

**THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION:
PALM SUNDAY**

March 24, 2024—8:00 AM & 10:00 AM



CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Words of welcome

Welcome to Church of the Good Shepherd. It fills us with joy that you have joined us for worship this morning. All are welcome to participate in worship, and everything you need to follow along with the service can be found in this bulletin. **The people's responses are printed in bold.** If you are new, please fill out a welcome card and return it to the ushers.

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week, the time when we experience again the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This morning we begin the pilgrimage as Jesus did, by recalling the arc from his triumphal entrance into Jerusalem to his betrayal into the hands of Rome.

Both services begin with joy and fanfare. At the 10:00 service you are invited to join in a procession, as Christians have done for hundreds of years. Follow the altar party down the aisle as they pass you. Both services will end in silence, as we enter into the solemnity of Holy Week and our Lord's impending betrayal and death on Good Friday.

You are invited to participate fully in the journey of Holy Week with our services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. Together they call to mind the saving deeds of our Lord, and through them we experience the mystery of this most sacred season.

Pastor Kathy

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024
The Holy Eucharist at 8:00am & 10:00am
214 Main Street
Nashua, New Hampshire 03060
603-882-5352 www.cgsnashua.org

You are invited into silence to prepare for worship

Prelude:

Hosanna to the Son of David

Robert Powell

The Liturgy of the Palms

Please stand as you are able as the ministers enter.

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

People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. Amen.**

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 Gospel Mark 11: 1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

The Procession

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Processional Hymn: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* #154 Hymnal

The Collect of the Day BCP 272

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson 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?

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

The Psalm Psalm 31:9-16

BCP 623

In te, Domine, speravi

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

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. I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as

a broken pot. 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. But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are

my God. My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my

enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make your face to shine up-

on your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Second Lesson 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.

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

Please stand for the anthem, and then be seated for the first portion of the passion Gospel.

Sequence Anthem

Hosianna dem Sohne Davids

Bartolomäus Gesius

Hosianna dem Sohne Davids!

Gelobet sei, der da kommt im Namen des Herren.

Hosianna in der Höhe!

Hosanna to the Son of David

blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest

The Passion Gospel is read. All remain seated. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.

The Passion Gospel Mark 14:32—15:39 (see insert)

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Meg Hess

Prayers of the People

BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying

“Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop Rob, our Rector Kathy, our Deacon Nancy, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President Joe Biden, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Nashua, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including those on our prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Celebrant:

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Blessings

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Announcements

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn (8:00 AM) *When Jesus Came to Golgotha* WLP 736

Offertory Anthem (10:00 AM): *Ride on* Grayston Ives

*Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,
thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed.
Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die,
O Christ thy triumph now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.
Ride on, ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.
Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son.
Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power and reign.*

The Doxology Hymnal 380, v3

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here
below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost.***

THE HOLY COMMUNION (Eucharistic Prayer A) BCP 361
Please stand as you are able.

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 him 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. 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:

Sanctus (sung 10:00 AM)

(Schubert) Hymnal S130

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

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

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.

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.**

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Agnus Dei (10:00 AM)

(Schubert) Hymnal S164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.**

The Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymns *There is a Green Hill Far Away*

Hymnal 167

O Lord Hear My Prayer

WLP 827

Oh Lord, hear my prayer, oh Lord hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me.

Oh Lord, hear my prayer, oh Lord hear my prayer.

Come and listen to me.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.



Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP 366

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 for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn:

Lift High the Cross

Hymnal 473

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Altar Party leaves in silence as Holy Week begins.

All are invited to stay seated and enjoy the Postlude

Postlude

Vexilla regis prodeunt

Filippo Capocci

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Acolytes: 10:00 AM: Ada Engle, Peter Cooley

Readers: 8:00 AM: Mary O'Reilly, Susan Nutting

10:00 AM: Don Yelton, Trudy Yelton

Intercessor: 8:00 AM Mary O'Reilly 10:00 AM April Duncan

LEM Chalice: 8:00 AM Ann Marie Roberts 10:00 AM Jeff Snow

Ushers: 8:00 AM Sharmini Peiris, Diane Temple

10:00 AM Michael Toth, Monique Aubry

Vergers: John Townsend, John Rowntree

Altar Guild: Betty Mazzaro, Shelby Balukonis, Virginia Mills

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Holy Week

- Thursday, 3/28, 5:30 PM Lamb Dinner
- Thursday, 3/28, 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service
- Friday, 3/29, 7:00 PM Good Friday Service
- Saturday, 3/30, 7:00 PM The Great Easter Vigil
- Sunday, 3/31, Easter Day Eucharist at 8:00 AM and Baptism at 10:00 AM

This week's community prayer intentions for Healing and Special Concerns

Keith Adams	Charlene Core	Jacqui & Brian	Jim Mutherbaugh
Jerry Armstrong	Sandy Darling	Hollenbeck	Myranda Newton
Rev. Kate Atkinson	Charlotte Davis	Chip & Sally Hulten	Susan Nutting
Gerry Balcom	Heather Duquette	Marcy Klamka	Tina Ostrowski Lincoln
Colby Bamford	DeLuca Families	Clark Lambert	Edith Pack
Barbara	Julie Dunning	Dana Lambert	James Pelham
Becky	Robert Duquette	Peter Langlois	Kevin Rebello
Jayne Bellafatto	Roxanne Dwyer	Dawn Marie Long	Heather Rossbach
Janet Boduch	Kathy Eckels	Sandra Long	Danil Shapovalov
Judy Boss	Norman Ellis	Colby Jean M.	Family
Brandi	John Epstein	Maddie	Dawne Sosa
Martin Burboa-Reese	Chuck Fitzpatrick	Hannah Malik	Katherine Swisher
Cindy Caradis	Giaconna Family	Philip Marinucci	Jan Sylor
Carnevale & Lewis Family	Jeanne Gregoire	Jane Metcalf	Richard Tan
		Elissa Morin	Bonnie Whalen

For Those Deployed in the Military

Alyssa Dyer, Alan James Epstein, Johnathan Epstein, Samuel Epstein, Robert Herendeen, Bryan Laliberte, Devon Lambert and Josh Lentz.

Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal)

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Upcoming Events

- Today: Deadline for Easter Flowers and Aging and Spirituality registration
- Today: Adult Forum: Palm Crosses and Collage with Denise Thompson
- Today: Pastoral Care Team, following 10:00 AM service.
- Today: Youth Group 6:00 PM
- 3/25 Contemplative Prayer 11:30 AM
- 3/25 Brown Bag Lunch Book Discussion: 12:00 PM
- 3/27 NO Wednesday Morning Prayer (Holy Week)
- 3/28 Lamb Dinner 5:30 PM
- 3/28 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 PM
- 3/29 Good Friday Service 7:00 PM
- 3/30 The Great Vigil 7:00 PM
- 3/31 Easter Sunday 8:00 AM, Baptism 10:00 AM
- 4/1 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 AM
- 4/1 NO Contemplative Prayer, NO Brown Bag Lunch
- 4/1 Service at Aynsley Place 2:30 PM
- 4/4 Service at Corville 2:30 PM
- 4/4 Dinner Out Fundraiser at Nashua Margherita's
- 4/7 Sunday Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (one service)
- 4/8 Sage Wannabees 2:00 PM
- 4/13 Aging & Spirituality begins 10:00 AM (through June 1)
- 4/16 Sacred Ground Begins 7:00 PM (Tuesdays through June 25)
- 4/28 Nissitissit String Quartet Concert 4:00 PM

Announcements

Easter Flowers

Please consider making a donation for Easter Flowers in memory of, in celebration of, or in honor of a loved one. Cards are available in the pews, as you enter the church or you can call the office at 603-882-5352. Deadline is today.

Don't forget to drop off the Easter Baskets!

Thank you to all of you that selected a Front Door Agency child's name, all the Easter Eggs have been taken. Just a reminder to drop off the completely wrapped Easter Baskets with the child's name on it no later than Monday, March 25. Any questions please reach out to Mary O'Reilly via e-mail at moreilly@cgsnashua.org or at 603-424-2432.

Lenten Altar

Lent is a time for renewal, reflection and preparation. This year's Lenten Altar is a reminder of things we could be reflecting on during this time. Please come forward sometime after the service and see how many items you see and how they pertain to this season. See if you can find all 10. Betty Mazzaro, Altar Guild.

Lamb Dinner—Sign up now for Maundy Thursdays Lamb Dinner. Online at cgsnashua.org/news, drop a check in the offertory plate, or call John in the office at 603-882-5352.

Volunteer Sign up Lamb Dinner—Don Fluckinger is heading our volunteer team in collaboration with Celebrations Catering. Sign up at cgsnashua.org/news

Good Friday - Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM NEW

Please join our partners at Church of Our Savior in Milford and JerriAnne Boggis from the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire. We will visit Stations at locations around Milford that are significant in the history of African Americans.

Church of our Savior, 10 Amherst St, Milford, NH, 603-673-3309.

We will have our usual 7:00 PM Good Friday Service.

Join us for a Fellowship Dine-Out Night! (And it's a Fundraiser too)

CGS is hosting a Restaurant/Dine-out Fundraiser Night at Margaritas Mexican Restaurant in Nashua, NH on **Thursday, April 4**. So, mark your calendars and plan to bring your family and friends! The money raised will go to CGS' general fund to support our ministries. More information regarding the event will follow shortly.

Esther Harless Scholarship

Esther Harless, a parishioner of the Church of the Good Shepherd for about twelve years, died in 1987 and left her estate to the church. A scholarship fund for youth was designated by the "Harless Committee", an amount to be invested and the income given to active youth of the parish. High school seniors (pending graduation), recent high school graduates and students currently enrolled in an undergraduate or seminary program are invited to apply. Deadline to apply is May 15. Link available at cgsnashua.org/news under "Parish Signups" Reach out to Sue Corman, Senior Warden, Harless Committee at radar3018@comcast.net.

Honoring loved ones through Memorials

If you wish to honor a family member or friend on a special Sunday, you could donate money for the Altar Flowers (\$60) or Wine, Wafers, and Candles (\$25). Please call Peg Wehner at 603-889-5067 or pegwehner44@gmail.com to discuss your wishes.

Upcoming Classes and Workshops

April 14 and 21: Exploring the Old Testament

With Jeff Cooley, PhD Associate Professor of Theology at Boston College and long-time member of Church of the Good Shepherd. Sponsored by: Curiosity!

Aging & Spirituality: A Course about You

Back by popular demand. This class, taught by Deacon Nancy Meyer and guest experts, takes a deep look at Aging and how it can become one of the most profound spiritual practices of your life. **Registration ends today.** cgsnashua.org/news.

Sacred Ground

This film and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith returns led by Mark Saylor and Seth Bonvouloir. Tuesdays, April 16-June 25 , 7:00pm. Size limited to 12 participants Register Online at cgsnashua.org/news

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