#### Help us to maintain our prayer intercession list.

The personal and collective intercessions we make asking our Lord to intercede in our lives and on behalf of others are a central aspect of our private and common worship. At St. John's we have always made an aural reading of our prayer list a part of our regular services. However, there comes with this an important responsibility to maintain it as current and accurate. To accomplish this we are asking our community to take that personal responsibility to heart in the following way:

We ask everyone to please let us know when someone should be added, removed, or otherwise amended on our prayer list. This is accomplished best by either dropping a note in the collection plate or by emailing or calling the parish secretary at (631) 283-0549 or secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org.



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MARCH 28 • MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM Holy Eucharist and the Stripping of the Altar

#### MARCH 29 . GOOD FRIDAY

Noon Liturgy of Good Friday 1-3:00 PM Community Good Friday Service

#### MARCH 30 • HOLY SATURDAY

Noon Liturgy of Holy Saturday 5:00 PM Great Vigil of Easter at Christ Church Episcopal, Sag Harbor

## Easter Swalay

MARCH 31 • EASTER DAY Sunrise Service at Cooper's Beach 6:20 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I 8:00 AM 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II

For Pastoral Emergencies, please contact Fr. Patrick at 404-660-3592.

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#### The Entrance of Christ into Jerusalem by Jean-Hippolyte Flandrin

Services are available online through Facebook Live: Facebook.com/StJohnSouthampton

#### Sunday Services 8:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer, Rite I Holy Eucharist, Rite I (1st Sundays each month)

Weekday Services Monday - Friday 7:30 A.M. – Morning Prayer, Rite I 6:00 P.M. - Evening Prayer, Rite I Wednesday 10:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

#### The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday • March 24, 2024 • 9:00 AM

The Sunday of the Passion, also known as Palm Sunday, is filled with the tension of paradox. It combines the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into the Holy City of Jerusalem with the reading of the Passion narrative. The day's liturgy calls us again to the great Paschal mystery that is begun in this service. We are called to conversion and transformation in the worship of Holy Week, each liturgy increasing in solemnity, and building this tension to its climax in the celebration of the Great Vigil of Easter.

Despite the various characteristics of the services of Holy Week, there is only one mystery being celebrated: Jesus' Passover from death to life. Therefore, these liturgies should not be compartmentalized, but rather seen as an overall narrative of the person, ministry and Gospel of Jesus Christ. It might be helpful to imagine Holy Week as a parish retreat with the single theme of the Gospel at its core.

### The Liturgy of the Palms

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.** 

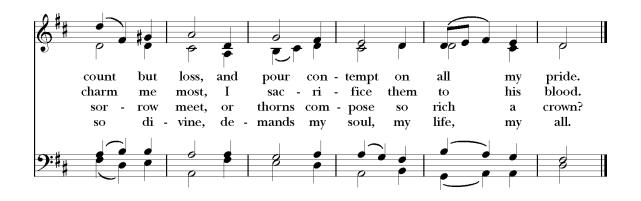
CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Gospel

John 12:12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.



#### The Dismissal

Celebrant	Let us bless the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude

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# Announcements

**WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER:** In order to keep our church family abreast of our latest updates and church reminders, we have been sending out a weekly e-newsletter. If you, or someone you know would like to be included on our email list, contact secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org or sign up from our website's homepage.

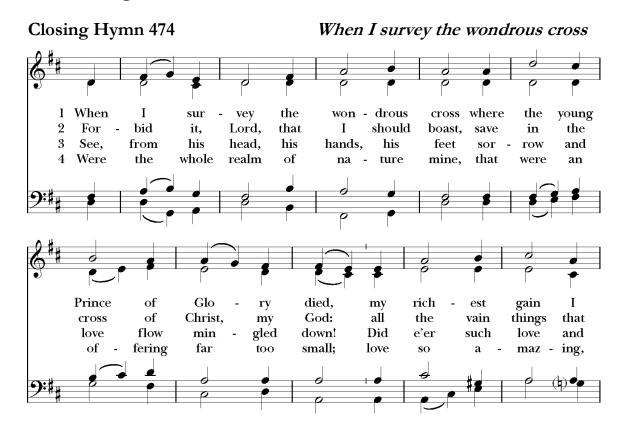
**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:** Stay connected with the church and your friends by following us on our Facebook page: StJohnSouthampton. You can also worship online LIVE on Sundays.

