



MARCH 25, 2018

8:00 AM

**Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday
Year B**

**Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.**

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The Liturgy of the Palms

all stand

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 Blessing Over the Branches

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Word of God

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The 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

- 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."

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 OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST MARK 15:1-39

All stand, as able

Read by the Deacon. The customary responses before and after the Gospel are not used today.

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

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and

began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” They shouted back, “Crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

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

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

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their

heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

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

HOMILY

The Very Rev. Hollinshead T. Knight

A period of silence is kept for reflection.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon We ask God's grace and mercy as we pray to almighty God for all peoples in all places, that together with them we may share in the journey of Jesus Christ along the way of the cross, moving with him from sorrow to joy through the Paschal mystery of his death and resurrection.

Brief silence to collect prayers.

Leader For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Leader For the church throughout the world, for those preparing for baptism, and for the wisdom and will to proclaim the good news by word and example.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Leader For the forgiveness of our sins

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who are tempted, oppressed, afflicted, or in need.
Forgive us for our sins.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those who have died, and for those who mourn.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those commended to our prayers.

*Prayers and thanksgivings are offered from the St. Mary's Prayer List
and the congregation is invited to add theirs.*

Deacon Blessed are you, Lord God, who sent your son in triumph into the great city of Jerusalem, where he was received as the son of David. May we welcome him into our hearts and our lives this day, as we near draw near the Paschal Mystery, that he might grant us strength and courage for the holy week ahead. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer I

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues...

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Virgin Mary and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER *People and Celebrant*

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

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The Invitation

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.

All who desire to know God are invited to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine.

If you prefer, gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the clergy know.

You may also receive a blessing instead of bread and wine by crossing your arms over your chest.

The Communion of the People

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *all stand*

All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR * * when needed

Celebrant In the name of this parish family, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts. Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.**

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

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Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.

Please fill out both sides of a welcome card.
Please join us for coffee in the courtyard and introduce yourself.
We invite you to wear a name tag.

The Rev. David L. Erickson, *Rector*
The Very Rev. Hollinshead T. Knight, *Assisting Clergy*
The Rev. Dr. Paula Nesbitt, *Assisting Clergy*
The Rev. Nancy Bryan, *Deacon*
The Rev. Tim Smith, *Deacon*
Natalie Hala, *Verger & Liturgist*

Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

WELCOME VISITORS and GUESTS

March 25, 2018

We are delighted that you chose to worship with us.

We hope to be in an ongoing and holy relationship with you in the days and years to come.

Let us know how we can be of service to you.

May God bless you and all whom you love.

Please fill out a **welcome card** and put it in the offering plate, or give it to one of the ushers or clergy. We are happy to add you to our email list so you can keep up with the programs, activities, and news of St. Mary's.

Restrooms are located at the end of the breezeway next to Fowler Hall.

St. Mary's Nursery is located off the same breezeway.

NURSERY CARE

The Nursery is open for all children up to age three whose parents would like to attend the 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. services. Please contact Jackie Schroeder with any questions: jackie@smvsf.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL

No Sunday School today. Sunday School will **resume on April 8.**

YOUTH GROUP

No Youth Group today.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

For your donation to appear in the printed Easter programs, we must receive your request by **Monday, March 26!**

Please help contribute towards decorating the church with spring flowers in honor of Christ's Resurrection. Your donation made towards the cost of our Easter flowers may be made "in honor" or "in memory" of someone dear to you.

You can make your donation online by selecting "**Altar Flowers**". Please be sure to complete the "comment" field to let us

know if your donation is "In Memory of..." or "In Honor of..."

You may also make your donation by check and placing your check in the collection plate on Sunday (**please make sure the memo of your check says "Easter Flowers"**). Checks should be made payable to: "**St. Mary's Church**". Thank you.

The Flower Committee

EASTER DAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

A reminder that Easter Day, Sunday, April 1 services have slightly different times than most Sunday services at St. Mary's. Services next Sunday are at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:15 a.m. A full schedule of Holy Week and Easter Day Services are included in this bulletin.

PREVIEW OF THIS WEEK'S LENTEN SERIES PROGRAM THIS MORNING

TODAY in the Great Room from **10:20 a.m.** to **10:50 a.m.** is the weekly preview to the Monday evening Lenten Series program. This week, **The Rev. David Erickson** will discuss how we can put spiritual disciplines into practice during Holy Week and beyond.

**LENTEN SERIES CONCLUDES ON
MONDAY, MARCH 26**

The Lenten series, *Disciplines for Deepening the Spiritual Life*, concludes this **Monday, March 26 from 6:00 p.m.–7:45 p.m.** in the **Great Room** with a soup supper, program and discussion. **The Rev. David Erickson** will discuss how we may deepen or practice some of the disciplines explored over the course of the Lenten series and explores our spiritual hopes for the difficult and glorious journey of being a disciple of Christ.

**SHARING YOUR ABUNDANCE
WITH ST. MARY'S**

For many St. Mary's parishioners, this time of year brings career bonuses or remunerations for work done throughout the year. If this includes you, congratulations! And job well done! The Stewardship Team of St. Mary's would like to humbly invite you to share your abundance by making a pledge, increasing your pledge, or making a one-time gift of Thanksgiving to God's redeeming work at St. Mary's. It is only through the incredible generosity of those people who call St. Mary's their home that we are able to accomplish the wonderful works that God asks of us. Thank you for considering making a special gift at this time of year.

