



## HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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# WELCOME TO HOPE CHURCH

We are a community gathered together in the name of Jesus in the Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, we are so glad you are joining us for worship, community, and fellowship.

Please take a moment to go through the announcements in the bulletin, and familiarize yourself with the many ways there are to connect with us in worship, music, creation care, Bible study, outreach, and youth ministry.

We hope that you will find something in our church that speaks to you. Should you have any questions, or like to learn more, let's have a conversation. Please either call the church office at 717-665-6311 or email us at [office@hopeepiscopal.org](mailto:office@hopeepiscopal.org).

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit +Romans 15:13*

## PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is "a time of celebration." Jesus died on the cross and when he died on the cross, he died for all of us, not for some of us, not for a few chosen few, but all of us.

What do palm branches symbolize on Palm Sunday?

The large, long palm branches were common in the Holy Land, Jobe said. During ancient times, they symbolized goodness and victory. It wasn't something unique to Jesus, When kings would come to town or when conquering warriors would come in, they would welcome them with palm branches, which they would throw on the ground in front of them. During Grecian Games, winners would be welcomed with palm branches.

What does the donkey symbolize?

Conquering kings typically rode in chariots or on the back of stallions, so Jesus riding a donkey went against the norm, The donkey, he said, was a symbol of peace but it also represented the fulfillment of a prophecy from Zechariah 9:9.

"Your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey," the chapter reads. The donkey is also a symbol of humility.

## CHILDREN

Children are always welcome at Hope Church. Jesus wanted the little children to come to him, and children's voices and presence are an important part of our worship here at Hope Church.

To be added to our mailing list, please fill out a pew card, place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. You may also fill this out online by using the QR code:



Scan the QR Code below to check our more information about the Hope Always 175th Anniversary Campaign:



Scan here for The Big Way of Love children's resources for following Jesus:



# Sunday of the Passion

## HOLY EUCHARIST V

The symbol ☩ indicates when to stand if able.

The symbol ✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross.

Prelude

Welcome + Good News & Announcements

The Liturgy of the Palms

*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.

*Here a Deacon or other person appointed reads the following:*

Matthew 21:1-11

**W**hen they 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:

“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.”

## Blessings of the Palms

*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 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.

*The following anthem may then be sung or said*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

## The Procession

*Deacon* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Acolytes will distribute palms to the congregation.*

*During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and sing the Opening Hymn which can be found on the next page.*

## ♣ Processional Of The Palms #154 - "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*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.

## Opening Hymn

Christians often begin their services of worship with music. The opening hymn gives us an opportunity to raise our voices in song while worship servers and clergy process into the sanctuary following the cross. It allows us to enter into worship together as a community.

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 - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

*Celebrant* 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 WORD OF GOD

### ✦ The Acclamation

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
*People* His mercy endures for ever.

### The Collect of the Day

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

**A**lmighty 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 Collect of the Day  
 This prayer gathers together the scriptural themes of the readings and the season. The collect follows a consistent pattern: We address God, naming something about God's nature (i.e., Almighty God); we ask God to work in a particular area of human living; and we acknowledge that we ask all of these things in the name of Jesus.

## The Lessons

*The congregation may be seated for the readings.*

### First Lesson

*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

*Reader* A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

**T**he 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?

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The Psalter* *A Song of Praise*

*Psalms 31:9-16*

*Reader:* We will read the Psalm responsively.

- 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.

## The Lessons

The next portion of the liturgy focuses on the readings of Holy Scripture that are appointed for the day. The readings have a thematic unity that ties together the message of the Old and New Testaments.

## The Psalter

The Psalter, or the Book of Psalms, is the great song book of the People of God. In Jewish and Christian worship these hymns or songs are ordinarily sung and many of them form the lyrics of hymns in our hymnals. At each celebration of Holy Eucharist we read one of the Psalms, or a portion of a Psalm, that is selected to reinforce the theme of the lessons for the day.