**ONLINE GIVING:** Links are available on St John's Homepage at www.stjohnsouthampton.org. You may also make an online gift by texting the keyword StJohnSouthampton to 73256 on your cell phone.

#### The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People 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.

#### The Blessing



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.

#### Blessing of the Branches

The palms used today will become the ashes used in the Ash Wednesday liturgy next year, highlighting how the vanities of those who would proclaim Jesus as merely an earthly king are brought to naught. The procession, a practice dating from at least the 3rd century in the Church, is a dramatic portrayal of the people's acclamation of Christ as that earthly Messiah. In the Middle Ages the procession would include a life-size statue of Jesus mounted on a real donkey. Any awkwardness you might feel in the procession is efficacious, given that Christ's entrance was soon an awkward memory for his followers when the true nature of His kingship became revealed.

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 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People	Hosanna in the highest.

#### The Procession

Celebrant	Let us go forth in peace.
People	In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Celebrant* 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** 

#### The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant and people pray together.

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

CelebrantChrist our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast.

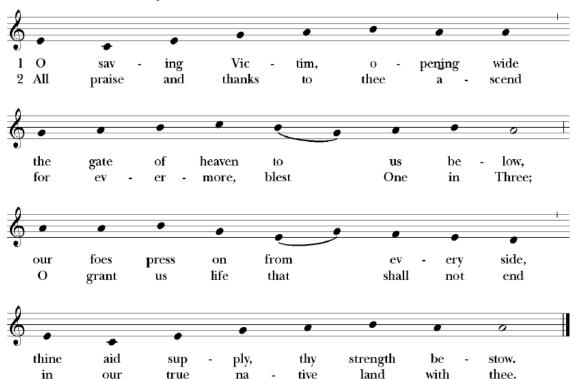
#### The Invitation to Communion (BCP 364)

The Priest invites the people to Communion

Priest

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### **Postcommunion Hymn**



#### Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

#### The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael the Presiding Bishop, Lawrence our Bishop and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember this community, the nation, and the world; we pray for those who govern and hold authority in this and every land, especially Joseph, our President, Kathy, our Governor, and Bill, our Mayor.

Remember those who have asked for our prayer.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarch, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John the Evangelist, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

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



The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

#### The Collect of the Day

OfficiantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.OfficiantLet us pray.

#### Remain standing as the Officiant says the Collect.

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 First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the Book by 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.



#### The people kneel or stand.

#### The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

#### The Great Thanksgiving

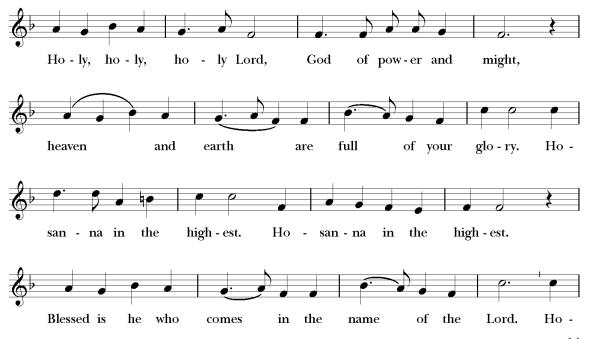
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Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. 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. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we

acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

#### Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit

Celebrant and People



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

#### Psalm 31:9-16

#### In te, Domine, speravi

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

A Reading from the Letter of Saint 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. *People* Thanks be to God.

#### **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

#### Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### Absolution

#### Celebrant

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

#### The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

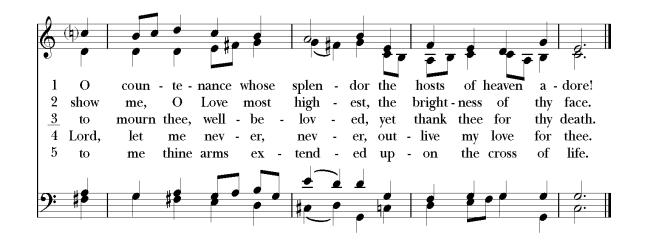
The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

#### Announcements

#### The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen. Nicene Creed We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.





The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint MarkPeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Gospel

Mark 15:1-39

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's

headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Celebrant	The Passion of the Lord
People	Praise be to thee, O Christ

The Sermon

The Rev'd Fr W. Patrick Edwards