



We  
Welcome  
You

# *Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday*

*April 13, 2025 • 11:00 a.m.*

**Participants**

*Celebrant & Preacher – Rev. Matt Handi*

*Minister of Communion – Gail Lebert*

*Minister of Music – Jim Barry*

*Reader – Lisa Gleason*

*Usher – Carl Benker*





We Welcome You!

We're so happy that you are  
joining us for worship today.

Holy Week  
Worship Services

Maundy Thursday  
(footwashing)

April 17 at 7pm

St. James'

Good Friday

April 18 at 7pm

(solemn worship service)

St. Luke's



St. James'  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH in  
Glastonbury



Easter Sunday  
Sunrise Service 6:30am  
Riverview Farms  
593 Tryon St., S. Glastonbury



Holy Eucharist - 9am  
St. Luke's

Holy Eucharist - 11am  
St. James'

Easter Egg Hunt following  
the Service

St. James'  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH in  
Glastonbury



Easter Memorial Flowers  
Please send the names of those to  
be remembered with  
Easter Flowers to the  
Church Office  
by April 14<sup>th</sup>.

There is also a basket in the  
Atrium.







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# THE BLESSING OF PALMS AND PROCESSION

*The service may be found on  
page 270 of the  
Book of Common Prayer  
or on the handout*

## THE HYMN IN PROCESSION

**#154** *blue hymnal*



































# THE COLLECT FOR PALM SUNDAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living 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 LESSONS

*Please be seated*

*Lessons and Psalm may be found  
on the worship insert*

# FIRST LESSON

## Isaiah 50:4-9a

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**



# Psalm 31:9-16

*Book of Common Prayer, page 622*

## SECOND LESSON

### Philippians 2:5-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**



# SEQUENCE HYMN

#160 *blue hymnal*

The Hymnal 1982

# SERMON



# THE NICENE CREED

*standing, as able.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the 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.**

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant* As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all people everywhere.

*Reader* For all who are to be baptized; for all those preparing for Baptism and their sponsors; for the holy catholic church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ.

**Lord, have mercy.**



For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for  
Jeffrey and Laura, our Bishops, and for  
all bishops, priests, and deacons; for all  
who minister in Christ and for all the  
holy people of God.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Donald, our President, our Governor,  
Ned, our Mayor; for all nations, peoples,  
tribes, clans, and families.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For justice, mercy, and peace in all the  
world.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are tempted, oppressed,  
afflicted, or in need, especially Alice,  
George, Becky, Eileen, Fred, Barbara,  
Marcky, Michael, Rochelle, Bob, Ray,  
Randy and Family, Don and Charlie.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the dying and the dead, and for those  
who mourn.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all refugees and those seeking safety  
in the midst of chaos; for our families,  
friends, and companions, and for all those  
we love.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering all those who have gone before us in faith, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

**To you, Our Lord, our God.**

*Celebrant*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, whose Son humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in everyplace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly  
repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of  
your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive  
you all your sins through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep  
you in eternal life. **Amen.**

# EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*Members of the Congregation greet one  
another in the name of the Lord.*

*God's Jar is available for children's  
offerings, a St. James' tradition and an  
opportunity for children to come forward  
with their financial gifts.*



## BIRTHDAY BLESSING

**Watch over your child, O Lord,  
as *his/her* days increase; bless and  
guide *him/her* wherever *he/she* may  
be. Strengthen *him/her* when *he/she*  
stands; comfort *him/her* when  
discouraged or sorrowful; raise  
*him/her* up if *he/she* fall; and  
in *his/her* heart may your peace which  
passes understanding abide all the  
days of *his/her* life; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

## **ANNIVERSARY BLESSING**

**O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



# OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*see handout*

# PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*Music on Lenten Music pew card*

All things come from you, O Lord.  
**And of your own have we given you.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, *Book of Common Prayer*, pg. 361

*Please stand, as able.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



# SANCTUS

*see Lenten Service Music pew card*

# MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**



# FRACTION ANTHEM

*Lamb of God*

*see Lenten Service Music pew card*



# THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*If you wish to receive communion,  
please follow the instructions of the Usher.*

*If you prefer a blessing,  
please cross your arms over your chest  
to let the clergy know.*

*Gluten-free communion wafers,  
individual cups and consecrated grape juice are  
available upon request to the priest or the  
Minister of Communion.*

# PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*prayed by those worshipping remotely*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Amen.

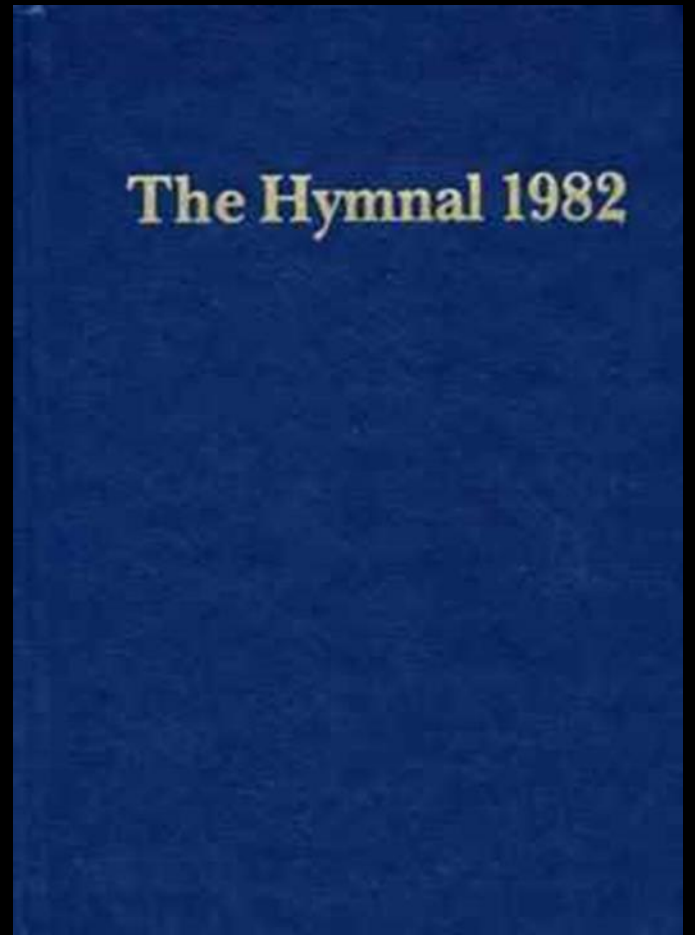
## COMMUNION HYMN

#313 *blue hymnal*

*at the conclusion of communion, the following hymn is sung:*

## POSTCOMMUNION HYMN

#474 *blue hymnal*



## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as  
living members of your Son our Savior  
Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and  
Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



# THE PASSION GOSPEL

*Please be seated and refer to the Passion booklet.  
At the conclusion of the Passion, silence will be kept.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

