

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Christ-Centered Community of Practice Awakened to the Abiding Presence of God



29 March 2026

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

WELCOME

The members of the congregation gather in the church for the first part of the liturgy. Those who wish to join the Palm Sunday Parade will follow the crucifer out of the church and through the neighborhood. Those who remain in the church are invited to wait in silent prayer.

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 the Deacon reads the Palm Sunday story according to Matthew.

THE BLESSING 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 God thanks and praise**

Celebrant

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 hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reign in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

PROCESSION

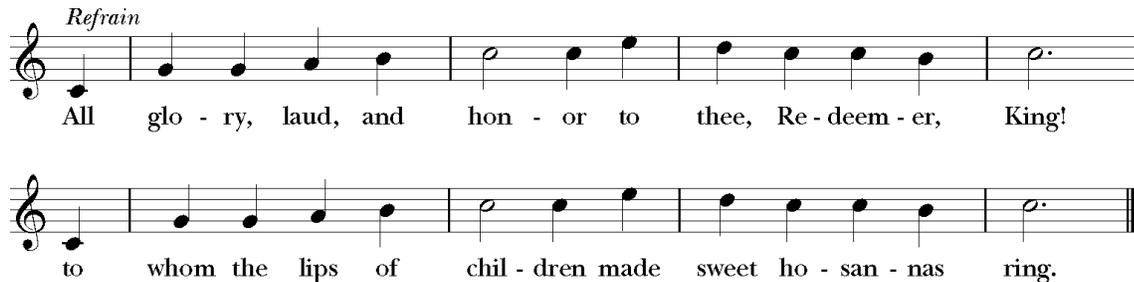
We walk through the neighborhood for our Palm Sunday parade!

As we come back into the church, we sing:

