



# Palm Sunday

## Sunday of the Passion

10 April 2021

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio--seeking to know and serve Christ in loving service to the campus, the community, and the world.

### The Lessons

**Lessons** for Palm Sunday: Philippians 2: 5-11

<https://www.lectionarypage.net>

### The Gospel at Liturgy of the Palms

**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!

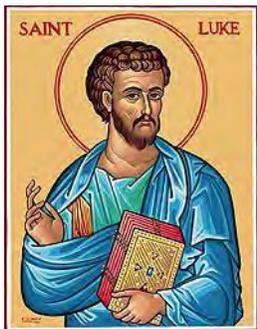
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

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 Collect

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.

## The Gospel



### The Passion Luke 23:1-49

The assembly of the elders of the people rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place." ....

[Please follow this link for the full text.](#)

## The Sermon

*Thus Began  
Our Longest  
Journey Together*

### Our Longest Journey Together

At the end of Chapter 27, when Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize winning novel *To Kill A Mockingbird* is almost over, with only 4 more chapters and 30 pages to go, you will find my favorite sentence in the book (which also made it into the movie): *Thus began our longest journey together.*

It is a sentence that seems like it should be at the beginning of the book, instead of so close to the end. But it is in exactly the right place. It emphasizes all the things we read about before: the world events from the vantage point of young Scout Finch – have been leading us to what is not an ending, but the beginning of a life forever impacted, changed, transformed by what is about to happen.

The same can be said for the moment in Jesus' life we just heard on this extraordinary day in the church year: Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Everything that has come before in Jesus' life: his extraordinary birth, his parents finding a twelve year old Jesus in the temple in conversation with the religious teachers, his miracles, the parables he told, the healing he did, feeding thousands with a few fish and loaves of bread, the walks on the water, the shared meals with friends, clearing out the moneychangers from the temple, the preaching that flipped the commonly accepted view of who is blessed and who isn't, telling his mother and siblings who is family really is, restoring to life those who had lost it, all of what Jesus did and said is about to be embodied, manifested in the events we remember this week. Jesus told people what the Kingdom of God is like, that it was almost near, and now, he was going to show them. And, in so doing, also shows us how God's Kingdom of heaven breaks into the world.

The very special liturgy we have today is intended to help us by embodying the events we just read about. We don't have coats on the floor, but we do have palm branches, which we will bless and carry with us into the church. We will read psalm 118, which pilgrims to Jerusalem said or sang as they walked the same road Jesus did. Psalm 118 is one of praise to God who will defeat foes and establish God's Kingdom here on earth.

That is the journey Jesus is about to undergo: defeating foes, not with swords, bombs, or clever debate. And establish God's Kingdom here on earth. Not with force or violence, but with a love even our imaginations struggle to comprehend. A love so selfless it loves even those who do not understand, those who are afraid, those who hurt, harm, abuse, a love that gives up life itself and in so doing, acquired everlasting life for us all.

In its wisdom, the church knows none of us can take all this in in just one liturgy or church service. So, we are given a whole week to watch, listen and follow Jesus as he gathers with his followers around a remarkable table, prays all night in a garden, surrenders to the powers of those who fear him and want to get rid of him, endures an unjust trial, suffers the way of the cross, is crucified, died, and was buried. It all begins today with Jesus riding a new, young foal to being sealed in a new, unused tomb to the emergence of new life of God's kingdom of heaven here on earth.

It's a journey we can share with Jesus and one he shares with us whenever we suffer, as a reminder that what looks like an ending drawing near, might really be a transformation about to be born.

So, today, we begin our longest journey together with Jesus.

Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022

The Rev. Deborah Woolsey, Church of the Good Shepherd, Athens, OH

**Please include in your prayers**

**In our world**, we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and for Michael, our

Presiding Bishop; we pray for peace with justice throughout the Middle East. We pray for the victims of the coronavirus.. We pray for all people affected by natural and environmental disasters. We pray also for the people who are suffering from war, especially the people of Ukraine, and all asylum seekers, immigrants and refugees. We pray for Joe our President, Kamala our Vice-President, Mike, our Governor, the Supreme Court and the members of Congress.

