

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Sharpsburg, Maryland

Rite II 29 March 2026

Holy Eucharist: Palm Sunday

The congregation gathers outside by the Edward's Room door

Liturgy of the Palms	BCP 270
Gospel Reading	Luke 19.28-40
Blessing the Palms	BCP 271
Hymn in Procession*	H 154
<i>*The congregation may process into the church and find a seat</i>	
Collect for Christ's Passion	BCP 272
Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29	BCP 760

Collect of the Day (*Remain Standing*)

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

First Reading (<i>sit</i>)	Insert
Psalm	Insert
Second Reading	Insert
Sequence Hymn (<i>stand</i>)	H 168 (sts. 1-3)
The Passion of our Lord Jesus according Matthew	In Pew
The Sermon (<i>sit</i>)	
The Prayers of the People, Form III (<i>Kneel or Stand</i>)	BCP 387
The Peace (<i>Stand</i>)	
Announcements	

The Palms are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Tim Valerio.

The Holy Communion

Offertory: *My Song Is Love Unknown* by James Kirkby
Doxology H 380 st. 3

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP 361
Sanctus	H S130
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	H S164

Communion of the People of God

All baptized persons may receive holy communion in this church

Hymn during Communion	H 167
The Post-Communion Prayer	BCP 366

Benediction and Dismissal

The Blessing (<i>Stand</i>)	
Closing Hymn	H 158
Dismissal (<i>Remain Standing</i>)	BCP 366
Postlude: <i>Ab, Holy Jesus</i> by Charles Callahan	

Service Participants

Rector	The Rev. Connor Newlun
Organist	Meya Collings
Chalicer/Acolyte	Cindy Weaver/Nathan Newlun
Greeter	Donna Miner/Jacob Miner
Lector/Intercessor	Cindy Weaver/Scott Turner
Camera Operator	Robbie Shaw
Altar Guild	Donna Miner/Heidi Tennant

Vestry

2024 - 2026: Heidi Tennant and Tom Wibberley
2025 - 2027: Elyssa Doub, Robbie Shaw and Dante Willis
2026 - 2028: Kendra Harmon and Scott Turner

Leadership

<i>Senior Warden:</i> Sandy Miner	<i>Junior Warden:</i> Randy Short
<i>Treasurer:</i> George Ashbaugh	<i>Registrar:</i> Jacob Miner
<i>ECW President:</i> Rebecca Bright-Willis	<i>Altar Flowers:</i> Tim Valerio
<i>Altar Guild:</i> Tim Valerio and Donna Miner	

Announcements and Upcoming Events

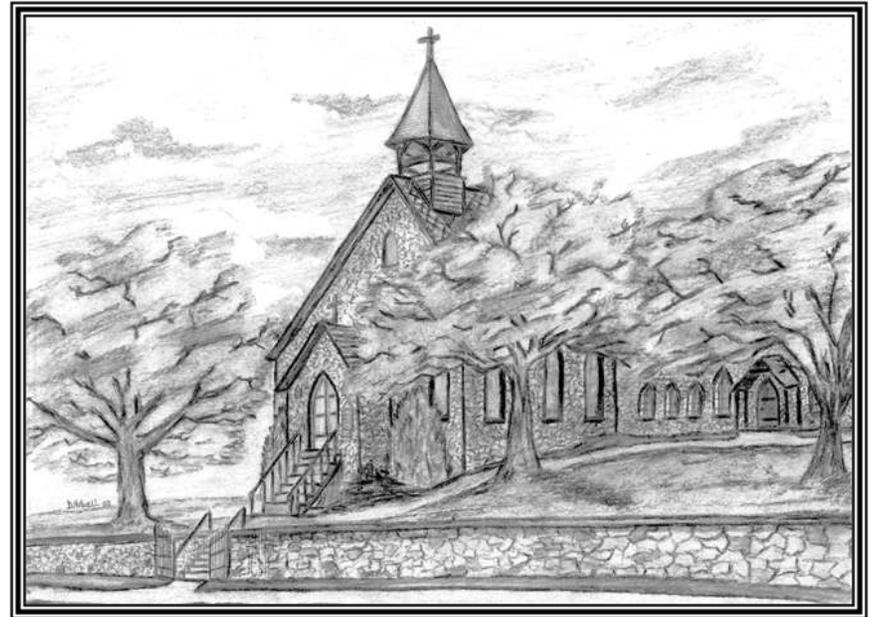
- **Flower Forms** for Easter Lilies are in the Edwards Room. All forms need to be returned by March 29.
- **UTO Collection is ongoing through April 26.** Mite boxes are on the table in the Edwards Room. This year's theme is gratitude.
- **St. Paul's will be open for prayer Wednesdays at 5:30. The Way of the Cross begins at 6pm.**
- **Holy Week and Easter Schedule**
March 29 - Worship in the Square at 9:30; Palm Sunday Liturgy at 10am
April 2 - Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Stripping the Altar at 7pm
April 3 - Good Friday Liturgy at Noon
April 5 - Easter Sunrise Service at the Sharpsburg Park Pavillion at 6:30am; Easter Service at 10am; Egg Hunt after worship
- **Special worship features in Lent:** You will notice a few different things in the Sunday liturgies for Lent. On the first Sunday of Lent, we use the great litany rather than prayers of the people. A form of this litany was the first piece of liturgy written in English (1544) when the Church of England began using the vernacular. On the second, third and fourth Sundays of Lent, we use the penitential order with the Ten Commandments. Finally, on the fifth Sunday of Lent we use the penitential order with an exhortation to worthy reception of holy communion. The exhortation is meant to be a reminder of the sacredness of the sacrament and the privilege we have in receiving it.

Our priest is available for pastoral care, visitation to sick and shut-ins, and emergencies. Fr. Connor can be reached by phone at 703-470-9638 or email: priest@stpaulssharpburg.com. The Church is open Thursdays 10:00am – 12:00pm.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



*Now faith, hope and love abide these three
and the greatest of these is love. 1Cor. 13.13*



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Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

- 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.

Liturgy of the Word: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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?

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."

Philippians 2:5-11

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.

Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."