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."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Epistle *Philippians 2:5-11*  
Reader A Reading from the Paul's letter to the of Philippians.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.  
People Thanks be to God.

♣ Gradual Music #712 - "Dona Nobis Pacem"

The musical score is written on four staves of five-line systems, each with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a fermata over the first measure. The second staff has a fermata over the first measure. The third staff has a fermata over the first measure. The fourth staff has a fermata over the first measure. The lyrics are: Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

## The Passion According to Matthew

*The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator who begins by saying:*

*Narrator:* One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

*Judas:* “What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?”

*Narrator:* They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

*Disciples:* “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

*Narrator:* He said,

*Jesus:* “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’”

*Narrator:* So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

*Jesus:* “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

*Narrator:* And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

*Disciples:* “Surely not I, Lord?”

*Narrator:* He answered,

*Jesus:* “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

*Narrator:* Judas, who betrayed him, said,

*Jesus:* “Surely not I, Rabbi?”

*Narrator:* He replied,

*Jesus:* “You have said so.”

*Narrator:* While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

*Jesus:* “Take, eat; this is my body.”

*Narrator:* Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

*Jesus:* “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for

many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.”

*Narrator:* When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

*Jesus:* “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”

*Narrator:* Peter said to him,

*Peter:* “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.”

*Narrator:* Jesus said to him,

*Jesus:* “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

*Narrator:* Peter said to him,

*Peter:* “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

*Narrator:* And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

*Jesus:* “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

*Narrator:* He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

*Jesus:* “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.”

*Narrator:* And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

*Jesus:* “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.”

*Narrator:* Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

*Jesus:* “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

*Narrator:* Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

*Jesus:* “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”

*Narrator:* Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

*Jesus:* “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

*Narrator:* While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

*Judas:* “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.”

*Narrator:* At once he came up to Jesus and said,

*Judas:* “Greetings, Rabbi!”

*Narrator:* and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

*Jesus:* “Friend, do what you are here to do.”

*Narrator:* Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

*Jesus:* “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?”

*Narrator:* At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

*Jesus:* “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.”

*Narrator:* Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

*Accusers:* “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’”

*Narrator:* The high priest stood up and said,

*High Priest:* “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

*Narrator:* But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

*High Priest:* “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

*Narrator:* Jesus said to him,

*Jesus:* “You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

*Narrator:* Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

*High Priest:* “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?”

*Narrator:* They answered,

*Chief Priest:* “He deserves death.”

*Narrator:* Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

*Chief Priest:* “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”

*Narrator:* Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

*Servant Girl:* “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”

*Narrator:* But he denied it before all of them, saying,

*Peter:* “I do not know what you are talking about.”

*Narrator:* When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

*Servant Girl:* “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

*Narrator:* Again he denied it with an oath,

*Peter:* “I do not know the man.”

*Narrator:* After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

*Bystanders:* “**Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.**”

*Narrator:* Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

*Peter:* “I do not know the man!”

*Narrator:* At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

*Jesus:* “**Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.**”

*Narrator:* And he went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

*Jesus:* "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

*Narrator:* But they said,

*Chief Priest:* "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

*Narrator:* Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

*Chief Priest:* "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."

*Narrator:* After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

*Pilate:* "Are you the King of the Jews?"

*Narrator:* Jesus said,

*Jesus:* "You say so."

*Narrator:* But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

*Pilate:* "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

*Narrator:* But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

*Pilate:* "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

*Narrator:* For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

*Pilate's Wife:* "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

*Narrator:* Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

*Pilate:* "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

Narrator: And they said,

Bystanders: **“Barabbas.”**

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

Narrator: All of them said,

Bystanders: **“Let him be crucified!”**

Narrator: Then he asked,

Pilate: “Why, what evil has he done?”

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

Bystanders: **“Let him be crucified!”**

Narrator: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate: “I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.”