**In our diocese**, In our diocese, we pray for our Provisional Bishop Wayne, the search process for a new bishop, and for Kenneth, Nedi, and Wendell our assisting bishops.

**In our parish**, we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Rector Rev. Deborah Woolsey, for our Associate Priests, Rev. Leslie Flemming, and Rev. David McCoy, for our ministry to students, the university, and the community. We pray for our friends at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Merida, Mexico.

**Those Whom our Prayers are Requested:** Belle, Bill S., Bud and Carol, Chris L., Elena, Gloria R., Gordon, Jan S, Lacey, Laura, Miriam, Sharon, Bill, Annie and Kathleen, Tommy, Jeannet Barratt, Danny Cain, Douglas Campbell, Zelma Coleman, Lee Kembell-Cook, Glinnis Davies, Dick Dean and Phyllis Dean, Richard DeNune, Caryl Docherty, Chris Eaton, Ben Foster, Norm Fox, Jan Gault, Jim Greer Jennifer Hall, Debbie Hunsberger, Nancy and Bob Jackson, Peter Kachenko and family, Monya Monroe, Julie Nehls, Linda Nippert, Lauren O'Brien, Doug and Michelle Parsons, Jane Patton, Dale Paul, Dan and Nancy Reedy, Ann Shelly, Michael Vaughn, Consuelo Walker and family, Patti Williams, Zita Zolpys, and we pray for all who care for them. \*\*

**Birthdays:** Sharon Huge (4/12), Jane Unger (4/13)

**Thanksgiving:** In Thanksgiving for the upcoming reception of Heather Irwin on April 24.

\*\* Full names for this section are normally not published online but since there is not a printed Sunday Bulletin or in-house 10:30 service, for the time being we will publish full names unless requested otherwise. If you have a name to be added to the prayer list, Lynn Graham maintains this information. Lynn may be reached at **740-593-5098** or **grahammowery@aol.com**.

## At-Home Worship

Christ Church Cathedral Cincinnati live streams via Vimeo its services Sundays at 10 a.m. These are saved and can be watched later without having to log in.

<https://vimeo.com/event/4306>

Washington D C -- there's much to explore at the the National Cathedral's online portal.

<https://cathedral.org/worship/>

## Coming Up:

Wednesday, April 13, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl Meeting, Julie's

Wednesday, April 13, 12:15 p.m. - - Noontime organ recital during Lent

Thursday, April 14, 5:30 p.m. - - Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 15, 7:00 p.m. - - Good Friday

Saturday, April 16, 7:00 p.m. - - Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 17, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist, Discretionary Sunday

Thursday, April 21, 7:00 p.m. - - Vestry Meeting, ZOOM

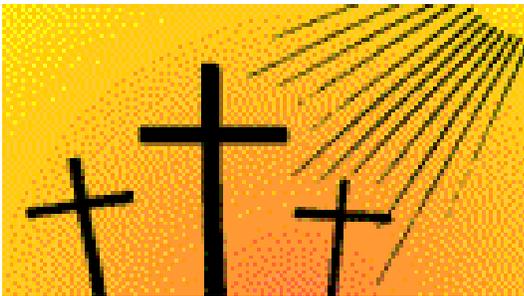
Sunday, April 24, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 27, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl Meeting, Julie's

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CrossRoads Café now open Sundays after church service  
and Monday - Friday 9:30 - 11:30 am.

## Notes & Announcements



## Holy Week 2022

We are grateful to be returning to in-person services for Holy Week this year. We invite you to join us for the tradition of observing these days honoring Jesus' triumphant entry in Jerusalem,

the Last Supper, Jesus' Crucifixion, and hope of salvation. Since it has been a while since we have gathered for these traditional liturgies, we are shortening them, allowing us to focus on their core theology while maintaining their beauty and tradition.

