



Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Palm Sunday – April 2, 2023

9:30 AM

All are warmly invited to participate in worship in whatever way is safest and best for them – at home or in person. Following are our current Regathering Guidelines. These guidelines are set by our Regathering Committee in consultation with the Vestry. Please feel free to reach out with questions or concerns.

Masking is optional with the following three exceptions:

1. Singing (research consistently shows that singing is a “superspreader” activity)
2. In the masked/distanced section of the church (right/Memorial Garden side)
3. For children coming forward at the eucharist (as we crowd tightly together)

Please be aware that the indoor portion of this service will be live-streamed. Both audio and video will be recorded. If you prefer not to be on video, please sit in the area of the church under the balcony.



The people gather outside at the foot of the front steps before the service.

When we begin the liturgy of Palm Sunday, we step over the threshold into Holy Week, the most significant week of the Christian year. Through the liturgies of this week, we seek to enter into the last week of Jesus' life: his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, his last meal with his disciples, his Passion, death, and resurrection. We do more than simply remember these events—we ask God to make these events powerfully, mysteriously present to us in our worship that we may be transformed by them.

We are glad that you are with us for this Palm Sunday service, and we hope that you will continue the journey through all the services of Holy Week at Our Redeemer.

Welcome

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

BCP 270

Presider: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Presider: 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.**

Blessing of the Palms

Please hold up your palms to be blessed.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider: 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.**

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

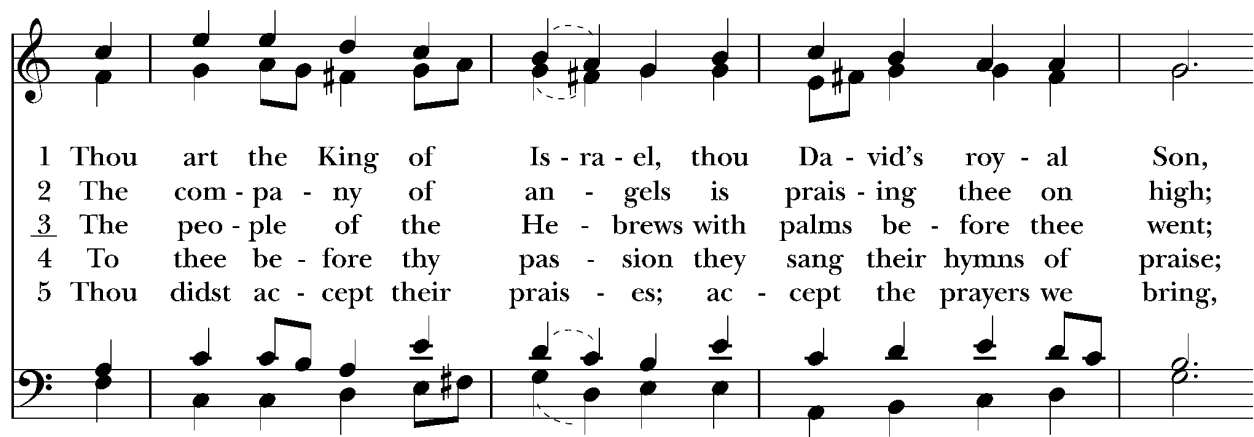
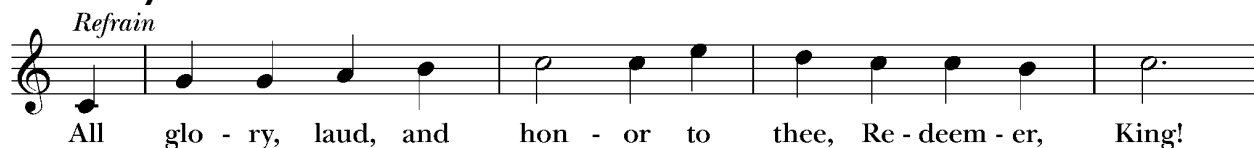
People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Following the cross and torches, the people process around the lawn and into the church, waving palm branches, and singing the hymn.

