



**ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL**  
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Sunday, April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m.



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### **Weekly Services:**

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I with choir (Godly Play for ages 3–9 in Rm. B-1)
Sábado, 7:00 p.m.	Santa Eucaristía Rito II, en español

### **Staff**

*Church office hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday through Friday.*

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## **Information For Our First-Time Guests**

We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack in front of you or on the podium in the Narthex. Please place the completed card in the offertory plate or give it to an usher.

Children are welcome to stay with parents in the Sanctuary or they may head downstairs for Godly Play after the reading of the Collect. For your convenience, there are also rocking chairs located at the back of the sanctuary to soothe little ones and worship bags with quiet activities in the Narthex.

We invite you to share in Holy Communion. To receive, come forward and kneel/stand at an open space on the altar rail. Both bread and wine will be offered (or a rice wafer/separate chalice for those allergic to wheat/ gluten intolerant). If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate that by placing your arms across your chest.

## **THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION – PALM SUNDAY**

*(Please gather in Henry Hall with palms)*

### **Liturgy of the Palms (BCP 270)**

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.**

### **Gospel Reading: 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."

### **The Blessing Over the Branches (BCP 271)**

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.**

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.**

*Please process into the Sanctuary.*

### **Processional Hymn (154)**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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*All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1 Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's Name comest,  
the King and Blessèd One.

*Refrain*

2 The company of angels  
is praising thee on high;  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply.

*Refrain*

3 The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems  
before thee we present.

*Refrain*

4 To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.

*Refrain*

5 Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King.

*Refrain*

**The Collect for the Day (BCP 168)** – *Children may head downstairs after this reading.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Lessons

### A Reading from 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

James Frazier

*Move to the next note of the chant on the underlined text.*



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."

### **A Reading from 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.**

*Please stand as able.*

**Gradual Hymn (160)**

*Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow*

Cross of Jesus

### **The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 27:11-54**

*The congregation reads the part of the crowd.*

*Narrator:* Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

*Pilate:* "Are you the king of the Jews?"

*Narrator:* Jesus said,

*Jesus:* "You say so."

*Narrator:* But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

*Pilate:* "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

*Narrator:* But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

*Pilate:* “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is call the Messiah?”

*Narrator:* For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him.

*Pilate’s Wife:* “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.”

*Narrator:* Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

*Pilate:* “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”

***Congregation:* “Barabbas.”**

*Narrator:* Pilate said to them,

*Pilate::* “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

*Narrator:* All of them said,

***Congregation:* “Let him be crucified!”**

*Narrator:* Then he asked,

*Pilate:* “Why, what evil has he done?”

*Narrator:* But they shouted all the more,

***Congregation:* “Let him be crucified!”**

*Narrator:* So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

*Pilate:* “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”

*Narrator:* Then the people as a whole answered,

***Congregation: “His blood be on us and on our children!”***

*Narrator:* So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him.

*Soldiers:* “Hail, King of the Jews!”

*Narrator:* They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

*(At the mention of Golgotha, the congregation should stand and remain standing for the remainder of the reading.)*

*Narrator:* As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

*Bystander:* “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

*Narrator:* In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

*Chief Priests:* “He saves others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’”

*Narrator:* The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’ clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

*Jesus:* “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”

*Narrator:* that is,

*Jesus:* “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”



*Narrator:* At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

*Bystander:* “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

*Narrator:* Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

*Centurion:* “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

*Please stand, or kneel, as you are able.*

### **The Prayers of the People (BCP 328)**

*Leader:* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. **Amen.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially to Michael, Mark, and Charles, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. **Amen.**

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. **Amen.**

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe our president, Glenn our governor, and Sheila our mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. **Amen.**

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. **Amen.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. **Amen.**

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Timothy and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

*Please stand as able.*

### **The Peace (BCP 332)**

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

People: **And with thy spirit.**

*Please be seated.*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Offertory Sentence**

### **The Offering**

## **Holy Communion**

### **Choral Anthem**

*The Holy City*

Stephen Adams

Last night I lay sleeping there came a dream so fair  
I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there  
I heard the children singing and ever as they sang  
Methought the voice of Angels from Heaven in answer rang  
“Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing  
Hosanna in the highest Hosanna to your King!”

