



St. John's Episcopal Church

The Sunday of the PASSION

PALM Sunday

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
March 24, 2024 · 10:30 AM

*All are welcome to worship God in this place.
In church before the service, please respect others by being silent.
Bold print indicates all the people shall read aloud*

Service will begin outside - weather permitting.

PRELUDE All Glory, Laud, and Honor

BWV 736

J. S. Bach

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

All Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Presider Let us pray.

All 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.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

Celebrant A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The People raise their palms throughout the blessing.

THE BLESSING

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider 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.

All **Amen.**

Presider Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All **Hosanna in the highest!**

INTROIT Hosanna to the Son of David

Richard Konzen


People take their places in the pews.

Reader Let us go forth in peace.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL All Glory, Laud, and Honor Hymnal - 154 *Valet will ich dir geben*
Choir will pause at the end of stanza 3 for the Holy Week Collect.


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.

Presider Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider 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 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 **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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 awakens—awakens 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 backwards. 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?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16

In te, Domine, speravi



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 con|sumed.
11. I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of | my ac|quaintance; *

- when they see me in the | street | they a|void 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 a|round; *
- they put their head 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 EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

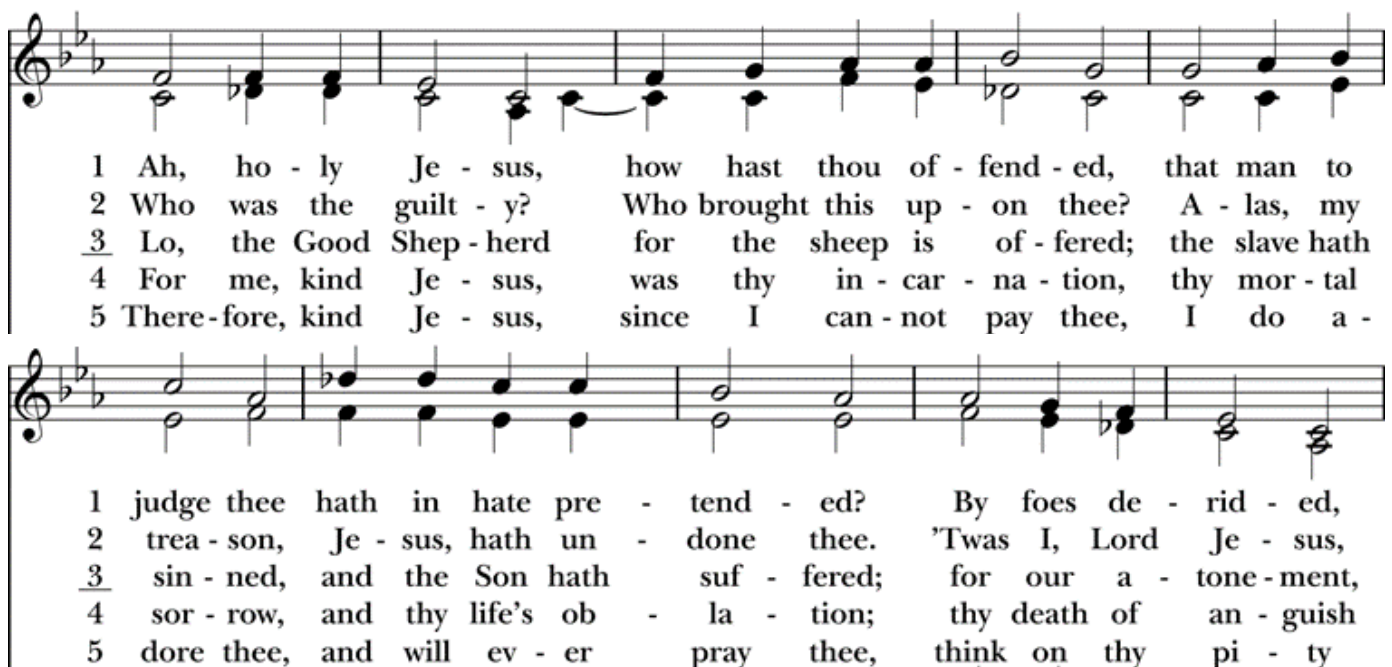
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death- even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