Blessings and Peace,
The Stewardship Team

ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT

It is not too early to register for St. Mary's annual parish scheduled for **May 18 through May 20**, at the **Bishop's Ranch** in **Healdsburg**. This much loved tradition is a time for parishioners of all ages, from all services, to come together and enjoy fun and fellowship. We can engage in hiking,

eating, swimming in the saltwater pool, worshipping in the Ranch's lovely historic chapel, dropping into quiet contemplation, exploring the town of Healdsburg, doing crafts, playing games, s'mores by the campfire, and yes, some fellowship and community! **Registration** is now open at <http://smvsf.org/parish-retreat/>

**2018 INQUIRER'S CLASS:
EPISCOPAL CHURCH 101**

Join in the Inquirer's Class, **an introduction to the beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church**, beginning on **Sunday, April 15** and continuing through **Sunday, May 27** (no class on Mother's Day, May 13). Each session will be held from **12:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m.** Led by St. Mary's clergy, the series will explore many aspects of the Episcopal faith, including the Book of Common Prayer, the Eucharist, the history and organization of the Church, and the similarities and differences of the Episcopal faith community compared to others. This series fulfills the preparation requirements for those baptized adults who wish to be confirmed on **Saturday, June 2, 2018** at **Grace Cathedral**. Participation in this series of classes is also for those who wish to be baptized, formally received into the Episcopal Church, those who want a refresher course or anyone who is curious about the Episcopal Church.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

All 8th-12th graders are welcome to join us for 10 days of fun, service, and reflection as we head up into the North Bay for service and a social justice pilgrimage. The trip will have two parts: we will be traveling up to **Santa Rosa** for two days of service, and then we will be joining teens from the Diocese of Northern California for a *Social*

Justice Pilgrimage (including former Presiding Bishop the Rt. Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori!). The dates will be **June 21-30**, and the cost per participant is \$650.00.

Specific details about the itinerary will be forthcoming. Please contact **Mike Stafford** at mike@smvsf.org if you are in need of some financial assistance or if you have any questions.

LAY WORSHIP MINISTRY

Altar Guild: *Deborah Franklin, Mary Hill, Alisa Fisher, Malaney Johnides*

Eucharistic Visitors: *Alexandra Grover, David Gibson, Georgia Lu*

8:00 a.m. service

Adult Acolyte: *Georgene Keeler*

Usher: *Sheila Santangelo, Pat Nishita*

9:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *Betty Hood-Gibson, Jim Griffith, Dick Bryan*

Prayer Leader: *Mike Stafford*

Lector: *Todd Reynolds*

Ushers: *Jeff Landry, Pat Nishita, Phil Albert, David Sullivan*

11:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *Will Long, David Crosson, Ilia Smith*

Prayer Leader: *Jan Bolles*

Lector: *Guy Kornblum*

Ushers: *Guy Kornblum, Robert Manette, David Sullivan*

**Printed lay schedule is as of deadline time - Tuesday at noon.*

We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

Bruce Busby

The Very Rev. Dr. Donald G. Brown

John Peake

Althea Dugliss

Charles & Henry Hall

John Johnides

David Ostrander

Maria Revesz

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Each name listed under "Continuing Concerns" is included in individual prayers at the 12:10 p.m.

Wednesday service.

Mason Brown

Jill Cockrall

Mitch Graham

Bob Mittelstadt

Pat Okimoto

Matt Sowick

Gilbert Black

Becca George

Mary Vencill

John Bennett

David Jeffrey

Louise Burmaster

Peresha & Priscilla Harris

André Diedrichs

Clare Herman

Judy Carmichael

Janet Faircloth

Albert Engelken

Lisa Vance

George Rome

Janice Aber

Gerda Levy

Mike Medlock

Elaine Sims

Mary Francis

The Community at the Heritage

The Community of St. Francis

The Presidio Gate residents

The CASA foster children

DISCERNMENT OF MINISTRY

Kathleen Bean

Nan Slavin

RECENTLY DECEASED

Rebecca Wardell

Gary Apter

Kevin Soto

Valta Soto

Mildred Pendergast

Donald Rivard

Margot McCormick

Beth Ann McCluskey

DJ

Dana Harrison

Jennifer Gray Golick

GLOBAL CONCERNS

For those traumatized by civil war and acts of hate, especially the Yazidi people.

THANKSGIVING

For the release of Floricel Liborio Ramos and return to her family.

TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS

Names may be submitted to our prayer request email at office@smvsf.org or by filling out a **YELLOW** prayer card and placing it in the offering plate. Names will remain on the prayer list for **two weeks** and may be re-submitted.

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Church Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Pastoral Emergencies

There is always a clergy person on call.

To reach him or her at off hours, call the office at **415.921.3665** and **press 4.**

Holy Week

Monday in Holy Week **March 26**
6:00 p.m. Lenten Series Week 6

Tuesday in Holy Week **March 27**
10:00 a.m. Centering Prayer

Wednesday in Holy Week **March 28**
12:10 p.m.. Eucharist

Maundy Thursday **March 29**
+ 6:00 p.m. Special Liturgy of the Lord's Supper:
Simple meal, Foot-washing & Stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday **March 30**
12:00 noon Stations of the Cross
with prayers for justice and reconciliation
+ 7:00 p.m. Liturgy for Good Friday

Easter Eve **March 31**
+ 7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

Alleluia

Easter Day Eucharists April 1

- + 8:00 a.m. *Adult Choir, Brass, Handbells*
- ** + 9:30 a.m. *Youth and Children's Choirs, Brass, Handbells*
- ** + 11:15 a.m. *Adult Choir, Brass, Handbells*

**** Special Times + Child Care**



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