



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

March 29, 2026

8 am

**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

***Welcome to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here!***

*St. Dunstan's acknowledges that the land on which we gather, and which we steward, is the historic territory of the Rumsen and Esselen peoples, who cared for this land throughout the generations. We give thanks for their strength and resilience in protecting this land, and aspire to uphold our responsibilities according to their example.*

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## **THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS**

*The people gather in the courtyard by the fountain.*

Priest Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

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

Priest 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **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."

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest 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 enters the Church; all hold branches in their hands and follow the procession, and then take their seats.***

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Lord, your love is broken open among cheering crowds and traitor's coins, deserting friends and hands washed clean, the mockery of power and the baying mob: as we follow your way of passion, give us the faith to bring our weak and divided hearts to the foot of the cross and the door of the guarded tomb that they might be opened, astonished and healed; through Jesus Christ, who carries the weight of the world. **Amen.**

*The people are seated*

### **Isaiah 50:4–9a**

*The servant who speaks for the Lord and suffers persecution, but still trusts in God's help and vindication. This is the third of the "servant songs" that come from a period late in Israel's exile. The servant might be thought to be the faithful of Israel, the prophet himself, or another historical or idealized figure. The people are weary and tired of the Lord's calling, but the servant steadfastly continues. Christians have long perceived in these words a foretelling of Jesus' mission.*

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?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 31:9-16**

*A psalm of trust by one who looks to the Lord for mercy and protection.*

- 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**

*From one of the earliest Christian hymns we hear how Christ Jesus accepted the condition of a servant, was obedient even to the point of death, and was then given the name above every name. It is possible that this poem was adapted by Paul or another disciple from the hopes for a savior of a people who did not yet know Jesus. He has fulfilled humanity's dream of one who will share fully in the mortal condition before his exaltation. To him every knee shall bow and every tongue confess the great name of the Lord now known in person, Jesus.*

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Homily**

The Rev. Laurel Coote

**The Prayers of the People** *The people stand or kneel.*

Leader Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

**People That we all may be one.**

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

**People That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

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

**People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

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

**People That our works may find favor in your sight.**

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

**People That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest; *especially*

**People Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

**People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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

*silence*

Priest Take away our sin, Lord Christ, by your glorious passion, and mercifully hear our prayers, you who are our Passover and our Peace. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *All stand.*

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*The people exchange the peace with one another.*

**Announcements** *All are seated.*

**Prayer for a Birthday**

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## Offertory Sentence

*During the setting of the table a collection is taken to support the life and ministry at St. Dunstan's. The people's offerings of bread, wine and money or other gifts will be brought to the priest. The people stand while the offerings are presented. Offerings may also be made online at [www.stdcv.org](http://www.stdcv.org)*

Priest Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The people stand at the procession of the offering and remain standing.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest 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:

**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.*

**Priest** 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People** **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

**Priest** 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,

**People** 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 Priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

**Priest** Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

## **The Fraction**

**Priest** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**People** Have mercy upon us.

**Priest** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**People** Have mercy upon us.

**Priest** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**People** Grant us peace.

**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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who come in faith seeking a deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward to receive the bread in your open palm.

If you choose to receive the cup, gently guide the chalice to your lips by touching the base.

**At this time, we are not able to allow dipping the wafer into the chalice.**

Those who prefer to receive a blessing, or who choose not to receive the cup, may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest.



If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer. You may have communion brought to your seat by notifying an usher.

Prayers for yourself or another are available during Communion by a member of the Daughters of the King in the back of the church near the Sacristy door.

## The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

**People Compassionate and loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us, and reconciled your people to yourself. May we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world. Following Christ's example of fasting and prayer, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love. Amen**

## The Blessing

*The people sit*

## The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

*See insert*

***At the conclusion of the reading, the ministers will process in silence, and the people may follow, or remain for quiet meditation.***

*All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church during coffee hour.*

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*The altar greens are given to the Glory of God*

*Could you not watch with me one hour?*

## **Keeping Vigil in the Garden of Gethsemane**

*After the Last Supper, commemorated in the Maundy Thursday liturgy, Jesus took his disciples with him to the Garden of Gethsemane where he asked them to keep watch and pray.*

*All are invited to watch and pray for an hour, between 8 pm on Maundy Thursday and sunrise on Good Friday.*

*The church will be open for those desiring to come & pray in the sanctuary, or you may also pray at home.*

## **Dedicate Easter Flowers**



This is a lovely and meaningful way to give Glory to God in celebration of a birthday, or in thanksgiving, or in memory of a loved one. The suggested donation is \$20. Checks should be made out to St. Dunstan's with "Easter Flowers" in the memo.

Sign up on the Welcome Table.