And then methought my dream was changed the streets no longer rang  
Hushed were the glad Hosannas the little children sang  
The sun grew dark with mystery the morn was cold and chill  
As the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill  
“Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Hark! How the Angels sing  
Hosanna in the highest Hosanna to your King!”

And once again the scene was changed new earth there seemed to be  
 I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea  
 The light of God was on its streets the gates were open wide  
 And all who would might enter and no one was denied  
 No need of moon or stars by night or sun to shine by day  
 It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away  
 “Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Sing for the night is o'er  
 Hosanna in the highest Hosanna for evermore”

-Frederic Weatherly, 1892

*Please stand as able.*

**Presentation Hymn**

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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Praise God, from whom all\_ bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

**The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer II, BCP 340)**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People: It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Sanctus (S117)**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

James McGregor

*Please stand or kneel, as you are able.*

Celebrant: All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.** And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 Fraction (S169)**

*My Flesh is Food Indeed*

Ray W. Urwin

**The Administration of Communion**

**Communion (458)**

*My Song is Love Unknown*

Love Unknown

*Please stand or kneel as able.*

### **Postcommunion Prayer (BCP 339)**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All:** Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

Celebrant: Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn (474)**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Rockingham

*Please stand as able.*

### **Dismissal (BCP 340)**

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

*Ab, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended*

Peter Stearns

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## PRAYER LIST:

*(Please email [careteam@saint-timothys.org](mailto:careteam@saint-timothys.org) with any prayer concerns.)*

**Repose of the Soul:** Beth Skillern (Carolyn Hamm's sister), Marcelo Orellana (father of Rhina Castillo)

**Health:** Caroline Arlington (stroke), James Thomas, Randy Scrapper, Jerry V. (bone cancer), Clayton Davis (lung illness), John Kruger (skull injury), Ann O'Malley (multiple sclerosis), Frederick Scott & Family (pneumonia), Kegan & Marcel Jacks (loss of grandfather, loss of husband and daughter) Emma Spence (loss of husband, William Spence), Jo Lombard (broken hip)

**Long Term:** Sid, Maryanne, Chris W., Donna W., Chris, Chuck and Peggy, Christine Y., Sarah (recovering from brain surgery), Brad Rundlett, Catherine Hutcheon (Long Covid), David & Mabel Tettyfio (stroke, arthritis), Brian Law, Jane Perry

**Mission Work:** St. Timothy's & Oak Grove Baptist Trips to Pine Ridge, St. Mathieu's in Haiti.

### THIS WEEK at ST. TIMOTHY'S

#### Sunday, April 2 – Palm Sunday

- 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist – Sanctuary
- 9:15 AM Adult Choir Warm-up - Music Room
- 10:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist - Sanctuary/Livestream
- 11:00 AM Easter Egg Stuffing Event – Henry Hall
- 11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Serenity Seekers AA - Virtual

#### Monday, April 3

- 12:15 PM Monday Gratitude AA
- 4:00 PM DanceWorx - Narthex
- 6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 159
- 7:00 PM Hope For Today
- 8:30 PM Monday Night Milkshake Group AA

#### Tuesday, April 4

No Event

#### Wednesday, April 5

- 10:00 AM Blood Drive – Henry Hall
- 12:00 PM Tenebrae Sanctuary – Sanctuary
- 1:00 PM Shawl Ministry Meeting – Narthex
- 4:00 PM Community Engagement - Kitchen
- 4:00 PM DanceWorx
- 7:00 PM Bells Choir Rehearsal – Music Room
- 7:30 PM Latino Ministry Prayer - Offsite
- 7:30 PM SA Meeting
- 8:00 PM New Hopefuls AA

#### Thursday, April 6

- 12:15 PM Came to Believe AA
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday – Sanctuary/Livestream
- 7:00 PM Debtors Anonymous

#### Friday, April 7

- 10:00 AM Friday Gratitude AA
- 7:00 PM Good Friday Service – Sanctuary/Livestream
- 9:30 PM Friday Night Lights AA

#### Saturday, April 8

- 9:00 AM Altar Guild Set-Up - Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Easter Vigil Santa Eucaristía – Sanctuary

## **EASTER EGG STUFFING PARTY**

Join us on April 2nd at 11 am in Henry Hall to stuff the plastic eggs with candies for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on April 9th.

