

PARISH CALENDAR

The Sunday of the Passion:

Palm Sunday, April 14

- Blessing of Palms and Holy Eucharist: Rite One, 8:00 a.m.
- Blessing of Palms, Procession, and Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, 9:00 a.m.
- Blessing of Palms, Procession, and Holy Eucharist: Rite One, 11:15 a.m.
- Coffee Hour, 12:15 p.m., Keith Hall
- Blessing of Palms and Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, 5:00 p.m., Chapel
- Choral Evensong, 5:00 p.m. (followed by a reception in Keith Hall)

Monday in Holy Week, April 15

- Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m., Chapel
- Noonday Prayer, 12:00 noon, Chapel
- Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
- Holy Eucharist with Hymns and a Meditation, 6:00 p.m., Chapel

Tuesday in Holy Week, April 16

- Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m., Chapel
- Noonday Prayer, 12:00 noon, Chapel
- Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
- Holy Eucharist with Hymns and a Meditation, 6:00 p.m., Chapel

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 17

- Morning Prayer, 7:30 p.m., Chapel
- Thrift Shop, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Parish Hall Lower Level
- Noonday Prayer, 12:00 noon, Chapel
- Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
- Holy Eucharist with Hymns and a Meditation, 6:00 p.m., Chapel

Maundy Thursday, April 18

- Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m., Chapel
- Noonday Prayer, 12:00 noon, Chapel
- Holy Eucharist with Procession of the Sacrament to the Altar of Repose and Stripping of the Altar, 6:00 p.m.
- Prayer Vigil at the Altar of Repose, until 9:00 p.m., Chapel

Good Friday, April 19

- Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m., Chapel
- Ecumenical Service, 12:00 noon,
- Good Friday Liturgy for Children and Families, 4:00 p.m.
- The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday/Easter Eve, April 20

- The Holy Saturday Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
- The Great Vigil of Easter, 7:30 p.m.

The Sunday of the Resurrection:

Easter Day, April 21

- Holy Eucharist with Hymns: Rite One, 8:00 a.m.
- Festal Choral Eucharist: Rite One, 9:00 a.m.
- Festal Choral Eucharist: Rite One, 11:15 a.m.
- Choral Evensong, 5:00 p.m.
- Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, 6:00 p.m., Chapel

Nursery care for children three years of age and younger is available at the Parish Hall on Sundays from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information about or to sign-up for any of the events or programs listed above, please contact the Parish Office.

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THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

April 14, 2019
Blessing of Palms and
Holy Eucharist, at 5:00 p.m.

WELCOME to Christ Church, Georgetown. We are grateful for your presence this evening. If you would like to learn more about Christ Church or become more closely associated with this community, we encourage you to complete a pew card, which may be placed in the offering plate, given to an usher or member of the clergy, or mailed to the Parish Office. We hope you will return to Christ Church and worship with us again soon. For detailed information about the mission, ministry, work, and witness of the parish, including the complete schedule of Sunday and weekday services, visit our website: www.christchurchgeorgetown.org. Please remember to silence all mobile phones and other electronic devices. At the conclusion of the liturgy, all here present are invited to a reception in Keith Hall.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The people stand as the clergy enter.

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.

THE GOSPEL OF THE PALMS: Luke 19:28-40

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

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 ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

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

tools will be provided. An online waiver must be completed prior to arriving at the site. For more information, contact the Reverend Elizabeth Gardner.

Pre-build: Saturday, April 20, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Build: Saturday, April 27, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Christ Church Art Show: The opening reception of the annual Christ Church Art Show will take place on Friday, April 26, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., in Keith Hall. The show and sale will continue on Saturday, April 27, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 28, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Artists contribute at least 50% of all sales to Christ Church and the proceeds are used to expand parish outreach efforts.

Women's Bible Study: All women of the parish are invited to join us on Tuesdays, April 30, May 14, May 28, and June 11, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., in the Memorial Room, as we discuss the book of Exodus, sometimes referred to as the source book of the Bible. We will explore the book's prevailing themes: salvation and revelation, promise and fulfillment, covenant and community. An excellent commentary, distributed by Kerygma Bible Study Program, may be purchased through the Parish Office. For more information, contact the Reverend Elizabeth Keeler.

Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert: Join us on Saturday, May 4, at 4:00 p.m., for the final concert to be held at Christ Church during the 2018-2019 season: a performance by the Grammy-nominated Inscape Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Maestro Richard Scerbo. The adventurous program will feature Samuel Barber's *Capricorn Concerto*, Gerald Finzi's *Clarinet Concerto*, Op. 31, and Nameless Empire, by emerging New York-based composer Nathan Lincoln DeCusatis. All proceeds from the free-will offering will benefit Georgetown Ministry Center. A reception will follow.

Adult Forum: There will be no Adult Forum on Sundays, April 21 or 28. The 2018-2019 series, entitled *Scripture and Christian Ethics: How the Bible informs our decisions*, will resume on Sunday, May 5, at 10:00 a.m., in Keith Hall, with a presentation by Dr. Kathy Staudt: *Seeking signs, recognizing temptations, Ignatian spirituality, and scripture*.

Choral Evensong: The next service of Choral Evensong will take place on Easter Day, April 21, at 5:00 p.m. The liturgy will feature works by A. Herbert Brewer, Philip Radcliffe, and Randall Thompson. Choral Evensong will continue on first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month through May. A reception follows each service. Christ Church is one of a very few parishes in the U.S. to offer this beautiful, quintessentially Anglican liturgy with such frequency. Please plan to join us.

Soup Kitchen and Grate Patrol: On the third Sundays and Mondays of every month, Christ Church parishioners partner with the Salvation Army to provide healthy meals to vulnerable individuals in multiple locations throughout Washington, DC. Volunteers prepare food in the Parish Hall Kitchen from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Grate Patrol volunteers deliver and serve the food to those in need from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All ages and abilities are welcome! For more information or to volunteer, contact parishioner Liza Ballantine: lizaballantine@gmail.com. Upcoming dates are:

Sundays, April 21 and May 19
Meal Prep, 4:30 p.m. and Grate Patrol, 6:30 p.m.

Mondays, April 15, and May 20
Meal Prep, 4:30 p.m. and Grate Patrol, 6:30 p.m.

Ecumenical Good Friday Service: This year, Christ Church will host the Georgetown Clergy Association's Ecumenical Good Friday Service. The liturgy, which begins at 12:00 noon on Good Friday, April 19, will feature meditations on the seven last words of Christ by a number of local clerics. The Choir of Christ Church will sing music by Bob Chilcott and Thomas Tallis. All are invited to attend.

Rebuilding Together: Christ Church, in conjunction with St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, is working to support Rebuilding Together, a non-profit organization with the goal of preserving affordable homeownership and revitalizing neighborhoods through free home repairs and modifications for neighbors in need. This year, the project is in Southeast Washington, DC. Activities will include cleaning, drywall repair, and demolition. Come for an hour or an afternoon. No experience is necessary, although there is a strict age requirement that volunteers must be at least 15 years of age. Gloves, masks, and

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 LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a

THE Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know – how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

All join in saying the psalm 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."

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE
Luke 22:14–23:56

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The congregation remains seated until the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha.

The Gospel is announced in the following manner:

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

WHEN the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." And he said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!" Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me." He said to them, "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "No, not a thing." He said to them, "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled." They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." He replied, "It is enough." He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week and Easter Services: We invite and encourage you to worship with us throughout Holy Week and at Easter. The complete schedule of services is below. On Monday in Holy Week, April 15, through Good Friday, April 19, the principal liturgy of the day will take place at 6:00 p.m. Please consider attending these evening services as part of your spiritual preparation for Easter. The Great Vigil of Easter, arguably the most theologically significant liturgy of the Church Year, will take place on Easter Eve, at 7:30 p.m.

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NOTE: An asterisk indicates the availability of optional nursery care for children three years of age and younger in the Parish Hall Nursery. All weekday services will take place in the Chapel of Saint Jude unless otherwise indicated. This year, the Good Friday Ecumenical Service will be held at Christ Church.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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THE COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.
Gluten-free wafers are available. Please make your need known at the altar rail.
Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing.
Please indicate this to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The people respond: Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

The people respond: Thanks be to God.

ASSISTING IN THE LITURGY

Robert C. Arnold, *Lector*
 Katherine E. Tallmadge, *Intercessor*
 Vicki Campbell, *Altar Guild and Chalice Bearer*
 Susan H. Dawkins, Ingola K. Hodges, Pamela A. Jenkinson, and
 Anne Berry Schell, *Flower Committee*

followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial." While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!" Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!" Then the assembly 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." When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him." Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Here all stand.

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Here a brief moment of silence is observed.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.