## **LENTEN ADULT FAITH FORMATION Continues this week!**

We will gather this week for our last discussion of

**"The Last Supper"** by Will Willimon  
**Gathering times**

**Sundays at 9:00am**

*In the outer office and at the school*

**Wednesdays (women's group) 11:00am**

*In the outer office*

**\*New Time\* Wednesdays at 5:30pm**

*In the outer office*

# Holy Week Schedule



## **March 29, Palm Sunday**

*Liturgy of the Palms on the Breezeway Patio;*

*Worship inside with the Passion Gospel*

**8:00am 10:00am**

## **April 2, Maundy Thursday**

*Agape Meal with Blessing of Bread and Wine in Brock Hall,  
followed by Eucharist and the Stripping of the Altar*

**6:30pm**

## **Garden Vigil**

*All are invited to watch and pray for an hour.*

*The church will be open for those desiring to come & pray in the sanctuary,  
or you may also pray at home.*

**8pm—Sunrise**

## **April 3, Good Friday**

*Good Friday Service*

**12:00pm**

## **A Walk in Jerusalem**

*Outdoor Stations of the Cross*

**4:00pm**

## **April 4, Easter Vigil**

*Moving from Darkness into the Light of Easter*

**7:30pm**

## **Easter Choral Eucharist**

*With Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch following the service*

**10am**

**Easter Sunday**  
**10am**  
**Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch**  
**Following the Service**  
(Reminder, there is only ONE service  
on Easter Sunday)



Join us for an Easter Celebration following the service on Easter Sunday! There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children and an Easter Brunch for everyone! Please sign up to bring something to share. A sign up sheet can be found on the welcome table. The church will provide ham, bread and condiments for sandwiches as well as Lemonade, Ice Tea and Water.



The Easter Bunny could also use your help! We are collecting filled eggs for the egg hunt. Donations can be dropped off in the church office Tuesday—Thursday between 9am and 1pm  
Thank you!

**On Saturday**  
**April 4, 2026**  
we will celebrate  
**The Easter Vigil**  
with baptisms!

If you or a family member is  
interested in being baptized,  
reach out to Rev. Laurel  
**TODAY** for more information

**Parish Office Closed**  
**April 7th—10th**

The Parish office will be  
closed for Easter Week.  
It will reopen on Tuesday,  
April 14th at 9am.

## **St. Dunstan's Staff**

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## **Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests**

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel at [rector@saintdunstanschurch.org](mailto:rector@saintdunstanschurch.org) or on her cell 310-562-5746. Or you can leave a message on the Pastoral Care line at church [831-624-6646](tel:831-624-6646) ext 110.

Our Daughters of the King chapter welcomes your prayer requests. Prayer requests may be sent to [stdcvdok@gmail.com](mailto:stdcvdok@gmail.com). The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.



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Jackie Wendland  
Davis White  
Michelle Wilsdon

# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN TUESDAY - THURSDAY 9AM –1PM

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## Sunday, March 29—Palm Sunday

- 8:00am** Holy Eucharist
- 9:00am** Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00am** Lenten Study—The Last Supper
- 10:00am** Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:30am** Coffee Hour

## Monday, March 30

**Office Closed**

## Tuesday, March 31

- 7:30pm** AA

## Wednesday, April 1

- 10:00am** Conversation and Communion  
Holy Eucharist—Holy Wednesday
- 11:00am** Lenten Study—The Last Supper
- 11:00am** Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 4:30pm** Zoom Compline
- 5:30pm** Lenten Study—The Last Supper

## Thursday, April 2

- 6:30pm** Maundy Thursday Agape Meal,  
Holy Eucharist and Stripping of  
the Altar
- 8pm-Sunrise** Garden Vigil in the Sanctuary

## Friday, April 3

- 12:00pm** Good Friday Service
- 4:00pm** Stations of the Cross Outdoors

## Saturday, April 4

- 9:00am** Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm** Easter Vigil & Baptism

## Sunday, April 5—Easter Day

- 9:00am** Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00am** Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:30am** Easter Brunch and Easter Egg  
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View the entire parish calendar [stdcv.org/calendar](http://stdcv.org/calendar)

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

March 30 Art Pasquinelli	April 9—Rev Laurel Coote	April 22—Bobby Clampett
April 2 George Lockwood	April 11—Mel Britton	April 23—Todd Lueders
April 5—Sue Peccianti	April 14—Susie Carr	April 26—Lauren Leonoff
April 6—McKenzie Moss	April 15—Mark Olsheskie	April 18—Melanie Cervi
April 6—June Parris	April 1—Hannah Priestley	April 29—Seung-Keun Martinez
April 7—Rachel Mueller	April 1—Liliana Rosen	

## Sermon Notes