



St. Paul's Brookfield

The Sunday of the Passion:

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

8:00 am

Weather permitting, the congregation will gather outside by our Memorial Garden, so that we may all go into the church in procession.

Palms will be distributed by the ushers before the service, inside & outside.

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.**

The Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 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.

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace;

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Solemn Procession - *Bagpiper leads procession to church.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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.**

Opening Hymn

“All glory, laud and honor”

[Hymnal 154](#)

The Word of the Lord

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together. **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 for the readings

Old Testament Lesson

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?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9-16

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

The Epistle

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Passion Gospel According to John

John 18:1-19:16

*(The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts, **the congregation taking the part of the Crowd.** The "Crowd" is a conflation of the priests and scribes, the leaders and the people, who often speak with one voice. They have been conflated here to give a greater role to the congregation.)*

Narrator: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

Narrator: Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them,

Jesus: "Whom are you looking for?"

Narrator: They answered,

Priests & Police: "Jesus of Nazareth."

Narrator: Jesus replied,

Jesus: "I am he."

Narrator: Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them,

Jesus: "Whom are you looking for?"

Narrator: And they said,

Priests & Police: "Jesus of Nazareth."

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go."

Narrator: This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

Jesus: "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

Narrator: So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter,

Woman: "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?"

Narrator: He said,

Peter: "I am not."

Narrator: Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered,

Jesus: "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said."

Narrator: When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

Police: "Is that how you answer the high priest?"

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"

Narrator: Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

Police: "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?"

Narrator: He denied it and said,

Peter: "I am not."

Narrator: One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

Slave: "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"

Narrator: Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed. Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,

Pilate: "What accusation do you bring against this man?"

Narrator: They answered,

Priests & Police: "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law."

Narrator: The Jews replied,

Priests & Police: "We are not permitted to put anyone to death."

Narrator: (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)
Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,

Pilate: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

Narrator: Pilate replied,

Pilate: "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

Narrator: Pilate asked him,

Pilate: "So you are a king?"

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Narrator: Pilate asked him,

Pilate: "What is truth?"

Narrator: After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them,

Pilate: "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

Narrator: They shouted in reply,

Crowd: "Not this man, but Barabbas!"

Narrator: Now Barabbas was a bandit.
Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying,

Soldiers: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Narrator: and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,

Pilate: "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him."

Narrator: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Pilate: "Here is the man!"

Narrator: When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

Crowd: "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him."

Narrator: The Jews answered him,

Crowd: "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

Narrator: Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

Pilate: "Where are you from?"

Narrator: But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,

Pilate: "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?"

Narrator: Jesus answered him,

Jesus: "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

Narrator: From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,

Crowd: "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

Narrator: When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews,

Pilate: "Here is your King!"

Narrator: They cried out,

Crowd: "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!"

Narrator: Pilate asked them,

Pilate: "Shall I crucify your King?"

Narrator: The chief priests answered,

Priests: "We have no king but the emperor."

Narrator: Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

(At the mention of Golgotha, all stand as able.)

Narrator: So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

Priests: "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"

Narrator: Pilate answered,

Pilate: "What I have written I have written."

Narrator: When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another,

Soldiers: "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it."

Narrator: This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

Jesus: "Woman, here is your son."

Narrator: Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus: "Here is your mother."

Narrator: And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture),

Jesus: "I am thirsty."

Narrator: A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,

Jesus: "It is finished."

Narrator: Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

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Prayers of the People

You may stand, sit or kneel for the prayers

Celebrant: Jesus, Light of the World, how quickly the joy and exuberance of the people on this day was turned hostile and angry by political manipulation, and even your friends betrayed you. Let us walk with you through this coming Holy Week, remain in your presence, and never deny that you are our Savior. Hosanna to our Messiah!

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Intercessor: Jesus, Light of the World, as we begin this sacred week, endow the whole church throughout the world, Sean our presiding bishop, Jeffrey & Laura our bishops, Fr. Nate, and all our spiritual leaders with extraordinary grace, that through you and them, we may all be drawn together in your saving embrace. Hosanna to our Messiah!

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Intercessor: Jesus, Light of the World, help us to engage the hearts and minds of the leaders of this world, our country, and our community, that we may eliminate the fear-mongering, posturing, and oppression that leads to a death like yours. Hosanna to our Messiah!

