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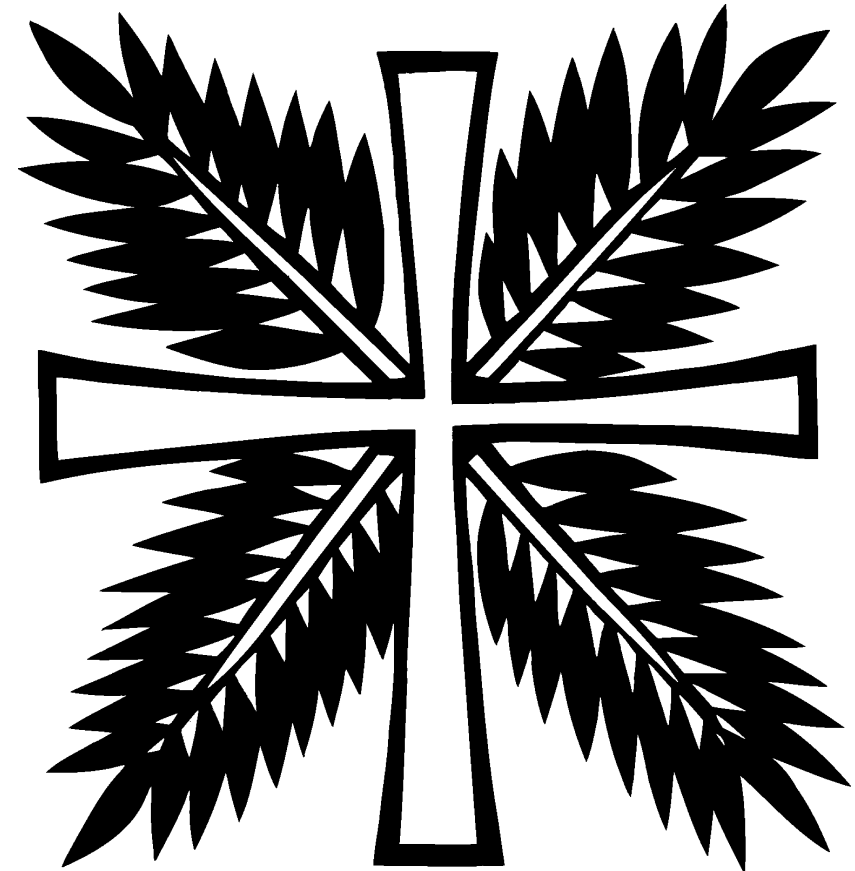


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Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.



Passion/Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Introduction to the Day

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)

(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)

WELCOME

PRELUDE *They Sang, "Hosanna!"* Richard A. Williamson
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(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

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

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵"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."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹The 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!"

Join us

Maundy Thursday, April 6th

**12 noon & 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service
with Holy Communion**

Good Friday, April 7th

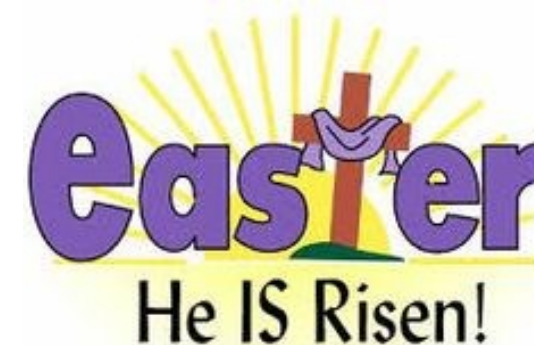
**12 noon Procession & Ecumenical Stations of the Cross
(beginning at St. Ursula Catholic Church)
7 pm Good Friday Service with Choir Cantata**

Easter Sunday, April 9th

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday

Worship time is 10 am

**There will be no Sunday School or
Faith & Fellowship**



This week's schedule	
Today	9 am Sunday School & Faith & Fellowship 9 am Handbell Choir (Music Room) 10 am Live & Online Worship
Mon.	
Tues.	
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building) 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Thurs.	12 noon Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service
Fri.	11 am Bible Study (Smith Building) 12 noon Good Friday Ecumenical Service begins at St. Ursula 7 pm Good Friday Service with Cantata
Sat.	10 am Easter Egg Hunt (St. John's Park)

