



ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

An affirming and welcoming parish of the Diocese of East Carolina

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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 29th, 2026

8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Rooted in compassion and enlivened by the Spirit, we joyfully welcome the full diversity of all God's people—without exception—to worship, to belong, to serve, and to bear witness to love's power to heal and transform.

Whether you're a long-time member, a seasonal visitor, or here for the first time, we're glad to have you with us today. We pray that you experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in a way that feeds and sustains your soul.

Near the entry to the church, you'll find a selection of books and activity bags that children can use throughout the service. We joyfully welcome children into our services as full members of the Body of Christ.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The congregation is invited to gather outside on the parking lot parallel to Pintail Trail, to begin the palm procession to the gazebo.

In the event of inclement weather, we will process from the Gathering Space.

*Opening Acclamation and Collect

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Celebrant † Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

2:1-11

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."

Blessing over the Branches

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.*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *Hosanna in the highest.*

The Procession

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

The people carry blessed palms and proceed to the gazebo, saying:

- 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.

At the Gazebo

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Procession into Church

Hymn 154

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

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 are praising thee on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. (Refrain)
3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer 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)

*Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

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?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16

- 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."

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Sequence Hymn**

O Sacred head, sore wounded
HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN

Hymnal 168:1-3

***Holy Gospel**

Matthew 26:14-27:66

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

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand as they are able.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

We pray for *Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Rob, the Bishop of our Diocese, Sarah, our Bishop-elect, for Tommy, our priest, and for all the clergy and for all bishops and other ministers.*

We pray for those who are sick or in need of our prayers, especially *Fr. Tommy and Chris, Hilary, Jill, Carolyn, Blair, Carol, Lita, Christie, Elizabeth, John, and the Meiggs family.*

For those with ongoing concerns, especially *Charles, Reese, Isabel, Nickie, Jeanne, Moira, Christy, Marcia, Sueellen, Joyce, Bob, Glen, and Mary Lou.*

For those celebrating another year of life, especially *Paula Myatt.*

For those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts,

The people may add their own petitions

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

***The Peace**

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Rector's Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

***The Presentation**

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed, who art in three-fold
Name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself: and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.***

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

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.

*Communion of the People

Please come forward when directed by the usher to receive a host from the celebrant. You may then drink from the common chalice or intinct using the intinction cup offered by the second eucharistic minister. If you do not wish to receive the elements, you are invited to come forward to receive a priestly blessing.

*Post Communion Prayer

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The people stand or kneel.

*Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

*Blessing

*Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Leave in Silence

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt! An Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 11:00 am service on the Church grounds on Easter Sunday. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Easter Lily Order Form: You are invited to contribute \$12.50 to purchase Easter lilies and flowering plants to adorn the Church on Easter Sunday. Please fill out the form and place it in the donation plate or bring it to the Church Office by April 1st.

Mah Jongg, Bridge, and Canasta on June 6th from 12:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Join us for a relaxed, fun afternoon of games for charity. This event is the perfect mix of friendly competition and community spirit. We'll have raffles, door prizes, snacks, and drinks. We will be donating the net proceeds from the event to the Beach Food Pantry. Entry is \$50 per person and \$200 per table.

HOLY WEEK AT ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

April 2nd Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm: Agape Meal

7:00 pm: Holy Eucharist II, washing of the feet/hands, reserve of the Sacrament, Solemn stripping of the altar, the beginning of the Watch

April 3rd Good Friday

3:00 pm: Word of God, Procession of the cross, the veneration, communion from the Reserve Sacrament

4:00 pm: Labyrinth Walk and Stations of the Cross

April 5th Easter

9:00 am and 11:00 am services

Holy Eucharist II

The nursery will be available for both services

Those Who Minister Today

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Thomas C. Drake IV
Director of Music and Organist: Steve Blackstock
Assistant Director of Music and Organist: Keith Dey
Vestry Person of the Day: Ron DeVeau
Welcoming Coordinator: Bob Baldwin and Mary Moynahan
Flower Guild: Jen Adams-Falconer
Altar Guild: Susan Lang and Evelyne Ottavio
Counters: Ron DeVeau and Tess Judge

8:30 a.m.

Greeter: Susan Smith
Ushers: Deborah Beddingfield and Ann Laughner
Lector: Hilary Klein
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Carol Vipavetz
Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour Committee

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Sara Munford
Ushers: Tess Judge and Paula Myatt
Lector: Glen Baldwin
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Betsy Robbins
Sunday School: Jean Loudon and Hilary Klein
Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour Committee
Facebook Hosts: Karen & Kenny Murrill