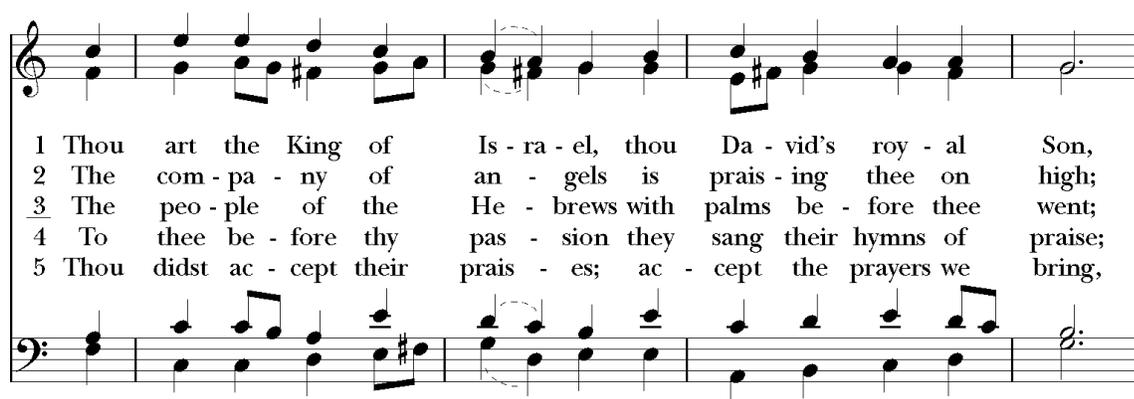
HYMN

The Hymnal, 154

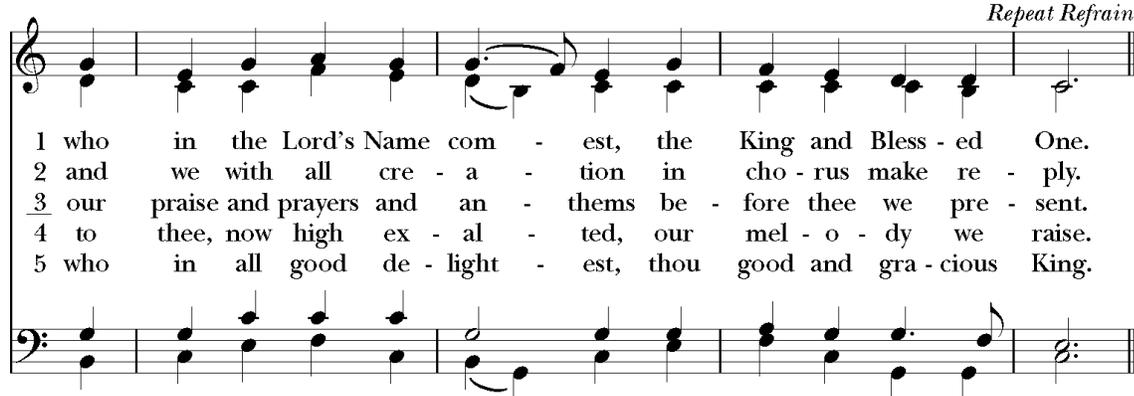
Refrain



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.



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 stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Celebrant: Let us pray

THE COLLECT FOR PALM SUNDAY

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.**

All sit for

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Preceding the Gospel...

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Between the scenes of the Passion, St. Michael's Choir will sing selections from St. Matthew's Passion by J. S. Bach.

Following the Gospel...

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ

HYMN

The Hymnal, 171

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
your Re-deem - er's con - flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;
turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - ferings, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
"It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854) Music: *Petra*, Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

Stand, if able, for

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intervenor: Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation responds: **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All stand

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

The Hymnal, 313

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

Refrain
of thy bound-less love the to - ken.
Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
of thy match-less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Words: John Brownlie (1859-1925) Music: *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

THE OFFERING

During the hymn ushers pass the offering plates. Representatives from the parish bring the people's offerings of bread and wine for the Eucharist, and money for mission and ministry to the Altar. To give online, text the message "GiveStMichaels" to the number 73256.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

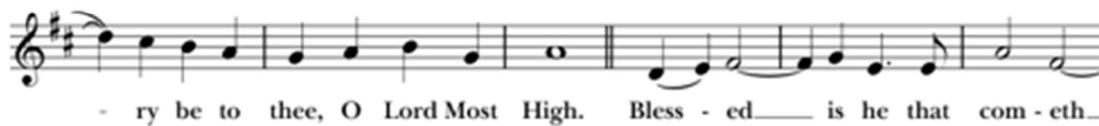
People: **We lift them to the Lord**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

The Presider praises God for God's creation and love. Then all sing the Sanctus together:

THE SANCTUS



Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Celebrant recalls (and makes present for all) Jesus' life and last supper.

Celebrant: And seeing that the power of sin is broken, and Christ is all in all,
we praise you and we bless you.

People: **We praise you,
we bless you,
we give thanks to you
and we pray to you,
O Lord our God.**

The Celebrant asks the Holy Spirit to consecrate the bread and the wine to be God's holy food.

Celebrant: By Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is
yours, Almighty Father, now and forever

People: **Amen**

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

**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,
 the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread as all sing

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant: Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

People: **Blessed are those called to the supper of the lamb.**

At St. Michael's, we believe that God's love is unconditional. We welcome all people and we affirm the worth, dignity, and gifts of every person as a beloved child of God. In our celebration of the Eucharist, there is no one here who is ineligible or unwelcome; no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. This is the table of a loving God set for all creation through the power of Jesus Christ. You, who are part of that creation, are welcome. (If you would prefer a gluten free wafer, please indicate that preference to the liturgical minister.)

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **God of our Lenten journey,
you have said that the gate of mercy
will stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favor,
that we who follow the path of the Cross,
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN

The Hymnal 168, v. 1, 2, 3

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
 *4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 *5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3 and 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt.
 Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hessler (1564-1612); adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

LENTEN PRAYER

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

At 10:15: *The Reverend Mary Lindquist*, preacher & celebrant; *The Reverend Lars Hunter*, Deacon; *Leo Storm* and *Abbie Haineswood*, torch bearers; *Elise & Andy Burrows*, ushers; *William Stearns* and *Jenny Karstad*, element bearers; *Miranda Smith*, lay assistant and crucifer; *Brian Morgan*, intercessor; *Ricky Davidson* and *Annamarie Pluhar*, chalice bearers; *Anne Black*, healing minister; *Craig Newbert* and *Jane Sbardella*, Altar Guild; *Judith McBean*, coffee hour coordinator.

