTHEM “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” - The Epiphany Choir

PRESENTATION HYMN *Jesus Remember me*

Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Jesus, Remember Me'. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 7/8. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff of each system.

We Give Thanks to God

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able

- Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge Christ's hidden majesty. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever praising thee and saying:

SANCTUS S-130 Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

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

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

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

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Accept our praises, holy God, through thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of his kingdom and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ thy Son our Lord.

**O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood
hast redeemed us, save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Holy Spirit, inspire us with your love, and unite us in the body of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. *Amen.***

We Break the Bread of Life

A moment of Silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us!
All **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

All **Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under thy table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and you share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

We Share the Gifts of God

THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(Said at 10:30 on behalf of those viewing this service online.
From the Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces,)*

In Union, O Lord with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come. *Amen.*

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

LEVAS 29 Near the Cross
LEVAS 35 O how he loves you and me
LEVAS 31 Lead me to Calvary

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying, and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gates of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE SOLEMN COLLECT FOR LENT

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.**

SEQUENCE HYMN H-168 O Sacred Head Sore Wounded

THE PASSION GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW

The People are seated and stand where indicated.

The People respond in the parts in BOLD.

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

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, **SEP** 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,

PEOPLE: "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^[SEP] seated at the right hand of Power^[SEP] 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,

PEOPLE: "He deserves death."

NARRATOR: Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

PEOPLE: "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,

PEOPLE: "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,

HIGH PRIEST: "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,

HIGH PRIEST: "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,

PEOPLE: "Barabbas."

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

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

NARRATOR: All of them said,

PEOPLE: "Let him be crucified!"

NARRATOR: Then he asked,

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

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

PEOPLE: "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,

PEOPLE: "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,

PEOPLE: "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.

PLEASE STAND

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,

PEOPLE: "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,

HIGH PRIEST: "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,

PEOPLE: "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,

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

NARRATOR: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

***A TIME OF SILENCE IS KEPT
YOU MAY SIT OR KNEEL***

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,

PEOPLE: "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,

HIGH PRIEST: "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.

We Go Forth in the Name of God

THE SILENT RECESSIONAL

Please face the doors as you prepare to go out into the world

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves and take up your cross and follow him.

People **Thanks be to God!**

***THE SERVICE ENDS IN SILENCE.
YOU MAY CHOOSE TO REMAIN FOR
PRAYER. PLEASE LEAVE QUIETLY
AND REFRAIN FROM SPEAKING UNTIL YOU
ARE OUTSIDE.***

The Shared Life of the Community of Faith

HOLY WEEK AT EPIPHANY

April 2, Palm Sunday:

8 AM - Holy Eucharist and Reading of the Passion Gospel
10:30 - Palm Sunday Procession (outside, weather permitting), Holy Eucharist and Reading of the Passion Gospel.

April 6, Maundy Thursday:

7 PM Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar

April 7, Good Friday:

12 Noon, Stations of the Cross at the Labyrinth
(Indoors if weather is wet or cold)

7 PM Good Friday Liturgy with Reserved Sacrament

April 9, Easter Day:

8 & 10:30 AM – Festive Eucharist! Easter Egg Hunt!

Easter Memorial Gifts. Please return your gifts and names for the list by Wednesday at noon. **You may email the names indicating “In Memory of” or “In Honor of” to anneweatherholt@gmail.com for inclusion in the bulletin.** All gifts will help us cover the cost of the professional work on the Epiphany Gardens. Don't they look lovely?



COMING UP

“Molly’s Room” Fundraiser. Saturday, April 29, 9 AM-2 PM. A Yard Sale in the Church Parking Lot. Use the QR code to sign up or contact Maryellen Bodner at **443-995-9856** to reserve a table or offer to help!

OUTREACH

Coral reminds us that for the remainder of March and through April, our food pantry "Item of the Month" is jelly/jam. Bring your donations to Church and leave them on the pew by the front door.

MINISTRY NEEDS AT EPIPHNAY

You are invited to volunteer your skills and interest!