### **Palm Sunday 10:30 am April 10**

The service starts outside with the blessing of palm branches to remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Please see the [ORDER OF WORSHIP](#) of this service for details.

### **Maundy Thursday 5:30 p.m. April 14**

On the night of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, we too will gather and remember the occasion by returning to celebrating the Eucharist with both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ. This service will conclude with the stripping of the altar and

quiet reflection. Please see the [ORDER OF WORSHIP](#) of this service for details.

## **Good Friday 7:00 p.m. April 15**

The Passion of Christ is shared through the Stations of the Cross, a liturgy that allows us to walk with Jesus on his last walk on earth. We are adding music and art from artists like the Rev. Karl Stevens and iconographer Kelly Latimore to give us the feeling of sharing this powerful walk with Jesus. Please see the [ORDER OF WORSHIP](#) of this service for details (7 pages).

## **Great Vigil of Easter 7:00 p.m. April 16**

The most ancient of Christian traditions. For thousands of years, on the night before Easter, people of faith have gathered to observe the hopeful ritual of lighting candles and telling the story of our salvation by the lighting of the Paschal Candle, singing the ancient prayer called The Exultet, listening to scripture, praying together, and celebrating the Eucharist. Please see the [ORDER OF WORSHIP](#) of this service for details.

## **The Feast of the Resurrection 10:30 a.m. April 17**

We welcome you to the joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Please see the [ORDER OF WORSHIP](#) of this service for details.

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## **Easter Lilies**

We will have Easter Lilies displayed on the altar this year, but time got away from the Flower Lady so no plans were able to be made for parishioners to contribute. However, there is a way to give thanksgiving or remembrance for someone special in your life.

Please email your message of thanksgiving or remembrance to Barb Martin ([barbara@chogs.org](mailto:barbara@chogs.org)) by Wednesday, April 13th.



A list of names of recognition will be included as an addendum to the order of the Easter service. No monetary contribution is required. However, if you wish to help Altar Guild defray the cost of this year's lilies, you may do so by writing a check to the Church of the Good Shepherd and noting Easter Lilies in the memo line. The check can be deposited in the wooden box in the Narthex or mailed to Church of the Good Shepherd at 64 University Terrace, Athens, OH 45701.

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## **Noontime organ recitals during Lent, 12:15 p.m.**

Members of the Southeast Ohio chapter of the American Guild of Organists are presenting a series of Lenten Organ Recitals on **Wednesdays at 12:15** beginning March 16 and

ending on April 13.

**Remaining Date:**

**Wednesday, April 13, Marsha Reilly**



**Great News!!!** The long awaited start of Phase III of the organ project begins on Tuesday, April 26. The workers from Muller Organ Company will spend two days removing everything from the chamber.

So on Sunday, April 24, in addition to the visit from Bishop Smith, we will have some grand, festive music and say a temporary goodbye to the organ.

As of today the total amount raised is about \$84,000. The total amount for the project is \$91,400. We have made an initial payment of \$9400. Four more payments of varying amounts will be made - one when they begin work; one when they are halfway through, one when they begin to reinstall and the final one thirty days after completion.

## **More Great News -- Challenge for the Organ Fund**

An anonymous donor has issued a challenge to the parish in the final push to raise funds for the Organ Restoration. The donor will match up to a total of \$500 received by Sunday, May 15. You may mail your donation to the church office or drop it off Monday-Thursday, 10:30-2. You should indicate on the memo line that it is for the Organ Restoration Fund. If you choose to [DONATE ON-LINE](#) indicate for the organ fund in the "Add special instructions to the seller" section.

Thanks. The Organ Restoration Committee

[Supporting Humanitarian  
Response to the Crisis in  
Ukraine](#)

**Episcopal Relief & Development**  
(Click above link for more.)





## **Standing Committee invites all to take bishop search survey**

The Standing Committee sent this letter to the people of the diocese ...