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Intercessor: Jesus, Light of the World, enfold with your loving arms, those who are ill, homeless, desperate, weary, hopeless, or consumed with sorrow, and those who worry and care for them. Hosanna to our Messiah!

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Intercessor: Jesus, Light of the World, as you came to lead us all into the glory of eternal life, turn our grief into joy and comfort knowing those we mourn are with you now in everlasting peace. Hosanna to our Messiah!

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Intercessor: Jesus, Light of the World, we pause in this moment to offer you our heartfelt intentions and petitions.

(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the silence of your heart.)

Celebrant: God of Mercy, as we re-experience the events of this day and of the week to come, and together walk the road to the cross, help us to see the times in our lives when we, too, have deserted Jesus and given in to the ways of the world instead. Grant us the willingness to confess through our words and actions that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of You, our God. We ask this through Christ, your sacrificial Son, and your most Holy Spirit, who live and reign with You, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements *Please be seated for the announcements*

All stand as able for hymns

Offertory Hymn

“When Jesus left his Father's throne”

[Hymnal 480](#)

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,

Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

(Remain standing as 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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For the love of the world, your beloved Son gave himself for our sake. He was betrayed, arrested, beaten, and crucified. Yet, even in his final hours, he refused to hate and chose instead the love and forgiveness that saves our souls.

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

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

You may stand or kneel.

Celebrant **H**oly 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:

**All: Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

Celebrant 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 St. Paul and 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

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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access

All: **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.

- *Please follow the ushers directions for receiving the Eucharist at the altar rail.*
- *Let an usher know if you prefer to remain seated at your pew for distribution of the Bread and Wine.*

Communion Hymn

“My song is love unknown”

[Hymnal 458](#)

Postcommunion Prayer

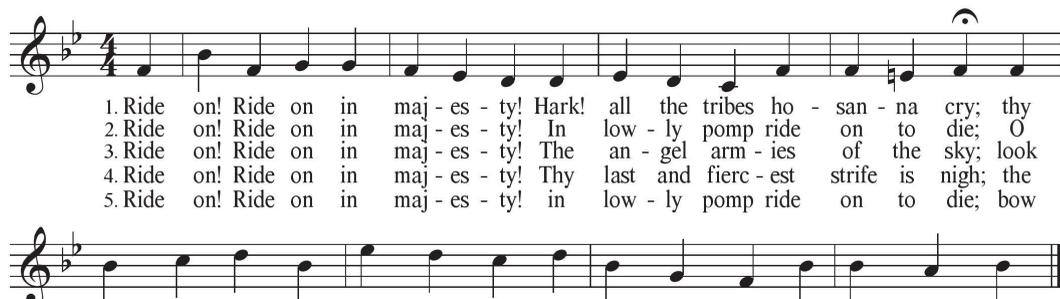
All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, 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.

Blessing

Celebrant: Go now and follow Christ in obedience. Have the same mind as was in Christ Jesus; keep your ears open to God’s teaching; be humble, even in the face of hostility and do not turn back.
And may God help you and keep you from disgrace;
May Christ Jesus lead you through the gates of justice;
And may the Holy Spirit keep you in God’s steadfast love and fill your mouths with praise to the glory of God. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“Ride On! Ride on in Majesty”



1. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho - san - na cry; thy
2. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die; O
3. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel arm - ies of the sky; look
4. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and fierc - est strife is nigh; the
5. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! in low - ly pomp ride on to die; bow

hum - ble beast pur - sues his road with palm and scatter - ed gar - ments strowed.
Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.
down with sad and wond' - ring eyes to see the 'ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
Fath - er on his sap - phire throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
thy meek head to mor - tal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Words: Henry Hart Milman (1827)

Music: *Winchester New*, from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690

Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

Johann Gottfried Walther

Thank You - We would like to thank Kagan Kronberg for leading our solemn procession this morning with her bagpipes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS:

Sunday Lenten Book Study Groups - At 9:30, following coffee hour, our book groups meet in either the Guild Room or Classroom #9 as assigned.

Young Adult Forum - Our Young Adult Forum will meet following the 10:30 service, creating space for connection and thoughtful discussion among those navigating faith in this season of life. They'll meet in the Guild Room at 11:45.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Drive-Thru Food Collection - Our next Drive-Thru Food Collection will be next Wednesday, April 16th from 11 am to noon. This will be our 131st food drive since we started doing them in April 2020!