At St. Michael's we believe that God's love is unconditional. We welcome all people and we affirm the worth, dignity, and gifts of every person as a beloved child of God.

All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

- **WELCOME TO VISITORS!** All are welcome at this table. If you have any questions about the liturgy, location of the bathrooms, or anything else, please ask one of the ushers or greeters. Thank you for joining us today.
- **TO RECEIVE THE RITE OF HEALING:** Prayers for healing are available at the chairs by the piano in the front of the sanctuary immediately after the 8 am service ends and during the Eucharist part of the 10:15 am service. A healing minister will say prayers, lay her or his hands upon you, and anoint you with consecrated oil. You can come for yourself, for another person, for a need or for a thanksgiving. Please ask ushers for assistance if you have questions.
- **GLUTEN FREE WAFERS AND GRAPE JUICE** are available for Communion at both 8:00am and 10:15 services. Please make yourselves known to the priest when you come up for Communion.
- **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE!** Nursery care is available during the 10:15 service for infants through 3-year-olds. There are clipboards with paper and crayons, as well as activity bags with coloring books at the back of the Sanctuary for children who are interested in coloring or drawing during the service. Feel free to come in and out of the worship area as needed with your children! Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to *Craig Newbert*, Monday; *Jan Bennett*, Tuesday; *Becky Anderson*, Thursday.

HIGHLIGHTS OF HOLY WEEK

We have some special offerings to add to our already super-special Holy Week!

- **St. Matthew's Passion on Palm Sunday** -For their special Lenten choral offering this year, the St. Michael's Choir will be singing selections from Bach's monumental "St Matthew Passion" during the 10:15am service on Palm Sunday, March 29. Widely regarded as one of the greatest of all sacred choral works, the choir will sing several chorales and the final chorus, in addition to solo arias sung by sopranos Jill Malin and Margery McCrum, that will be interspersed between spoken readings of the passion story according to St. Matthew. The choir of more than twenty singers will sing in the original German, including a new arrangement of the final chorus for a single choir (as it is originally composed for double choir) created by Director of Music Keane Southard, who will also accompany the choir on piano.
- **Violin and Arvo Part at Tenebrae, Wednesday, April 1** - Charlotte Malin will play the violin; Charlotte and Keane will play a special musical offering from Arvo Part, an Estonian composer known for his tintinnabuli style of minimalist composition. In addition, music will be offered by Talley Summerlin, Jeremy Geragotelis, and Christopher Wesolowski.
- **The Reverend John Michael Longworth** preaching at the Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7pm - The Reverend John Michael Longworth, a professed Ecumenical Franciscan and member of St. Michael's Church in the Cloud, will be our preacher.
- **SEVEN Baptisms at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4 at 7:30pm**-We will be baptizing Bobby Crocker, Joslyn, Isadora & Abbie Hainswood, Kira & Leo Storm and Jenna Webb, who

have been preparing for baptism since October! This has never happened before at St. Michael's – please come and celebrate and welcome these catechumens into the church.

EASTER FLOWERS

Today is the final day to place an order for Easter flowers. Forms are available with in-person bulletins for those who wish to donate to the flowers for our parish's celebration of Easter. If want to offer a donation but will not be in church to get your hands on a form, please let Susie know in the church office (parishadmin@stmichaelsvermont.org) Acknowledgement of your gifts will go in the Easter Sunday bulletin in these categories:

- A gift to the glory of God
- In thanksgiving for one or more people
- In memory of one or more people
- No notation, and anonymity about the donor

If you email Susie, please include your name, the amount you intend to give, and the notation you'd like in the bulletin.

