



**ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL**  
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Sunday, March 24, 2024

*Palm Sunday*

8:00 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 3–8, Sunday School for ages 9-12)
Sábado, 7:00 p.m.	Santa Eucaristía Rito II, en español

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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: Mark 11:1-11**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then

those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

### **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 Blessing Over the Asperges**

Celebrant: Dear friends, this water will be used to remind us of our baptism. Let us ask God to bless it and to keep us faithful to the Spirit he has given us. We come to this water on Palm Sunday to renew and strengthen us for the journey that we take during Holy Week.

*After a moment of silence, the priest says the following prayer (as the acolyte pours water in)*

God our Father, your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth; it washes away our sins and brings us eternal life. We ask you now to bless this water, and to give us your protection on this day which you have made your own. Renew the living spring of your life within us and protect us in spirit and body, that we may be free from sin and come into your presence to receive your gift of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Lord God Almighty, hear the prayers of your people: we celebrate our creation and redemption. Hear our prayers and bless this water which gives fruitfulness to the fields, and refreshment and cleansing to man. You chose water to show your goodness when you led your people to freedom through the Red Sea and satisfied their thirst in the desert with water from the rock. Water was the symbol used by the prophets to foretell your new covenant with man. You made

the water of baptism holy by Christ's baptism in the Jordan: by it you give us a new birth and renew us in holiness. May this water remind us of our baptism, and let us share the joy of all who will be baptized at Easter. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Priest douses congregation with water during the prayer.*

Celebrant:           **REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM!**

*Returning to his place the priest says:*

May Almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the eucharist we celebrate make us worthy to sit at table in his heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

## **The Procession**

Celebrant:           Let us go forth in peace.

**People:           In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Please process into the Sanctuary waving palms in triumphant entrance.*

## **The Collect for the Day (BCP 168)**

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.**

**Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 (Read Responsively)**

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.**

## **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 be seated.*

## **The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 15:1-47**

*The congregation reads the part of the crowd.*

*Narrator:*       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,

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

*Narrator:*       Jesus answered him,

*Jesus:*           You say so.

*Narrator:*       Then the chief priests accused Jesus of many things. Pilate asked him again,

*Pilate:*           Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.

*Narrator:*       But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival Pilate 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 Pilate answered them,

*Pilate:*           Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

*Narrator:*       For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

*Pilate:*           Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

*Narrator:*       The crowd shouted back,

*Crowd:* **Crucify him!**

*Narrator:* Pilate asked them,

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

*Narrator:* But they shouted all the more,

*Crowd:* **Crucify him!**

*Narrator:* So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, Pilate handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led Jesus into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed Jesus in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him saying,

*Soldier:* Hail, King of the Jews!

*Narrator:* 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. The soldiers compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry Jesus' cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then the soldiers brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).

*(All stand)*

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

*Narrator:* And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And the soldiers crucified Jesus, 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 Jesus. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews," And with Jesus they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided Jesus, shaking their heads and saying,

*Passer-by:* Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

*Narrator:* In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking Jesus among themselves and saying,

*Chief Priest:* He saved others; he cannot save himself.

*Scribe:* Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.

*Narrator:* Those who were crucified with Jesus 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,

*Jesus:* Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

*Narrator:* which means, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

*Bystanders:* Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

*Narrator:* And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to Jesus to drink, saying,

*Bystanders:* Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

*Narrator:* Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

*(Silence may be kept).*

*Narrator:* 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 Jesus breathed his last, he said,

*Centurion:* Truly this man was God's Son!

*Narrator:* There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow Jesus and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Then Pilate wondered if Jesus were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus had been dead for some time. When Pilate learned from the centurion that Jesus was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Joseph then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

*The people sit and remain in silence for a moment of reflection.*



*Please stand.*

## **The Nicene Creed (BCP 326)**

People:     **We believe in one God,  
                  the Father 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;  
                  With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
                  He 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.**

*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.**

### **Confession of Sin (BCP 331)**

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God:

**People:** **Almighty God,**  
**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**maker of all things, judge of all men:**  
**We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins**  
**and wickedness,**  
**which we from time to time most grievously have committed,**  
**by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,**  
**provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.**  
**We do earnestly repent,**  
**and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;**

the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Absolution (BCP 332)**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.  
*(1 John 2:1-2)*

*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**

### **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; 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,

### **The Sanctus (BCP 334)**

**All:               Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

*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 whom, 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 (BCP 337)**

Celebrant:       Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

### **The Invitation (BCP 338)**

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.

### **The Administration of Communion**

*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.**

*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.**

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## **PRAYER LIST:**

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

**Health:** Cara (enlarged thyroid, Sandy Wright's granddaughter), Ron Knowles (kidney failure), Trum Tran (Ron Boggio's mother-in-law), Bobbe Duquette (heart surgery)

**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, hip pain), Brian Law, Jane Perry, AG Miamiec (Parkinson's disease & Alzheimers), Jerry Vandenberg, Chris Connelly (Barb Kimmel's brother, severe depression), Barb Benson (friend of Bob Kimmel, Parkinson's), Cameron Barr

## **THIS WEEK at ST. TIMOTHY'S**

### **Sunday, March 24**

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

11:15 AM Easter Egg Stuffing Party – Henry Hall

### **Monday, March 25**

12:15 PM Step into Recovery – AA

4:00 PM DanceWorx – Narthex

7:00 PM Hope For Today – Al Anon

8:30 PM Monday Night Milkshake Group – AA

### **Tuesday, March 26**

4:00 PM DanceWorx – Narthex

7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 159 – Henry Hall

### **Wednesday, March 27**

12:00 PM Tenebrae Service - Sanctuary

4:00 PM DanceWorx – Narthex

7:30 PM SA Meeting

8:00 PM New Hopefuls AA

### **Thursday, March 28**

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – Music Room

7:00 PM Debtors Anonymous

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday – Sanctuary/Livestream

### **Friday, March 29**

10:00 AM Friday Gratitude AA

7:00 PM Good Friday Service – Sanctuary/Livestream

### **Saturday, March 30**

9:00 AM Altar Guild Set-Up – Sanctuary

7:00 PM Easter Eucharista – Sanctuary

## **EASTER EGG STUFFING PARTY – March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 AM**

Please join us on March 24<sup>th</sup> in Henry Hall to stuff the plastic eggs with candies for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

Would you like to donate for an Easter Flower to be displayed in our sanctuary? **If you wish, you may dedicate the flower to a friend or loved one.** Please contact the church by phone or email at Envelope located in the Narthex. **Mark your check, Easter Flowers.**

## **NEW ON-LINE GIVING PLATFORM**

St. Timothy's is switching from Clovergive to Vanco as our new on-line giving platform. This new platform offers reduced transaction fees, will greatly reduce the bookkeeper's time, and offers a better interface with our database system. It will also add some additional features not available on the old platform, such as the ability to add a note for flower donations and giving donors the opportunity to cover the transactions fees.

**March 31, 2024 will be the last day a donation to St. Timothy's can be made through Clovergive. As of April 1, our website and scannable bar codes will be updated to reflect the change. If you are a RECURRING GIVER through Clovergive, you should have received an email from Vanco to set up your account and payment on their platform.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the church office.

## **HOLY WEEK at ST. TIMOTHY's 2024**

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-remembering and re-embodiment of the Easter story.**

### **Tenebrae – Wednesday 3/27, 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 3/28, 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 3/29, 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 3/30, 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 3/31, 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.