Flower Guild. The Vestry is seeking a group of volunteers to create a Flower Guild. Please consider helping with your time and talents if you have interest in helping to decorate. If you are interested, please speak to Rev. Anne or the Senior Warden, Shawn Milleville or email them at rector@epiphany-md.org or senior.warden@epiphany-md.org.

Junior Warden: The Vestry is seeking one or more candidates to serve as Junior Warden(s) from the congregation. The primary focus for the Junior Warden is to help Epiphany glorify God by maintaining our beautiful buildings and grounds. If you are interested, please speak to Rev. Anne or the Senior Warden, Shawn Milleville or email them at rector@epiphany-md.org or senior.warden@epiphany-md.org.



DIOCESAN NEWS We are pleased to announce that the Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent was elected today, March 25, 2023, as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Maryland (XV Bishop of Maryland) at the 238th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. The Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent serves as the Canon to the Ordinary for Transition and Church Development in the Diocese of Central New York where she works with clergy and congregations in times of transition and collaborates with the communities of faith to cultivate and grow dynamic,

healthy, invitational congregations and ministries. Carrie received a Bachelor's degree in Spanish and Peace and Conflict Studies and worked for several years before going to seminary as a conflict resolution trainer and consultant. She graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in 2003. Her ministry interests include empowering lay ministry, supporting non-traditional paths to ordination, conflict resolution, talking about God (and our beloved church) in ways that make sense to people, and seeing beyond numbers to each congregation's vitality and passion for ministry. Carrie lives in Syracuse with her husband, Keith, their children, Will (19) who is a sophomore at SUNY ESF and Kate (17) who is a junior in high school, and their two dogs. They enjoy traveling, camping, kayaking, and hiking.

BLACK HISTORY TIMELINE FOR APRIL

April 7 – Ministers John Thomas Porter, Nelson H. Smith and A. D. King lead a group of 2,000 marchers to protest the jailing of movement leaders in Birmingham.
April 12 – Dr. King is arrested in Birmingham for "parading without a permit".
April 16 – Dr. King's [Letter from Birmingham Jail](#) is completed.
April 23 – [CORE](#) activist [William L. Moore](#) is murdered in [Gadsden, Alabama](#).

THANK YOU

Thank you to Catherine Clair and Joe Gill for leading the sessions in "Processing Loss: The Transition from Phebe to ... March 17 – 19, and THANK YOU TO all those who attended! These sessions set the stage for the Vestry Retreat, April 22 where members will begin exploring the issues and options about future clergy leadership.



Give the gift of hope to 50 families in the Holy Land over the 50 Days of Easter

What better time to show our brothers and sisters in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem that they and their remarkable ministries are not forgotten.

EASTER APPEAL 2023

Celebrate the hope of the resurrection by supporting the life-transforming ministry of Jerusalem Princess Basma Center, serving families with children with disabilities from Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza.

"This Easter season I invite you and your congregation to engage with the ministry of Christian leaders of the Holy Land - the Living Stones - as they faithfully serve their most vulnerable neighbors under challenges and hardships we can scarcely imagine."

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Building Hope in the Holy Land

The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, AFEDJ Chair

Learn more at www.afedj.org/easter

GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER SEASON SPECIAL OFFERING

Each year Christians are encouraged to remember the Diocese of Jerusalem with a special financial gift. This year, the Easter Appeal is dedicated to raising support for the Jerusalem Princess Basma Center's Mother Empowerment Program, a residential program that each year offers critical support to 520 Palestinian families with children with disabilities from across the West Bank and Gaza.

This Easter season we hope to raise \$89,000 - enough to allow 50 additional families from the waiting list to participate in the Mother Empowerment Program in 2023.

Generous gifts from several individual donors

and organizations will allow your contribution to be matched dollar for dollar up to \$45,000. Make your gift through the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) at <https://afedj.org/give/give-online> or send a gift to:

American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem
25 Old King's Hwy No., Suite 13, Darien, CT 06820

As always, AFEDJ ensures that 100% of designated donations go directly to the designated ministry.