



*Becoming a beloved community of God where all belong.*

**Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday      April 13, 2025**

**Opening Hymn:** H-154 | *All glory, laud, and honor*

**Gospel Hymn:** H-458 | *My song is love unknown* (verses 1, 2, 3 & 7 only)

**Offertory Anthem:** *The Simplest and the Best* | Words: Jennette Threlfall | Music: Tune: MUNICH, arr Alfred V. Fedak

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang,  
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang:  
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;  
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing.  
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n our King.  
Now may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice.  
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.

**Communion Anthem:** *Maria Walks Amid the thorn* | Medieval German Carol, arr. William Hunt

Maria walks amid the thorn, Kyrie Eleison.  
Maria walks amid the thorn, that seven years no leaf has born; Jesus and Maria.  
What 'neath her heart doth Mary bear? Kyrie Eleison  
A little child doth Mary bear, beneath her heart he nestles there, Jesus and Maria.  
And as the two were passing near, Kyrie Eleison,  
Lo, roses on the thorns appear, lo, roses on the thorns appear, Jesus and Maria. Kyrie  
Eleison.

**Communion Hymn:** H-158 | *Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended*

### **The Collect/ Prayer of the Day**

**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.**

**Readings:** [https://lectionarypage.net/YearC\\_RCL/HolyDays/CPalmSun\\_RCL.html](https://lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/HolyDays/CPalmSun_RCL.html)

**Psalm 31:9-16** - Prayed responsively by **whole verse**

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.**

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."**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prayer Station Today** – Please feel free to visit the Prayer Station at the rear of the church during the communion to receive prayers for hope, mercy, healing, forgiveness, reconciliation or any other desire.

**Holy Week Schedule** - *Tenebrae* on Wednesday, April 16 at 7:30 PM

*Maundy Thursday Supper & Eucharist*, April 17 with Supper at 6:00 & Eucharist at 7:30 PM

*Good Friday*, April 18 - Stations of the Cross at Noon and Good Friday Liturgy at 7:30 PM.

**Holy Saturday Meditation & Labyrinth Walk** - Please join St. Nicholas' Prayer Group on Holy Saturday, April 19 from 10:00 to Noon at St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 20100 Fisher Ave, Poolesville. We will gather at 10:00 AM for prayer, meditation and contemplative silence as we walk the labyrinth. Please let Rev. Beth know if you plan to attend: [rector@saintnicks.com](mailto:rector@saintnicks.com)  
Everyone is welcome.

**Easter Egg Hunt Helpers** - We are looking for a few stalwart souls (teens or adults) to help hide Easter eggs at 8:30AM on Easter Sunday - April 20. If you can help, please text Frechette at 240-762-2578.

**Stepping Stones Shelter** - St. Nicholas is scheduled to prepare and make meals for the residents of Stepping Stones Shelter in Rockville on April 23, 2025. Please let Deacon Dawn know if you would like to sign up at [deacon@saintnicks.com](mailto:deacon@saintnicks.com).

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