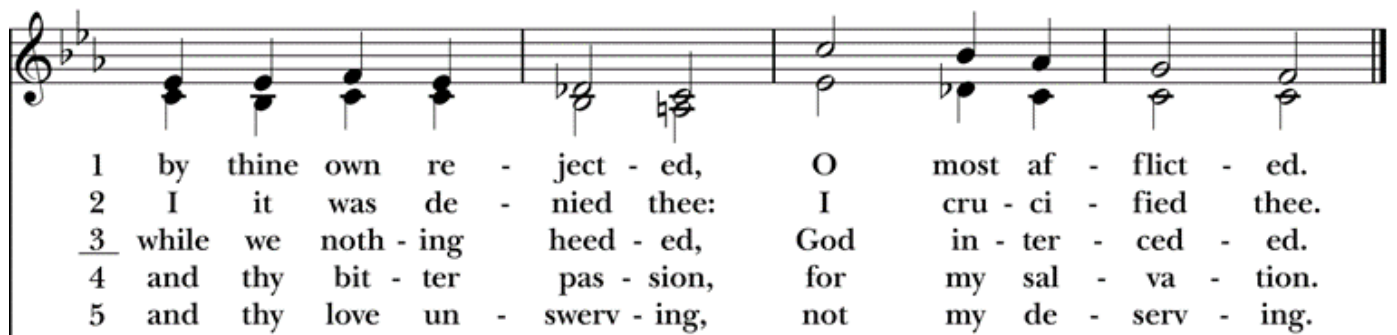
All **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended Hymnal - 158 *Herzliebster Jesu*



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty



THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST *According to St. Mark - see insert.*

*The Congregation may stand or kneel when indicated throughout the insert by the following marking: **

THE SERMON

The Rev. Abraham Allende

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Praying the Scriptures*

Jeremiah D. Williamson

All stand.

Leader Though willing in spirit, we are still weak in the flesh. So let us appeal to God's mercy, saying, "Help us, O Lord. **Lord have mercy.**"

Leader O Lord, let the same mind be in your Church that was in Christ Jesus. With bended knees and confessing tongues, make us able to live his way of humility and obedience.

Silence

Help us, O Lord.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Leader Almighty God, in your tender love you sent your Son our Savior Jesus to take upon him our human nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: give us hearts also to love every human being.

The congregation may add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Help us, O Lord.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Leader O God, bless the trees: In celebration of your Son we waved their branches; in our sinful violence we took what you made good and crafted a wooden cross. O God, bless the trees.

Silence

Help us, O Lord.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Leader Merciful God, look upon our beautiful city. Forgive us our violent ways. Even in hard times, let us not become a reproach to our neighbors. Make your face to shine upon the city.

Silence

Help us, O Lord.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Leader O Lord, we pray for those who are wasted by grief, whose years are filled with sighing. We pray for those whose strength has failed and whose bones are consumed. In your loving-kindness save them.

Silence

Help us, O Lord.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Leader Lord Jesus, you took human form; you died on the cross. You shared with us life and death. We trust the dead to your care. We trust our lives to you.

Silence

Help us, O Lord.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Priest Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

THE CLOSING COLLECT *Praying the Scriptures*

Jeremiah D. Williamson

Celebrant Show your goodness, O Lord, and hear our prayers Look past our selfish desires and remember your own faithfulness. In your great compassion, consider our petitions and in your mercy do in our lives that which is truly good. We pray in the name of your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit, reigns One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Book of Common Prayer 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM A Litany

William Walton

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY EUCHARIST Eucharistic Prayer A

Book of Common Prayer 361

SURSUM CORDA

Hymnal S-120

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' parts indicated above the staves.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

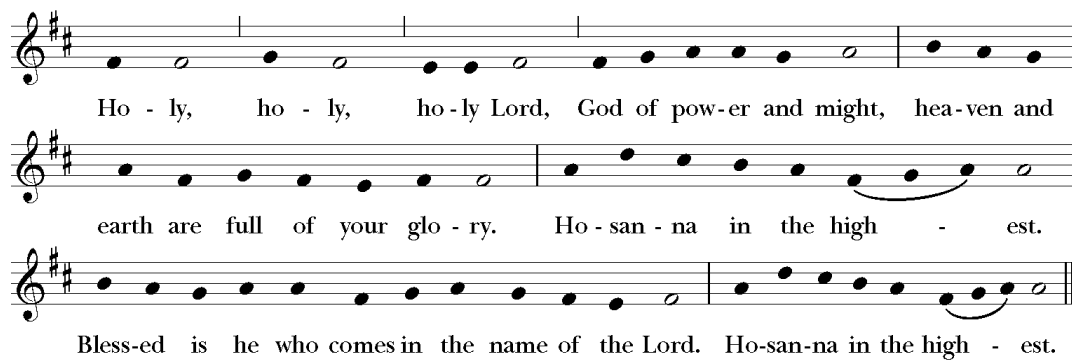
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal S-124



