

St. John's Announcements

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Palm Sunday



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The Church has a small handful of liturgies that are glued together. Sunday's, is the most well-known, and the one with the starkest contrast. The Palm Sunday liturgy has two distinct parts. 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 to a liturgy.

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. The gospel reading 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. I hope you are able to join us for this moving liturgy.

Blessings, *Marc*

UPCOMING EVENTS IN ST. MARY'S HALL

** See Holy Week
Schedule**



Lunch Bunch - Lunch Bunch will be on **Thursday, April 9th**. Beverages and dessert are provided. If you are able, please bring a dish to share. Thank you! Bill & Marsha Francis.

2026 Holy Week and Easter Services Schedule:

- 3/29 – Palm Sunday
- 3/30 – Holy Monday Online Compline 7:30pm
- 3/31 – Holy Tuesday 3pm
- 4/1 – Spy Wednesday 10:30am and Online Compline – 7:30pm
- 4/2 – Maundy Thursday 7pm
- 4/3 – Good Friday 3pm
- 4/4 – Holy Saturday 9am
- 4/5 - Easter 8am & 10:30am

Holy Week Readers Needed – If you would like to be a reader for the Holy Week and Easter Services, please let Christina know. (Passion at Palm Sunday Holy Saturday, Easter,)

Has your contact information changed? Let Christina know - (860)-872-0517 or cmorin@stjohnsvernonct.org.

Pledge Cards – Please turn in your pledge cards if you haven't already. Stop by the office, mail it in or leave it in the pledge plate.

Lenten Series – Letty Naigles and Andy Burr will be leading our Lenten Series this year, focusing on the House of Bishops' pastoral teaching that challenges The Episcopal Church to face the urgency of the environmental crisis and to take bold and faithful action as an expression of our love for God and God's creation. We will be using materials developed by Bishop Ely, Rev. Jerry Cappel, and ECCT's own Rev. Stephanie Johnson. They created lessons which invite reflection, prayer and engagement with the Bishops' call for a flourishing life for all creation, and we look forward to sharing these with the parish. We will be meeting on five consecutive Thursdays beginning Feb. 26, 2026, for supper at 6pm followed by a different lesson each Thursday, ending with Eucharist. You are welcome to join us for however many sessions you can. Feel free to reach out to Letty and/or Andy with any questions.

Lenten Diaper Drive - St. John's will be collecting diapers, pull-ups and wipes beginning now until Palm Sunday, March 29th. All sizes are needed and donations will benefit *Gentle Love Connections*, a regional non-profit providing diapers/wipes to families who are in need. To find out more about their good works head to www.gentlelove.org. Questions? Contact Sarah Tierinni at sarah.i.brown23@gmail.com