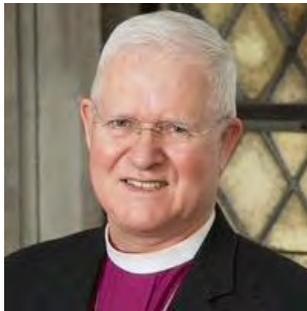
"... We had thought we would launch the survey in Eastertide, but at the diocesan clergy gathering last week, we heard clergy loud and clear when they said they would like to see us move quickly to gather data on the diocese. We are launching the survey just before Holy Week, and we are very mindful that lay leaders and clergy will be focused on the Paschal Mystery over the next few days. For that reason, we will leave the survey open until Tuesday, April 26.

[Here is the SURVEY LINK.](#)

Our hope is that rectors and priests-in-charge will share the survey link with their congregations. We want wide participation from our whole diocese. As you will see, the survey itself is quite brief. It should only take a few minutes. The survey will remain open until Tuesday, April 26...."

[Read the entire letter and find the link to the survey HERE.](#)

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## **Bishop Smith Visit April 24**

Bishop Smith is serving our diocese for two years while the Standing Committee works on the process for finding a new full time bishop. Bishop Smith primarily handles things like confirming and receiving people into the Episcopal Church, pastoral care for clergy, and helping the Standing Committee with their responsibilities.

After the service will have a reception of cookies and punch on the porch to celebrate the newest person received into the Episcopal Church and give everyone a chance to meet Bishop Smith.

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[Get Zoom Link Here](#)

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### More phishing emails are making the rounds.

One reads - - "Can you quickly complete a task for me? Give me your cell number to text you."

Another reads -- "Have you been getting my emails? Please text me."

If you get a message that seems odd from Mother Deborah, or other clergy, do not respond to that email. If you are not sure whether or not the message is fake (check to see if email address is EXACTLY CORRECT), reply by using a NEW email using the 'real' sender's address that is exactly correct.



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**Mother Deborah will give the prayer for the  
Workers Memorial Day Remembrance,  
Thursday April 28, 2022**

12 noon,  
at the Workers Memorial Mural  
11 N. Court St.

Please Join us. A box lunch will be provided.

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**A note about the image we used in the header:** Both the crucifix and palm branch folded into a cross belonged to Mother Deborah's grandparents and was in their house for many years. When they died it was given to Mother Deborah, along with the cross Palm branch tucked into it. It now hangs beside her desk.

Mother Deborah's grandparents were big church goers. They even helped plant a church when her own mom and her mom's sisters were children. It's a nice reminder of them and their faith and how it continues.

## Contacts, Information

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### Pandemic Notes:

[Link to the DSO guidelines for returning to in-person worship](#)

As of August 5 the Diocese COVID Guidelines request all persons wear masks inside the church building regardless of vaccination status.

**Office Hours:** 10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.,  
Monday through Thursday.  
Masks are required.

The **Church Building** is not open for public meetings and gatherings but during office/CrossRoads hours the **thrift shop** and **chapel** are available for individuals.  
Masks are required.

**CrossRoads Café is only open Sundays after the service until the news school year.**

### Contact Information

**For pastoral needs**, please contact The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895 (cell) or 740-593-6877 (church), or by e-mail at [revdebwoolsey@gmail.com](mailto:revdebwoolsey@gmail.com).

**To find out more about Good Shepherd and other matters**, please contact Alex Buckley, Senior Warden, at 740-593-5513 or by e-mail at [macbuck@yahoo.com](mailto:macbuck@yahoo.com).

**For maintenance matters**, please leave a note at the office or contact Dana Carlson, Junior Warden,

### [DONATE to Good Shepherd](#)

This takes you to the Parish Home page where you can donate on-line via PayPal, If you have a preference, please indicate on the the "Add special instructions to the seller" section the purpose of the donation -- e.g. organ fund, plate collection, etc.

at 740-664-2022 or by e-mail at carlsondana@hotmail.com. **For emergencies**, please call The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895.

**NON-emergency messages** can be left on the church's answering machine (740-593-6877). The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877) or barbara@chogs.org.

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