Narrator: Then the people as a whole answered,

Bystanders: **“His blood be on us and on our children!”**

Narrator: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers: **“Hail, King of the Jews!”**

Narrator: They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

*(At the mention of Golgotha, the congregation should stand and remain standing for the remainder of the reading.)*

Narrator: As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his

head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

*Bystanders:* **“You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”**

*Narrator:* In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

*Chief Priest:* **“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’”**

*Narrator:* The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

*Jesus:* **“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”**

*Narrator:* that is,

*Jesus:* **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

*Narrator:* When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

*Bystanders:* **“This man is calling for Elijah.”**

*Narrator:* At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

*Bystanders:* **“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”**

*Narrator:* Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion

and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

*Centurion:* “Truly this man was God's Son!”

*Narrator:* Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

*Chief Priests:* “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.”

*Narrator:* Pilate said to them,

*Pilate:* “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.”

*Narrator:* So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

The Sermon

The Rev. Bradley Mattson

The Sermon  
The purpose of the sermon is to help us understand the meaning of the word of God in Scripture and to make it real in our lives.

The Prayers of the People  
The prayers of the People follow the form of a litany,

## The Prayers of the People

*The people kneel or stand as able. The Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Celebrant:* Blessed Jesus, as we walk with you through praise and passion, hear the prayers of your people.

*Intercessor:* For your Church, that we may follow you faithfully.  
Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* Hear our prayer

*Intercessor:* For the world, that mercy and peace may grow.  
Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* Hear our prayer

*Intercessor:* For all who suffer, that they may be held in love.  
Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* Hear our prayer

*Intercessor:* For this congregation, that Holy Week may draw us nearer to you. Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* Hear our prayer

*Intercessor:* For the departed, and for all who grieve, that hope may shine upon them. Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* Hear our prayer

*Celebrant:* Lord Jesus Christ, you entered the city in humility and embraced the cross in love: keep us near you in these holy days, and lead us through your passion to the joy of Easter; for you live and reign for ever and ever.

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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.

*Silence*

with the Leader offering petitions to God and the People responding or affirming the petition. These are the prayers of the entire community where we offer to God our concerns for the Church and the surrounding world. Prayers of the People always follow a particular order: prayers for the Universal Church, its mission and its members, for the Nation and all in authority, for the welfare of the world, for the concerns of the local community, for those who suffer or are in any trouble, for life's blessings, and for the departed.

## The Absolution

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.

## ✠ The Peace

*Deacon*            The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
*People*            And also with you.

## The Offertory

*The offering will be taken at this time.*

*Please take this time to make an offering to Hope Church:*

*1. Online: <https://hopeepiscopal.breezechms.com/give/online> or scan the QR code in the margin of your bulletin*

*2. Text: “[AMOUNT]” to (717) 999-5991 to make a donation to the General Fund. If it is your first time using text giving, you will receive a link by return text to complete the donation.*

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*Thank you very much for your contribution to advance the mission of Hope Episcopal Church! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*

## Offertory Music

**#-“Hosanna”**

## The Peace

After the Prayers of the People, the Priest extends Christ’s peace to the congregation and the congregation shares the peace with one another. The Peace is real and also symbolic. It is real because in the forgiveness of our sins we are restored to Christ’s peace. It is also the way we remind ourselves that because we have received the gift of God’s forgiveness we can and must be reconciled to one another.



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Doxology

*The congregation stands*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*Celebrant* All things come from you, O God.

*People* And of your own have we given you.

## ✠ The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer V - Scottish Prayer Book*

*The people stand.*

The Sursum Corda

*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.

*Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds*

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.

Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven saying the hymn of your unending glory:

✠ Sanctus - Holy, Holy, Holy

*The people kneel or stand.*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Holy Communion or

Holy Eucharist

Eucharist means

“thanksgiving.” This celebration of thanksgiving with its bread and wine is at the heart of the Christian faith. The Eucharist can also be called Holy Communion, the Lord’s Supper, or the Mass. In Holy Eucharist Christians give thanks for the gift of salvation given to us in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ Jesus and the gift of new life that comes from it.