The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

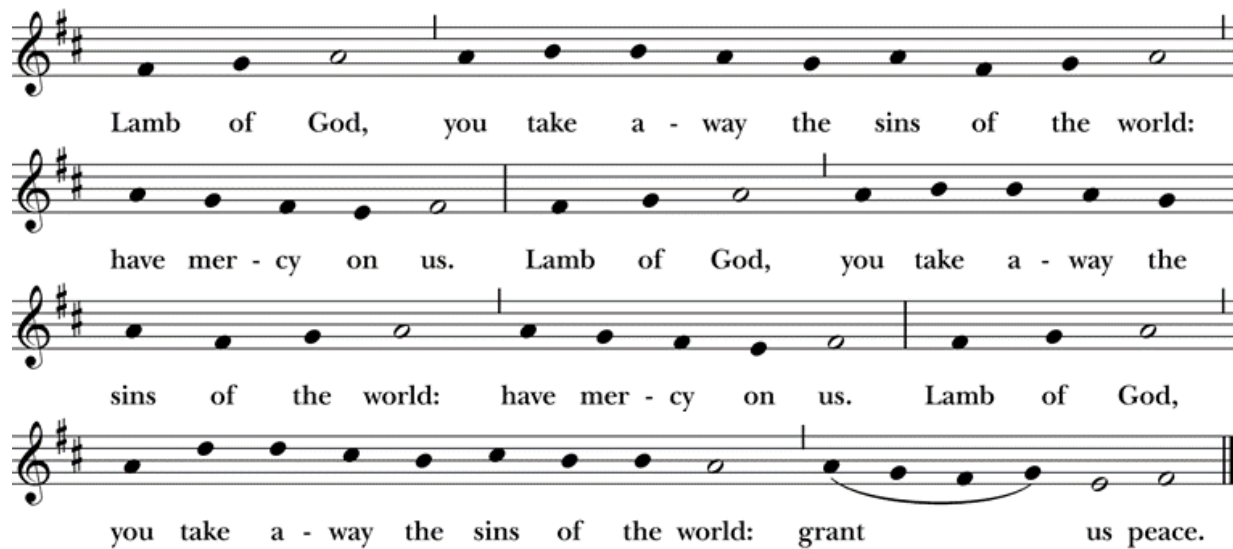
Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM Lamb of God

Hymnal S-161

David Hurd



THE INVITATION

The presider invites the congregation forward to receive Holy Communion with these words

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MOTET Christus factus est

Anton Bruckner

Christ became obedient for us unto death,
even to the death, death on the cross.
Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name
which is above all names.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Book of Common Prayer 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE HOLY WEEK BLESSING

Book of Occasional Services 26

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded Hymnal - 168 *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*



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.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE O World, I Must Now Leave Thee

(Op. 122)

Johannes Brahms

MUSIC NOTES

This morning's prelude is one of two miscellaneous settings of our familiar opening hymn for Palm Sunday. In this prelude, Bach treats each phrase of the chorale with material that is best described as the prelude to that particular phrase. It is a compositional technique to not only delineate the entrance of the hymn phrase, but also a useful tool to extend the overall scope of the work.

Today's postlude is one of the very last pieces that Brahms composed. In the last summer of his life (1896), Brahms spent time at a retreat in the Austrian Alps and composed his last compositions, the Eleven Choral Preludes. The melody is from an earlier secular folk tune, "Innsbruck, I must now leave thee." Brahms made two settings of this particular hymn, this being the first setting. Overall, these last preludes are quite introspective and seem to foreshadow the end of an era, as well as Brahms' own mortality.



WE PRAY FOR those who have requested prayer this month:

T.J. Leo, Allen DeMarks, Kim Daniels, Brian Hill, Tom Wrona, Jim Ehret, Vicky, Ginger Elliott, Carmela, Adam Sullivan, Doug Hotchkiss, Charles Rumberg, Derrie Wilkes

**We invite you to join us for our
*Holy Week Services & Events***

Maundy Thursday, March 28th, 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross, March 29th 12:00 pm

Good Friday, March 29th, 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, March 30th, 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31st, 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Easter Brunch, March 31st, 9:00 am

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EASTER BRUNCH

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Today's Altar Flowers are given to the honor and glory of God and in memory of Dorothy Kane, Thomas & Mary Mackin by The Slagle & Bonte Families; Charles F. Landolt, Justin M. Pettycrew, Charles C. Landolt, Isabel G. Landolt, Virginia G. Landolt & John R. Landolt by Judy Landolt Korns.

Today's Aumbry Candle is given to the honor and glory of God and in memory of Thomas G. New by Diane L. New; Margaret Spufford & George Congdon by Eleanor Congdon.

Easter Flowers We are accepting name dedications for Easter Flowers. If you would like to remember loved ones this Easter, we invite you to make a donation to Altar Guild in their memory. Dedications will be listed in the Easter bulletin if received by March 27th. Flowers will be on display during the Easter Sunday services on March 31st.

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Sunday School Update There will be NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Easter Brunch All are invited to the Parish Life & Growth's Annual Easter Brunch! We hope you can join as we share food and fellowship with both the 8:00am and 10:30am services Easter Sunday, March 31st at 9:00am in the Great Hall.

Family Service Joyfully, our Family Service will begin on Sunday, April 7th at 9:15am in the Undercroft Chapel.