

Parish of the Good Shepherd

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 - 10:00AM

CHORAL EUCHARIST, Rite I

The Book of Common Prayer, page 270

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Weather permitting, the people gather in front of the church steps— otherwise in the Common Room.

Opening Acclamation

Plainsong

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:
People
Peace in heaven and glory in the high - est.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Palms

Celergy The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celergy Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celergy It is right to praise thee, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which thou hast redeemed us through thy 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 liveth and reigneth in glory with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Distribution of the Palms

Anthem *Hosanna to the Son of David*

Thomas Weelkes (1557-1623)

After the Anthem, the Celebrant concludes the Liturgy of the Palms, singing

People
Let us go forth in peace. **In the name of Christ. A - men.**

The Procession

During the following psalm, the Choir and sacred ministers process to their customary places at the back of the church. The People follow the Choir, but continuing into the pews.

Processional Psalm 118:19-29

Plainsong, Tone V

Refrain sung by all after the cantor and repeated after each verse



- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. **Ref.**
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter." **Ref.**
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. **Ref.**
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. **Ref.**
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. **Ref.**
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. **Ref.**
- 25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! Lord, send us now success. **Ref.**
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord. **Ref.**
- 27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar. **Ref.**
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you." **Ref.**
- 29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. **Ref.**

Collect

at the Baptismal Font

The Book of Common Prayer 272

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.**

Processional Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #154*

Valet will ich dir geben

"All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!"

It is common to offer asperges, the sprinkling of the People with baptismal water, during the processional hymn on Palm Sunday. It is appropriate to bow your head or make the sign of the cross in response.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect for Palm Sunday

The Book of Common Prayer 168

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

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.**

At this time, the children are dismissed to Sunday School. They will return at the Peace.

The First Lesson

The People sit.

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?

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9–16

Sung by all

Chant based on *Herzliebster Jesu*



- 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 a/void 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."

The Second Lesson

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #382*

General Seminary

"King of glory"

The Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "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." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large

crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The 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!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon *The People sit.*

By ancient custom, the Creed and Confession are omitted from the Eucharist on Palm Sunday.

The Prayers of the People *The Book of Common Prayer 389*

The Peace *The Book of Common Prayer 332*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Welcome, Announcements, and Offertory Sentence

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *O Saviour of the World* John Goss (1800-1880)

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer II) *The Book of Common Prayer 340*

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface until saying,

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

"Holy, holy, holy" Sanctus *The Hymnal 1982 #S 114*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,

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.**

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

"Our Father" *The Lord's Prayer* *The Book of Common Prayer 336*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Hymnal 1982 # S154



Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast.

“O Lamb of God” *Agnus Dei*

The Hymnal 1982 S 158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Presentation and Invitation

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

We welcome all baptized persons, regardless of denomination or tradition, to receive Communion. Please come forward as the ushers direct you. The Celebrant communicates every individual with bread. To receive wine, you may either drink from the common cup or by intinction. Those wishing to receive a blessing instead should indicate by crossing their arms.

During the Administration of the Sacrament

Anthem *Nolo mortem peccatoris*

Thomas Morley (1557-1602)

Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #158*

“Ah, holy Jesus”

Herzliebster Jesu

The Postcommunion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer 339

Celebrant and People, kneeling

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

The Passion according to Matthew

The People sit for the introduction of the Gospel and the beginning narrative.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

At the mention of Golgotha, all stand.

Processional Hymn

Carlisle

“O thou who through this holy week”



1 O thou who through this ho - ly week the path of suff-'ring trod,
2 We can - not com - pre-hend the woe thy love was pleased to bear;
3 Then grant us, Lord, this week to trace thy pas - sion and thy love,
4 Be - yond the pain, be - yond the cross, the Christ of glo - ry see,



Our sins to heal, our souls to seek, and bring us to our God:
O Sa - vior Christ, we on - ly know that all our hopes are there.
And by thine all - in - spir - ing grace up - lift our hearts a - bove:
And count the things of earth but loss to gain our heav'n in thee.

Words: J.M. Neale (1818-1866)

The Dismissal

People

Let us bless the Lord. _____ Thanks be to God. _____

Voluntary *Rubig bewegt (Sonata I)*

Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

Parish Notes for the Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Coffee Hour – 11:15 in the Common Room with today's hosts

Callie Emery, and in loving memory of Terry Horrigan

This Week at Good Shepherd:

<u>Sunday</u>	10:00 AM	Choral Holy Eucharist and Children's Christian Ed Coffee Hour Follows
	11:45 AM	Palm Weaving in the Common Room
	1:00 PM	Confirmation in the Loring Room
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 PM	Bible Study on ZOOM

Holy Week and Easter 2026 Schedule

Wed, April 1 st	Agape Supper in the Common Room, 6:00PM
Thursday, April 2 nd	Maundy Thursday Choral Eucharist with Foot Washing 7:00PM <i>The Church will remain open until midnight for prayer.</i>
Friday, April 3 rd	Good Friday Children's Devotional, 10:30AM Good Friday Liturgy, 12:00PM Good Friday Service, 7:00PM, St. John's Episcopal Church
Saturday, April 4 th	Easter Vigil with Holy Baptism begins at sunset, 7:14PM
Sunday, April 5 th	Easter Day, Festal Choral Eucharist at 10:00AM

Easter Flowers Donation – Donations can be made in any amount to help beautify the Church for Easter. Envelopes are at the rear of the Church. Dedications and donations ***must be received Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 12PM.***

Easter Gala Coffee Hour – Please sign up online or in the Common Room to support the celebration. Contact Louise Conant with any questions or to help.

Eastertide Confirmation – God willing, the Rt. Rev'd Julia Whitworth will confirm Charlotte Baker, Louisa Younkin, and Theo Younkin at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Framingham on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 10:30AM. Your prayers and presence are requested.

Easter II – Sunday, April 12, 2026 ~ a day of celebration and thanksgiving, Fr. Jay's final Sunday as Rector of the Parish of the Good Shepherd

10:00 AM	Choral Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism
11:15 AM	Festive Coffee Hour
5:30 PM	Celtic Eucharist
6:30 PM	Farewell Celebration for the Weldons (Common Room)

Adult Forum – Spring Series begins May 3

Serving in the Liturgy Today:

Biz Bracher – Usher/Lector; **Troy Bracher** – Subdeacon; **Elise Groves** – Chalice Bearer; **Andy Russel** – Intercessor; **Greg Manthei** – AV Tech; **Theo Younkin** – Crucifer; **Ella Weldon** – Thurifer; **Elodie Weinzierl** – Boat Bearer; **Louisa Younkin and Charlotte Baker** – Torch Bearer(s); **George Bracher** – Atrium Assistant(s); **Jennifer Manthei and Louise Conant** – Altar Guild

The Reverend Dr. James Weldon – Celebrant
The Reverend Dr. Paul Kolbet – Assisting Priest

The Reverend Dr. James A. Weldon, Jr., Rector
The Reverend Dr. Paul Kolbet, Priest Associate
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