## **HELP DECORATE FOR EASTER ON APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>!**

The Altar Guild will be decorating the Sanctuary for Easter services on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 am and welcomes all who wish to help. For more information contact **Mary McLenigan at 703-391-2950.**

## **EASTER EGG HUNT, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 11AM**

Please join us for this family fun event immediately following the 10 am service. Please bring a basket (or other container) and meet at the Narthex. Volunteers will be around to assist. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please email **Sarah Hobson at sarahlhobson@hotmail.com.**

## **EASTER FLOWER/PLANT DONATION**

Thank you for all who donated towards the Easter flowers/plants used to decorate the sanctuary for the upcoming Easter services. You may pick up your flower/plant after the April 16<sup>th</sup> services. They will be located in the Narthex.

## **HOLY WEEK at ST. TIMOTHY'S 2023**

From early times Christians have observed the week before Easter as a time of special devotion. Jerusalem contained many sacred places that were sites for devotion and liturgy and numerous pilgrims to the holy city followed the path of Jesus in his last days. They formed processions, worshipped where Christ suffered and died, and venerated relics. From this beginning evolved the rites we observe today on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. These services provide a liturgical experience of the last days of Jesus' earthly life, as well as the time and events leading up to his as the resurrection. **All are invited to join in these experiences as a way of re-membering and re-embodiment of the Easter story.**

## **Tenebrae – Wednesday 4/6, 12pm**

This form of the monastic office is commonly adapted for congregational use during Holy Week. The office is structured around psalms, readings, and responsories. A distinguishing characteristic of this service is the series of readings from Lamentations which appear early in the office. The distinctive ceremonial of Tenebrae includes use of fifteen lighted candles, often set on a special, triangular stand. One candle is extinguished as each of the fourteen appointed psalms is completed. The fifteenth candle, symbolic of Christ, is left lighted at the end of the final psalm.

### **Maundy Thursday- Thursday 4/6, 7 pm (also livestreamed)**

The Thursday in Holy Week is part of the Triduum, or three holy days before Easter. It comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, “new commandment,” from John 13:34. Maundy Thursday celebrations also commemorate the institution of the eucharist by Jesus “on the night he was betrayed.” The Prayer Book liturgy provides for celebration of the eucharist and, following this, the altar is stripped and all decorative furnishings are removed from the church.

### **Good Friday- Friday 4/7, 7 pm (also livestreamed)**

The Friday before Easter Day is the day on which the church commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. It is a day of fasting and special acts of discipline and self-denial. In the early church candidates for baptism, joined by others, fasted for a day or two before the Paschal feast. In the west the first of those days eventually acquired the character of historical reenactment of the passion and death of Christ. The liturgy of the day includes John's account of the Passion gospel, a solemn form of intercession known as the solemn collects (dating from ancient Rome), and optional devotions before the cross (commonly known as the veneration of the cross).

### **Easter Vigil- Saturday 4/8, 7 pm (Spanish-Speaking)**

The liturgy, also known as the Great Vigil, is intended as the first (and arguably, the primary) celebration of Easter. The service begins in darkness, sometime between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter, and consists of four parts: The Service of Light (kindling of new fire, lighting the Paschal candle, the Exsultet); The Service of Lessons (readings from the Hebrew Scriptures interspersed with psalms, canticles, and prayers); Baptism or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows; and the Eucharist. This liturgy recovers the ancient practice of keeping the Easter feast whereby believers would gather in the hours of darkness ending at dawn on Easter to hear scripture and offer prayer. This night-long service of prayerful watching anticipated the baptisms that would come at first light and the Easter Eucharist. This practice linked the meanings of Christ's dying and rising to the understanding of baptism.

### **Easter Sunday- Sunday 4/9, 8 am and 10 am (also livestreamed)**

Easter is the principal festival of the church year, in both day and season, and is celebrated on Easter Sunday as the annual feast of the resurrection, the *pascha* or Christian Passover, and the eighth day of cosmic creation. Easter sets the experience of springtime next to the ancient stories of deliverance and the proclamation of the risen Christ. In the west, Easter occurs on the first Sunday after the full moon on or after the vernal equinox. Easter always falls between Mar. 22 and Apr. 25 inclusive. Following Jewish custom, the feast begins at sunset on Easter Eve with the Great Vigil of Easter (see above). Faith in Jesus' resurrection on the third day following his crucifixion is at the heart of Christian belief.