Easter Choir - Join our choir in singing for Easter. The choir is putting together a special anthem for the 10:30 Easter Day service, and we would love to have you join us! Final rehearsal is Wednesday, April 1st 7:30 pm. For more information, please contact Kirsten Peterson: kirpeterson@comcast.net.

UPCOMING:

Easter Egg Hunt – Join us for an **Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 5**, following the 10:30 AM service. The hunt will take place in our meadow on the church campus (weather permitting), with an indoor hunt in the Parish Hall if needed. This event is **open to everyone**, so please invite family, friends, and neighbors to St. Paul's Easter Service and then stay for the Hunt! You can help by donating small, wrapped candy for the eggs (bin located at the back of the church), helping stuff eggs, or volunteering at the event. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church. Questions? Please see Emily Perry.

Parish Easter Potluck Celebration - On Sunday, April 12, we will hold one service at 10:00 am, followed by a parish-wide Potluck Lunch as we continue celebrating the joy of the Easter season together. Please sign up at the back of the church to bring a cold salad, main dish (no reheating necessary), or dessert. You do not need to bring anything to attend - everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship! We are also looking for volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up. Questions? Please see Mary Beth Durkin, Mary Heffernan, or Mary Perry.

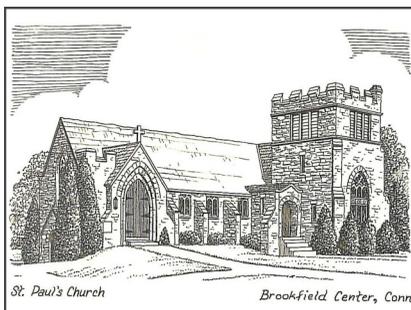
OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

Coffee Gathering - Following this service, join us downstairs in Crocker Hall for coffee and a snack.

Easter Memorials - There are envelopes on the back table for anyone wishing to have flowers in the church for Easter Sunday in memory of loved ones and friends. If you would like to request altar flowers for a particular Sunday please fill out an envelope located in the back of the church, send an email request to dszen@yahoo.com or contact the parish office. All names will be listed in the Easter bulletin and are due tomorrow, March 30th. Thank you!

Sunday School - Sunday School classes start at 11:45 am. Please bring your children directly to their classrooms. **No Sunday School or Nursery Care on Easter Sunday.**

Our Facilities - Our restrooms are located downstairs at the rear of our parish hall. Take the stairway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. The restrooms are located on the far left, across from the kitchen. A play area for our young ones is also set up in the parish hall as well as live streaming and audio of the service on a wide screen TV. In addition, coloring book packages are available for youngsters to use in the pews. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.



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Calendar For The Week

We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.

Check website for up to date Zoom links - www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com

- Sun., Mar 29 8:00 am - **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
 9:30 am - Lent Book Groups, Guild Room & Classroom #9
 10:30 am - **Contemporary Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
 11:45 am - Sunday School
 11:45 am - Young Adult Forum, Guild Room
- Mon., Mar 30 7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
- Tue., Mar 31 9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
 7:30 pm - **Tenebrae** (YouTube Live)
- Wed., Apr 1 10:00 am - **Holy Eucharist & Healing** (YouTube Live)
 11 - 1 pm - Drive-Thru Food Collection
 11:30 am - Noonday Prayer Meeting, Guild Room
 7:00 pm - Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- Thu., Apr 2 9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
 7:30 pm - **Maundy Thursday Liturgy** (YouTube Live)
 'til midnight - **Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil**
- Fri., Apr 3 10:00 am - **Ecumenical Good Friday Walk**
 12:00 pm - **Good Friday Liturgy & Ante-Communion** (YouTube)
 1:30 pm - **Seven Last Words** (YouTube Live)
 6:30 pm - **Stations of the Cross** (YouTube Live)
 7:30 pm - **Good Friday Liturgy & Ante-Communion** (YouTube)
- Sat., Apr 4 7:30 am - John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford
 8:00 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Crocker Hall
 10:00 am - PraiseMoves, Crocker Hall (Zoom)
 7:30 pm - **The Great Vigil of Easter** (YouTube)
- Sun., Apr 5 6:00 am - **Ecumenical Sunrise Service** (Happy Landings Farm)
 7:30 am - **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
 9:00 am - **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
 10:30 am - **Contemporary Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
 11:45 am - Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Next Sunday - Easter Day

7:30 am, 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate Lee

