

Palm Sunday April 13, 2025

A Short Service to Welcome a New Deacon to a Parish

The congregation gathers in the parish hall, so that all may go into the church in procession.

Celebrant We come together today to welcome Kristen Burkholder who has been sent, by our bishop, to serve as Deacon in our parish.

Celebrant to deacon

Kristen, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Deacon I do and with God's help I will, to the best of my ability, exercise this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities by striving to interpret the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world to you, the people of St. Thomas'; upholding the Word of God, as revealed through scripture, as a model for our lives; seeking Christ in all people and demonstrating that in serving all people we are in fact serving Christ himself.

Celebrant addresses the congregation

Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Kristen in this ministry?

People **We will**

Celebrant Let us then offer our prayers to God for all God's people, for this congregation, and for our Deacon.

Ever living God, strengthen and sustain Kristen, that with patience and understanding she may love and care for your people, both here and in the world; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The celebrant presents the Gospel book to the deacon as a sign of the deacon's authority.

A warden presents a key to the church to the deacon as a sign of the congregation's trust in their new deacon.

Celebrant Let us welcome our new deacon. (*applause is appropriate*)

The Liturgy of the Palms

The branches of palm to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service.

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

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.**

Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Celebrant then says the following blessing as the people hold palm branches high.

 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.**

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

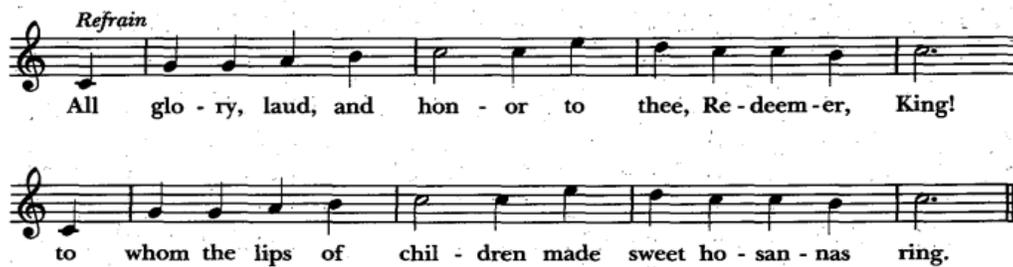
Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The procession to the church begins. At All Souls' Garden (weather permitting), the procession may halt while the following Collect is said

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The following is sung as all enter the church

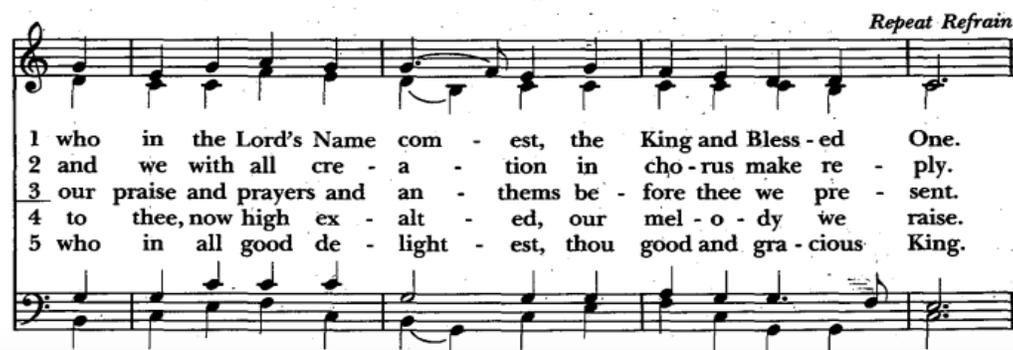
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet 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,

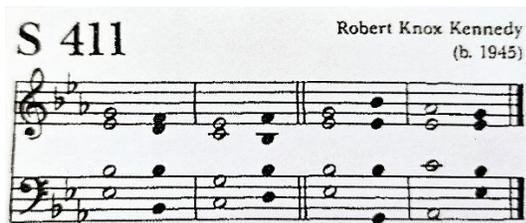
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
 I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.
 The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
 therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
 he who vindicates me is near.
 Who will contend with 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?

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

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*



- 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 con/sumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
 a dismay to those of my ac/quaintance; *
 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 a/round; *
 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 Paul's Letter to the 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.

People Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Trusting in Thee" Jeffrey Conrad

The congregation remains seated.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [22:14-23:36]

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The congregational responses, taking the part of the crowd, appear in bold type.

Pilate: You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Narrator: Then they all shouted out together,

Congregation: **Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**

Narrator (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

Congregation: **Crucify, crucify him!**

All stand at the mention of the arrival at Golgotha

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People V

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People **Lord, have mercy.**

Blessings for birthdays, anniversaries, and other life events

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be with you.

