

St. John's Announcements

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

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Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner



We have a small handful of liturgies that are glued together. Today's, is the most well-known, and the one with the starkest contrast. The first is the "Liturgy of the Palms". It marks the occasion of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The liturgy contains a recounting of the event from scripture, a blessing of palms, and a joyful procession. The liturgy, historically, also contained the singing of anthems and psalms. After we announce the procession in the traditional way, "Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. Amen", we will sing the ninth century hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor". This is the only hymn that is specifically assigned by the Book of Common Prayer.

The second part of our liturgy focuses on our Lord's passion. The reading is very long and is thought to speak for itself. A sermon is not traditionally preached at this worship service. Today's gospel reading will be broken into parts. I thank everyone who has offered to read this morning. The gospel reading at a Eucharist is typically reserved for ordained clergy, but, by long tradition, an exception is made for the passion reading. Though it is a difficult and sad reading, hearing the different voices retell this important event in our life of faith makes it my favorite church reading of the year. We conclude the reading with a lengthy period of silence.

*Blessings,
Marc*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Happy Birthday!
Skip Sutcliffe
Alfreda Stevenson
Helga Ginn
Paul Brown



Schedule for Holy Week:

Monday 3/25 – 7pm Compline service

Tuesday 3/26 – 7pm Evening Prayer with Sermon

Wednesday 3/27 – 7pm Spy Wednesday with Eucharist

Thursday 3/28 – 7pm Maundy Thursday

Friday 3/29 – 12pm Stations of the Cross and 7pm Liturgy both with Communion from the Reserve Sacrament

Saturday 3/30 – 9am Service

Easter Sunday – 3/31 8am and 10am Eucharist

Trivia Night is back!

On Thursday, April 18th we will have our second annual Trivia Night. We will begin our time with a pot luck supper at 6:00pm and then break up into groups for a round of trivia. Father Marc will be the trivia master for this fun event. We will have rounds focusing on movies, music, sports, and more.

LUNCH BUNCH IS BACK! - On Thursday, April 4th Lunch Bunch is making a comeback. All parishioners are welcome to attend a potluck luncheon in the St. Mary's lower parish hall. Doors open at 12 noon for socializing with a potluck lunch to follow at 12:30. Bring a hot or cold dish of your choice to share (the kitchen oven will be available for any hot foods). Additional potluck lunches are scheduled for May 2nd and June 6th. Mark your calendar and join in for some food, fun and fellowship. For any questions contact Chris Emery at 860-593-3176 (calls or texts).