Gathering Together for the Meal of Christ

Offertory: At the beginning of the Eucharist we offer gifts to God, which are really just a return of the gifts God has given us—bread and wine for the Lord’s Supper, our financial gifts, and our lives.

Ablutions: The Priest comes to the front of the altar and wash his or her hands. This symbolic washing cleanses the Priest on behalf of all of the People so that we might all come to the holy meal refreshed. It is a reference to Psalm 26:6-12 which starts, “I wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession around your altar.”

Sursum Corda: Literally, “we lift up our hearts.” Here in the Sursum Corda the People affirm that they have turned wholeheartedly to God.

Sanctus: Sanctus means “holy.” We sing this hymn that the angels and archangels sing in heaven as a reminder that our worship here is an echo of the heavenly worship of God (Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8).

Praise for the Work of God the Father

Preface: The opening prayer of the Eucharist is a prayer of blessing, praising God and giving thanks for his mercy to us. This opening prayer of blessing ends with a section that refers to the death and resurrection of Christ and focuses our prayers for the remainder of the liturgy.

Praise for the Work of God the Son

The next portion of the prayer of thanksgiving remembers the gift of salvation that came through Jesus Christ. It is followed by the Institution, the words of Jesus that explained the bread and the wine to His disciples at the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-28).

Praise for the Work of God the Holy Spirit

This prayer asks that the Holy Spirit be present and bless and sanctify the bread and wine so that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. It also asks for blessings on the People that we might be holy. At the end of the prayers the People say, "Amen" which means, "So be it," or "So it is."

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He **broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."** ✠

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to **them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."** ✠

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and **upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.**

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

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.	Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga tu reino; hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en la tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.
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## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People* have mercy upon us.

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People* have mercy upon us.

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People* grant us thy peace.

*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.

## Communion

*Communion is received at the altar rail. All are invited to receive communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

*The Prayer of Spiritual Reception of the Sacrament for those joining us at home via Livestream:*

*Lord Jesus Christ, 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. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.*

## The Lord's Prayer

The last prayer of the Eucharist is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. The Priest and the People say it together (Matthew 6:9-13).

**Breaking of Bread**  
The Priest breaks the bread so that it might be shared among the People. It is seen as a symbol of the breaking of **Christ's body on the cross** and an invitation to each of us to enter into the life of Christ.

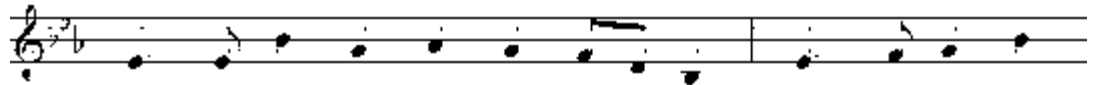
## The Communion

In 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17, St. Paul says, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread". In receiving Communion week after week, Christians are sacramentally united with Christ in His life, death, and resurrection.

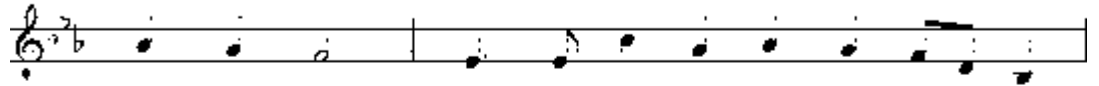
Music During Communion

Post Communion Hymn

#492-“Sing Ye Faithful”



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,  
 2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to  
 3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -  
 4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior  
 Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,  
 kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,  
 throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somest,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your  
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the  
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the  
 till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign,  
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save,  
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led,  
 newed and per - feet, all things gath - ered in - to one.

Prayer after Communion

In this prayer of thanksgiving for the gifts of grace we are given in the Communion we ask God to send us out into the world as ambassadors of the good news of the Gospel. It is important to remember that the gifts we have been given during worship are gifts given to us to share with all the world.