Counting our Blessings			
Wed. 3/22	Attendance: 44 Offering: \$513	2023	
		January Offering Income	\$21,245
		January Other Income	\$ 6,085
		January Total Income	\$27,330
Sun. 3/26	Attendance: 106 Offering: \$5,103 Homebound: 17	January Expenses	\$34,496
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¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Glory to you, O Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

You are invited to join in the procession, following behind the cross. You are also welcome to remain in your pew and wave a palm branch as All Glory, Laud, and Honor is sung.

GATHERING HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* **ELW 344 (vv. 1-3)**

(Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.; Music: Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635)

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

Hosanna in the highest.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

ANTHEM

Hosanna We Sing

Adult Choir

(Text and music: Stan Pethel; © 2001 Lorenz Publishing Co.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

PSALM *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)* **Psalm 31:9-16**

- ⁹Have 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.**
¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.
¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
¹³For 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.**
¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”**

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

- ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Pat Hurley, Phil Ermer, Alec Brock, Ruth Skarda, Bill Spink, Bonnie Rogers, Mardi Nickel, Thomas McDonough, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Helen Bender, Anna Meyers, Nancy Natkin, Rae Eberwine, Deemer Morrow, John Bowman, Lee Hall, Robin, Alice Ensor, Jeanne Edmunds, Mike Haven, Gail Gangi, Jen Schoenfliess, Doug Adams, Kristin Weger, Joan Murphy, Tim Dunn, Donna Bobloch and Yung-Mee Rhee

For the military and their families: Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Claire Miller, Norma Weber, and Erin Scarborough

For St. John's Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

The cutoff to signup for the Prayer Partner Program has been extended to Sunday, April 9th. Our Prayer Partner Luncheon will be held on Sunday, April 16th at 11:30 am. If you would like to participate in the Prayer Partner Program, fill out a form and place it in the box located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary. Any questions, contact Vickie Jasinski at 410-529-7536.



TRIVIA NIGHT Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry in Baltimore is having their 7th Annual Trivia Night fundraiser! This event will take place Saturday, April 22. Doors open at 5:30, and game play begins at 6:00 pm. We'll be in 2 sites this year, linked together via livestream: **Churches of the Holy Apostles and St Stephen**, 901 Courtney Rd, Arbutus, MD 21227 & **Ascension Lutheran Church**, 7601 York Road, Towson, MD 21204. See the bulletin board to join a team of up to 8 people for \$20/per person (includes lots of munchies!) Childcare is available for \$10/child or \$20/family.


Campfire at the Labyrinth sponsored by Family Ministry will take place on Friday, April 28th at 6pm. This will be a fun evening of games, devotions and marshmallow roasting.



 St. John's night at the Aberdeen Ironbirds game is Friday, June 16th at 7 pm. Tickets are \$12 and there will be fireworks after the game. For tickets contact David Evans at 410-802-2268 or ravenfan79@yahoo.com or see him before or after worship.

Save the Date for our 2023 Vacation Bible School on July 10-14th from 9 am-12:30 pm. We will starting our planning soon. As always, we will need many volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Haacke at haackefamily@comcast.net.



 **Help Needed for Music Camp**...If you know any young (high school or college) person who enjoys and has experience with theater, music, art, arts and crafts, and a love for working with children, PLEASE contact Martha Requard at mrequard1@gmail.com. Our assistants will be working with the campers to help them create their program (July 24-26) or musical (August 7-11). We need to make sure that we have the help before we can advertise our camps.

We have Venmo! We are happy to announce that you can give your offering using Venmo. Enter @stjohnsparkville in the Venmo App or scan the QR code.



in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

(The assembly is seated.)