Opening Processional Hymn

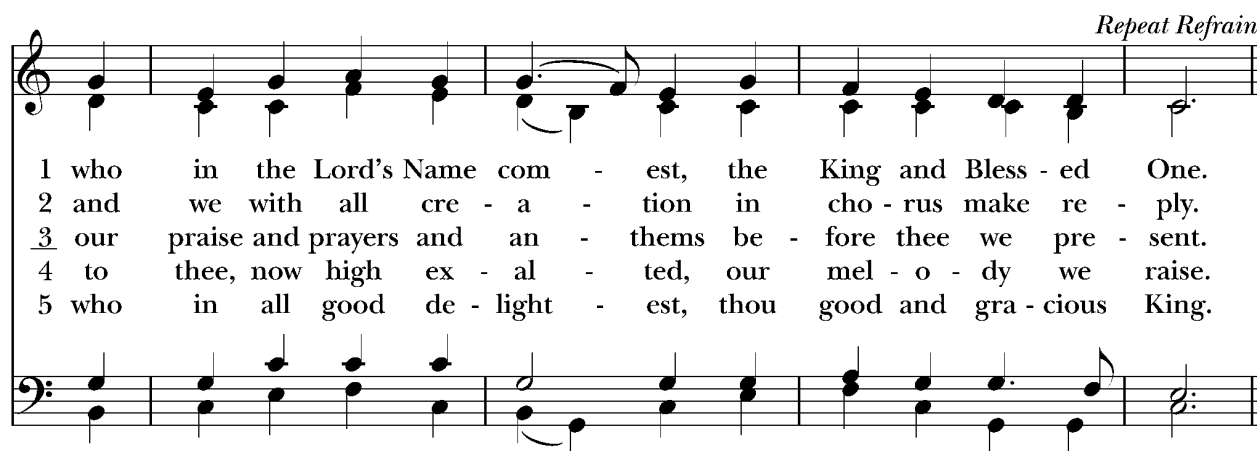
All Glory Laud and Honor

BH 154



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.

The procession continues into the church and the people find their seats and remain standing.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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.**

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

BH S86

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THE READINGS

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Reader: A reading from the letter to the 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.


Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**


Gospel Hymn

O Christ, the World Incarnate, v. 1


BH 632




1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,
3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,



O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;



we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,
It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Mtr. Emily García

Prayers of the People (Form VI)

BCP 392-393

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;
 People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;
 People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
 People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
 People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: For our Bishops, Alan and Carol; and for all bishops and other ministers;
 People: **For all who serve God in God's Church.**

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We especially pray for [Parish Prayer List].
The People may add their own prayers.

Leader: Hear us, Lord;
 People: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;
 People: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We especially pray for [Parish Prayer List].
The People may add their own prayers.

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
 People: **Who put their trust in you.**

Presider: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession

BCP 360

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please pause and join in a moment of silent contemplation.

All: **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.**

Absolution

BCP 360

Presider: 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.**

Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Peace

BCP 360

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

Presider: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

During the music, representatives of the congregation will pass an offering plate for those who wish to offer financial gifts. There are "Giving Cards" in the pews for those who give electronically, monthly, or in some other way and wish their giving to be received and blessed.

Your financial offering can be shared online at <https://www.our-redeemer.net/stewardship-2/contribute-online/>

Offertory Music

Two Palm Sunday Motets

Franz Schubert, Arr. Wm. Tortolano

From Op. 113, *Antiphons for Palm Sunday*

Hosanna Filio David

Chant Mode VII

Hosanna filio David,
Benedictus qui venit in
nomine Domini
Rex Israel, Hosanna in excelsis

Hosanna to the Son of David,
Blessed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord
King of Israel, Hosanna in the highest

Pueri Hebraeorum

Chant Mode I

Pueri Hebraeorum,
portantes ramos olivarum
obviaverunt Domino
clamantes et dicentes
Hosanna in excelsis

The children of the Hebrews
carried olive branches
went forth to meet the Lord
proclaiming and saying
Hosanna in the highest

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP 361

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name

Holy, holy, holy, Lord (Sanctus)

BH S125

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

The Presider praises God for the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ our Lord and remembers Jesus' invitation at the Last Supper.

All: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Presider then prays that all may receive the benefits of Christ's work and the renewal of the Holy Spirit.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

The Lord's Prayer

BH S119

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of the Bread

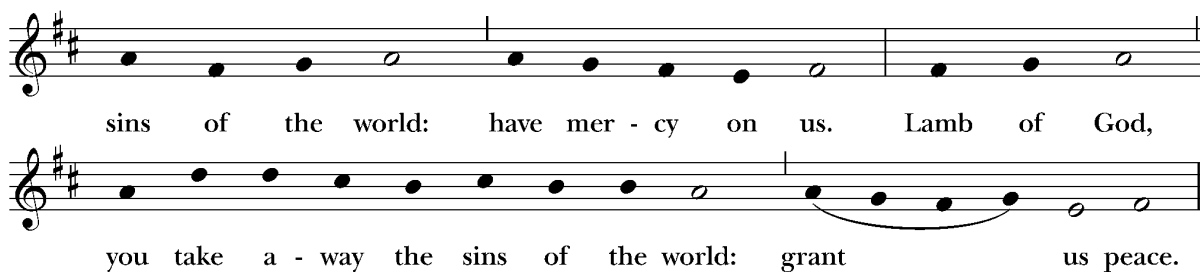
Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Lamb of God (Angus Dei)

BH S161

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



Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Holy Communion

All who come seeking God are welcome to receive communion. If you have difficulty coming forward, please tell a greeter that you would like communion brought to your seat. To come forward for communion, please exit your pew by the side aisle and return to your seat by the center aisle. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let the communion minister know. You may receive wine at the center aisle, but we also affirm the long tradition of the church that to receive the bread alone is to fully receive the grace of the sacrament.

Intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine) is not permitted. Though it might seem counterintuitive, studies have shown that intinction is actually more likely to spread infection than sipping from the cup.

If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. To indicate your desire for a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you step forward.

If you are worshiping at home and not able to come to church for Communion, you are invited to pray this prayer:

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is able to be celebrated, and especially with all those in this Diocese and in the Redeemer community who, for the sake of health and wholeness, cannot gather at this time, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymns

What Wondrous Love Is This?

BH 439

Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

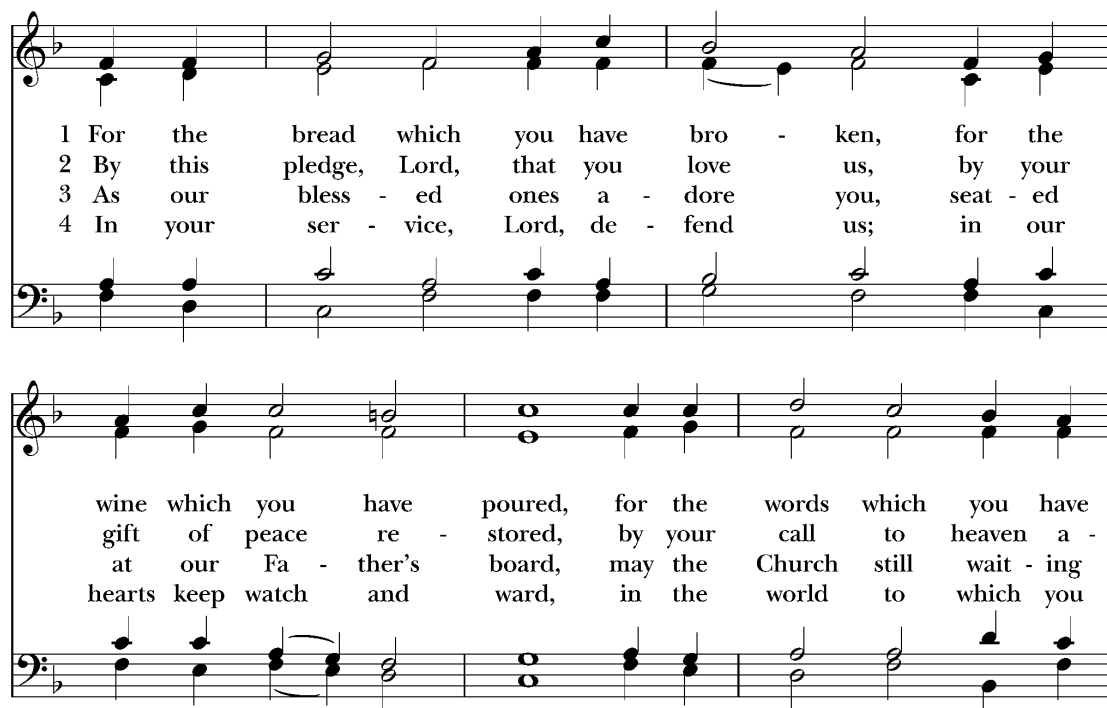
won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

BH 341



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
 2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your
 3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
 at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing
 hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Post-Communion Prayer

All: **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Children's Dismissal

Come By Here, vv. 1-2

LEV 162

- 1) Come by here Lord (3x)
Oh, Lord, Come by here
- 2) Someone needs you Lord (3x)
Oh, Lord, Come by here

Prayer Over the People

Presider: Bow down before the Lord.

Please kneel in body or in spirit

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The clergy and people leave in silence.

The weighty events of Jesus' last days have begun.

The liturgies of this Holy Week continue:

- **Maundy Thursday** at 7:30 PM;
- **The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday** at 10:00 AM, designed with young people in mind;
- **Good Friday with the Veneration of the Cross** at 7:30 PM;
- **The Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday** at 7:30 PM, followed by a small Glow-in-the-Dark Easter Egg Hunt; and
- **Easter Sunday** at 9:30 AM, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.



Our parish regularly uses all the liturgical resources approved by the Episcopal Church for Sunday services including The Book of Common Prayer (1979) as well as Enriching Our Worship (1997) and additional resources as they are permitted. Over the course of the year, we use both traditional and contemporary language and imagery for God and God's People, all of it grounded in Scripture and the Anglican tradition.



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