The Thanksgiving

*The congregation stands*

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 Blessing  
The Recessional

#486 - "Hosanna To the Living Lord"

1 Ho - san - na to the liv - ing Lord! Ho -  
 2 Ho - san - na, Lord! thine an - gels cry; Ho -  
 3 O Sa - vior, with pro - tect - ing care a -  
 4 But, chief - est, in out - cleans - ed breast, E -  
 5 So in the last and dread - ful day, when

1 san - na to the in - car - nate Word! To Christ, Cre - at - or,  
 2 san - na, Lord! thy saints re - ply: a - bove, be - neath us,  
 3 bide in this thy house of prayer, where we as - sem - bled  
 4 ter - nal; bid thy Spi - rit rest; and make out - se - cret  
 5 earth and heaven shall melt a - way, thy flock, re - deemed from

1 Sa - vior, King, let earth, let heaven, ho - san - na sing!  
 2 and a - round, both dead and liv - ing swell the sound:  
 3 in thy Name, in faith, thy part - ing prom - ise claim,  
 4 soul to be a tem - ple pure and wor - thy thee,  
 5 sin - ful stain, shall swell the sound of praise a - gain.

*Refrain*

Ho - san - na, Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

✦ The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

Three-Fold Amen  
 Postlude

The Blessing & Dismissal

In the blessing and dismissal we are reminded that we carry the peace and love we have received from Christ into the world. We are challenged to live out the Gospel in our lives outside the walls of the church so that others may see and be drawn into new life in Christ.

*Worship Servers*  
March 29, 2026

March Birthdays:

3/3 - Dave Dissinger  
3/4 - Donna Gerhard  
3/9 - Dec. Nancy Leshner  
3/11 - J.D. Hynick  
3/12 - Jeremiah Norton  
3/13 - Gail Edgell  
3/18 - Bertha Dunstan  
3/22 - Kathleen Peach  
3/27 - Brooks Brown  
3/30 - Dave Puskar

March Anniversaries:

3/20 - Steve & Gwen  
Norton

Thank you to everyone who  
helped provide lunch today!

If you'd like to sign up to  
provide lunch, there is a  
sign-up list on the  
whiteboard in the parish  
house. The entire year is  
listed on the sign-up pages.  
The last Sunday of the  
month is a Pot Luck, so plan  
to bring your favorite dish!

Ushers - Jim Burchik, Tom Brown  
Lectors - Melody Evans (1st & 2nd), Stephanie Seaman (Psalm)  
Gospel Readers - Narrator - Fr. Bradley, Jesus - Dec. Nancy, Judas - Max  
Brown, Peter - Bob Sims, High Priest - JD Hynick, Chief Priest - Rebecca  
Warren, Servant Girl - Mary Sims, Pilate - Steve Palmer, Pilate's Wife - Steph  
Hynick, Centurian - Tom Brown, By-Standers - Congregation, Soldiers - Male  
members of Congregation  
Prayers of the People - Lydia Engle  
Lay Eucharistic Minister - Bob Sims  
Altar Guild - Bob Sims  
Crucifer - Max Brown  
Acolytes - J.D. Hynick

Please remember in your prayers:

Elizabeth Grace & the Mattson Family, John, Marian, Michael, Bob, Janice,  
Barbara, Angie, Jerry, Paul, Braiden, Diane, Judith, Lydia, Jeff, Beth Ann,  
Mose, Ed, Daphne, Peg, Stephanie, Bertha, Lily, Carol, Steve, Lori, Patrick,  
Kyle, Betsy, Katie, Jim, Brandon, Kathleen, Liam, Felisa, Nancy, Claudia  
and our Creation Care, Outreach, Property and Yarn Ministries.

Those suffering from all illnesses and those who caring for them;

Those impacted by natural disasters and violence;

The People of Ukraine and all those supporting them;

Those living in nursing homes, group homes, and prisons;

The People of the Diocese of Navajoland and all indigenous peoples;

Those serving in the military;

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. James', Drifton; Christ Church, Coudersport;  
Brookland Retreat Center, Ulysses

Diocese of Kajo Keji Kajo Keji Christian College & St. James Wudu Parish

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10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and live-streamed on YouTube.

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