GOSPEL *The Passion of Our Lord according to Matthew* **Matthew 26:14-27:66**

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Song Is Love Unknown* **ELW 343 (vv. 1-4)**

(Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624-1682, alt.; Music: John Ireland, 1879-1962; Music © 1924 John Ireland, admin. The John Ireland Trust)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,

and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Lead Me to Calvary* arr. Ovid Young
(Music: William J. Kirkpatrick; arr. Ovid Young; © 2016 Lorenz Publishing Co.)

Thank you for your generous support of St. John's. During this time an offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of the Church as together we experience and share God's abundant grace and love.

Many in our congregation give online. You can set up one-time or recurring donations on our website stjohnsparkville.org. Checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville

OFFERING HYMN *Change My Heart, O God* ELW 801
*Change my heart O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart O God; may I be like you.*

You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

*Change my heart O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart O God; may I be like you.*

(Text and music: Eddie Espinosa; Text and music © 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing, admin. Music Services)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Announcements & Upcoming Event

Next Week— Sunday, April 9th—Easter Sunday

† 10 am—Worship in-person
and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel
There will be no Sunday School or Faith & Fellowship
Visit stjohnsparkville.org



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Mary Gude's 80th birthday by Robin Dibley.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: June 18th and 25th, July 2nd, 16th and 30th, August 27th, September 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, October 1st, 8th and 15th, November 5th, 12th and 26th, December 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.



Food for Thought Program is in great need of: **Chef boyardee single serving meals, crackers and cookies.** We are packing two bags of food for the weekend for 25 children each week, therefore our supply is depleted quickly. Please help if you can!

Victor's Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church is in need of items for their food pantry. Items needed are: canned fruit, cereal & oatmeal, jelly, peanut butter, pasta sauce, spaghetti noodles, Raman noodles, mac & cheese, beef stew, pancake mix, syrup, instant potatoes, and canned spaghetti.



Bible Study....A Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew meets weekly on Fridays at 11 am in the Smith Building. If you have questions or would like to learn more, contact Ardi Scarborough or speak with one of the Pastors.

Mark your calendar for our **Basket & Bag Bingo that is coming up on Saturday, May 6th.** More information will be coming soon. Stay tuned.



St. John's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8th from 10 am-12 noon behind the parsonage. In case of rain, the event will be held in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP to the church office by Friday, March 31st with the age and grade of your child. Please see the volunteer signup on the bulletin board and sign up to volunteer!

SENDING HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

ELW 347 (vv. 1-3)

(Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854; Music: Richard Redhead, 1820-1901)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude on "Innsbruck"

Arthur Frackenpohl

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DIALOGUE

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Lee Smith
Crucifer	Emily B.
Acolyte (s)	Alec B. Simon B.
Lector	Laurie Krieger
Communion Assistant	Laurie Krieger
Dismissal Assistant	Alec B.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, God of the universe.

You made everything that is, and you sustain every living thing.

You taught us to tend and care for your earth.

When we turned away from our task of sharing,
you made for yourself a people, rescued them from slavery,
nourished them with manna in the wilderness,

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and taught them to rely daily on your mercy.
You entered human life in Jesus,
who ate with sinners,
who fed the thousands with a few loaves,
and who called us back to the way of sharing our bread and your mercy.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this meal we remember Jesus giving himself to us.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

As we share this bread and cup, O God, fill us up.
Pour your Spirit on us so that we may be the body of Christ,
food for your hungry world and signs of your love.
With the earth and all its creatures,
with all who have gone before us,
we give you praise, feeding God, now and forever.
Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

(Sung call-and-echo)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins
as we forgive; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

(The assembly is seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
crossing your arms over your chest.*

LAMB OF GOD

Now Behold the Lamb

ELW 341



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre-cious Lamb of God.
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre-cious Lamb of God.
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre-cious Lamb of God.

*(Text and music: Kirk Franklin, b. 1970; arr. Keith Hampton, b. 1957; Text and music © 1996
Lilly Mack Music CCLI Song #1892738)*

COMMUNION HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW 349

*(Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.; Music: Johann Cruger,
1598-1662)*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God,
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to
your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with
your love.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

God, the giver of love, ✚ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of
rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.
Amen.