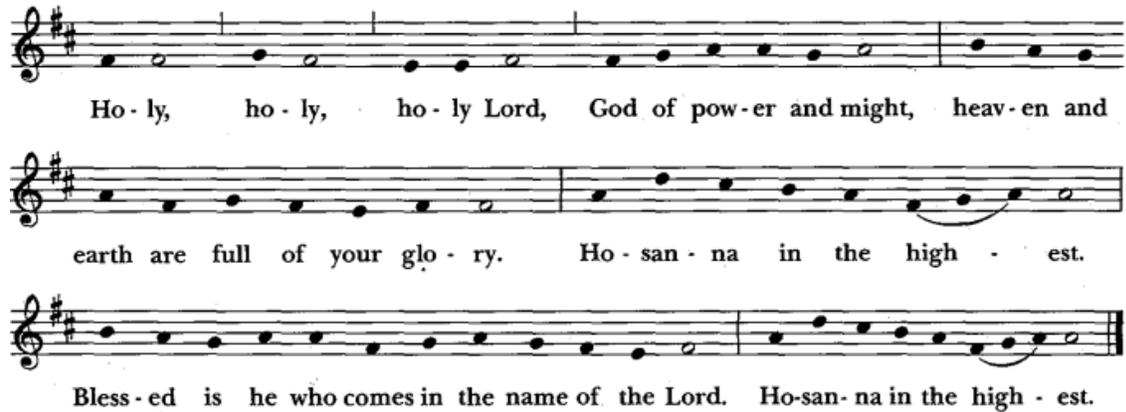
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Anthem O Wondrous Love

*The 8 a.m. Liturgy continues with the Great Thanksgiving on **page 333** in The Book of Common Prayer.*

*The 10 a.m. Liturgy continues with the Great Thanksgiving **page 361** in The Book of Common Prayer.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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.

Sanctus at 10 a.m.

Fraction Anthem at 10 a.m.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Communion

This is God's Table; all are welcome.

*Gluten free wafers are available; ask the minister when you come to the altar rail.
 You can request that Communion be brought to your pew by letting an usher know.*

During Communion, the following is sung by all

Communion Hymn 474

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Rockingham

I When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an
Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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Rockingham, from *Second Supplement to Psalms in Miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807) LM

The Postcommunion Prayer (page 339 at 8 a.m.; page 365 at 10 a.m.)

The deacon says

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

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.**

Descant

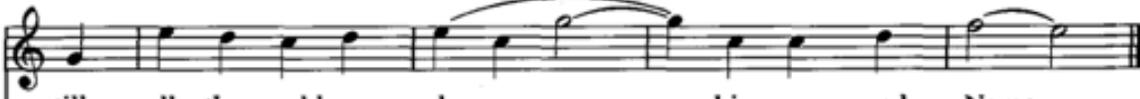


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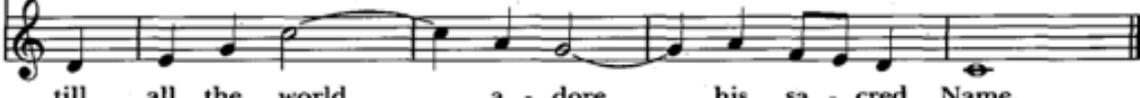
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Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.



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1 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Liturgical Ministers 8 a.m.

Usher: Carlos Mello
Lectors: Terry Mello
Intercessor: Amy Frankel
Eucharistic Minister: Amy Frankel
Deacon: The Rev. Kristen Burkholder
Celebrant: The Rev. Paul Briggs

Liturgical Ministers 10 a.m.

Ushers: Cheryl Reif, Phil Groman
Lectors: Sarah Groman, Gwen Prosser
Intercessor: Kate Jackson
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Conrad, Sarah Groman
Deacon: The Rev. Kristen Burkholder
Celebrant: The Rev. Paul Briggs

People in our Prayers

Healing: Jeanie, Timothy Jackson, Jerry Hoff and Catherine, Gay Schueler, Kristina Shea, Virginia Johns, Ted and Kit Wagner, Tony, Dana, Mya Delisle, Andrew Moran, Donovan, Carolyn Moore, Debra and Amy, Ned and Kathleen Bachus, Lynne, Anna and her child Brody, Ruth Tolman, Helene, John, Phyllis, Michael, Bob, Sylvia, Marlene, Percy, Joan Grey, Cathy, James, Ken, Joseph, Kelli McGuire, Jo Panayotoff, Joyce S, Jan Schaefer, Christine & Paul M, Jason, Kristen, Jeanie, Cathie, Brian, Bob S., Gary P., Sandy, Ezra, Chris Strazzulla Fr. Tom Pike, Evie Bridges, Luke Morelli, Tim Peters, Janice Boetsch, Lucy Ebbert, Shirley, Budge Walen, Chris, Vicki Boetsch, Catherine G, Annabel, Pam Kaler, Margery, Nick, Stephanie, Kyle R.

Birthdays this Month: Carol Freebairn (2), Susan Stopper (12), Kate Jackson (12), Jean Cox (19), Sally Ann Williamson (21), Kelli McGuire (22), Vicki Boetsch (25), Jim Ebbert (26), Suzanne Thomas (26), John Mattern (28)

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Trinity, Castine, Church of Our Father, Hulls Cove, For the Commission on Ministry

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 13

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (Lady Chapel)

Monday in Holy Week, April 14

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Lady Chapel)

Tuesday in Holy Week, April 15

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Lady Chapel)

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 16

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Lady Chapel)

9:30 a.m. Healing Prayer and Holy Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Maundy Thursday, April 17

5:30 p.m. Liturgy (Begins in Parish Hall)

Agape Meal, Foot Washing, Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 18

12:00 p.m. Community Ecumenical Service (St. Thomas' Church)

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00 a.m. Liturgy (Church)

A quiet Prayer Book service recalling the burial of Christ

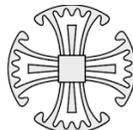
Easter Day, April 20

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns - Bring a handbell!

Traditional Rite I

10:00 a.m. Festival Choral Eucharist - Bring a handbell!

Contemporary Rite II



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