Your Holy Week Travel Itinerary 2026

Holy Week Day & Time	What happens?	What does it mean?
<p>Palm Sunday, March 29, 8 am & 10:15</p> <p>Special Instructions: Bring drums, maracas, musical instruments so we can make a joyful noise on the parade!</p>	<p>8 am – We celebrate Palm Sunday during the service</p> <p>9-10am – We hold a special “between the services” Coffee Hour.</p> <p>10 am – We gather in the church to get ready for our Palm Sunday parade.</p> <p>10:15 am – We process around the neighborhood, led by the cross, for our Palm Sunday Parade, that brings up into the church to sing “All Glory, Laud and Honor” and celebrate the Palm Sunday Service.</p>	<p>We begin Holy Week with our bodies moving through the streets of our neighborhood with palms, in connection to Jesus’ triumphal entry into the Jerusalem. We shout, “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!”</p> <p>Special this year: The Choir will sing portions of St. Matthew’s Passion by Bach.</p>
<p>Monday – Wednesday, 12-12:30pm</p>	<p>In preparation for the liturgies of Tenebrae through Easter Vigil, there will be Eucharist at noon in the chapel on Monday through Wednesday during Holy Week.</p>	<p>The service will include an opening chant, reading a portion of the Passion according to Mark, a consecration and sharing of holy communion, and silence. Come to one or more of these brief liturgies as we prepare our hearts to walk on the road Jesus walks with us.</p>
<p>Wednesday, 7 pm, Tenebrae Service</p>	<p>A meditative service with poetry, music, scripture and the slow diminishment of light as we extinguish candles slowly as we hear parts of the Passion story.</p>	<p>Our first approach to Christ’s arrest and death through this service of “shadows” (i.e. Tenebrae).</p> <p>Special this year: Charlotte Malin will play the violin; Charlotte and Keane will play a special musical offering from Arvo Part, an Estonian composer known for his tintinnabuli style of minimalist composition. Talley Summerlin, Jeremy Geragotelis, and Christopher Wesolowski will accompany us as we worship.</p>

<p>Maundy Thursday, 6 pm (supper), 7pm, Service.</p> <p>Special Instructions: Please wear shoes that are easy to remove if you would like to participate in the foot-washing.</p>	<p>There will be a simple supper held in the Undercroft for those who wish to eat together. Then, the service will begin at 7pm in the church, where we will offer foot-washing for those who wish, followed by Holy Communion, the stripping of the altar and the beginning of Night Watch for those who wish to stay and pray.</p>	<p>Maundy Thursday commemorates Jesus Last Supper and the washing of the disciples' feet. The service ends in complete silence with the stripping of the altar in recognition of Jesus' prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane and the despair and death to come.</p> <p>Special this year: The Reverend John Michael Longworth, a professed Ecumenical Franciscan, will be our preacher.</p>
<p>Night Watch, 8 pm</p>	<p>Silent prayer in the church and chapel for those who wish to pray.</p>	<p>We accompany Christ by staying awake and spending the night in prayer as did Christ on the night of his betrayal.</p>
<p>Good Friday, 12 pm & 7 pm (only Livestreamed at 7pm)</p>	<p>We hear the Passion story, pray the ancient Solemn Collects as we bring the needs of the world before God, venerate the cross and leave in silence.</p>	<p>On Good Friday we join Mary and John at the foot of the cross as we contemplate the death of Jesus.</p>
<p>Holy Saturday, 9-9:30 am</p>	<p>A brief, informal service scripture and prayers in the church.</p>	<p>"Holy Saturday is the day in which God has died into our very own death, and sanctified it, in all its stark, immovable threat." (James Farwell)</p>
<p>Easter Vigil, Saturday, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>We gather outside in the darkness to light the new fire, come into the dark church and light our own candles. We hear ancient stories of God's people from our Hebrew scripture, celebrate a baptism and celebrate Holy Communion. There will be a festive reception of chocolate after the service!</p>	<p>We go to the tomb in darkness with Mary, only to find it empty and discover the mystery of resurrection, the new life given by God through Christ.</p> <p>Special this year: We will be baptizing 7 catechumens who have been preparing for baptism since October! This has never happened before at St. Michael's – please come and celebrate and welcome these catechumens into the church.</p>
<p>Easter Day, 8 am & 10:15 am!</p>	<p>Yay!</p>	<p>Come celebrate Jesus' resurrection and our redemption!</p>