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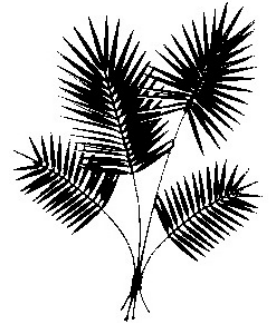
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# Sunday Worship

March 29, 2015 – 10:00 AM

## Palm Sunday

### Liturgy of the Palms



**Welcome – we will be starting the service outside (\*indicates when to stand)**

*Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything today. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin. Come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.*

**Priest:** Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All:** Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

**Priest:** 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.

**Priest:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

(11:1-11)

**All:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Priest:** 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.**

**All:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## ***The Procession***

**Priest:** Let us go forth in peace.

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

## ***The Word of God***

**\*Gathering Song: All Glory Laud and Honor**

*(Refrain:)* All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before Thee we present. *(Refrain)*

To Thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise; to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou did accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King. *(Refrain)*

**\*All:** 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.

**A Reading from Philippians (please be seated)**

(2:5-11)

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Presentation by the Aspire Dance Academy to Beautiful Savior

### The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark

(15:1-39)

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

## \* Prayers of the People

**Leader:** In penitence and faith let us make our prayer to the Father and ask for his mercy and grace.  
For your holy people, that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For candidates for baptism and confirmation, that they may live by every word that proceeds from your mouth, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the needy, that they may not be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the sick in body, mind, and spirit, that they may know your power to heal, especially (prayers may be offered silently or out loud), we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven and see you face to face, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the addition of people called and equipped to bring families with children of all ages into the Christian Faith, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For Veterinary Referral and Critical Care on Hockett Rd. in Manakin Sabot that the health of animals and quality of life of our households will continue to rise in our community, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the Congregation and clergy of Christ Church, Spotsylvania, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For Christ Church, Glen Allen that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in the search and selection of a new rector, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, Vicar, and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velez-Rivera, vicar, that each of these missions may fulfill every purpose God has for them, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For healthcare in Metropolitan Richmond: For the full restoration of health, wellness, and well-being to all people in our metropolitan community, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Let us commend the world, for which Christ suffered, to the mercy and protection of God. **Amen.**

**Leader:** We pray to You also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**All:** Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Priest:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **\*Exchange of Peace**

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## ***The Holy Communion***

Offertory: **My Song Is Love Unknown** - *Performed by the Aspire Dance Academy*

**\* Doxology:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **\* Eucharistic Prayer B**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

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

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Priest:** 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All (spoken not sung):** Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**Priest:** We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**People:** We remember his death; We proclaim his resurrection; We await his coming in glory;

**Priest:** And we offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

**Priest:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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 priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:*

**Priest:** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast.

**Priest:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]*

**Communion Song: Before the Throne of God Above**

Before your throne O God above I have a strong and perfect plea; a great high Priest whose Name is Love Who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on your hands my name is written on your heart. I know that while in heaven you stand No tongue can bid me there depart. No tongue can bid me there depart When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within. Upward I look and see you there who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free. For you the just is satisfied to look on you and pardon me. To look on Him and pardon me

Behold you there the risen Lamb My perfect spotless righteousness. The great unchangeable I AM The King of glory and of grace. One with yourself I cannot die my soul is purchased by your blood. My life is hid with you on high with you my Savior and my God! With you my Savior and my God!

One with yourself I cannot die my soul is purchased by your blood. My life is hid with you on high with you my Savior and my God! With you my Savior and my God!

**\*Post-Communion Prayer (*All - please stand*):** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love, where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union, where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**\*Blessing**

**\*Song of Dismissal: Jesus Messiah - Chris Tomlin**

He became sin; Who knew no sin. That we might become His Righteousness. He humbled himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing. Love so amazing.

*(Chorus:)* Jesus Messiah, Name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The rescue for sinners. The ransom from Heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, His blood the wine. Broken and poured out, all for love. The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn. Love so amazing. Love so amazing.

*(Chorus:)* Jesus Messiah, Name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The rescue for sinners. The ransom from Heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

All I hope is in You, All I hope is in You. All the glory to You, God, The light of the world

*(Chorus:)* Jesus Messiah, Name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The rescue for sinners. The ransom from Heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. The Lord of all, the Lord of all.

**\*Priest:** Let us bless the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

Remember next week to bring any flowers you may have in your yard to help flower the Cross for Easter Sunday.

Remember in your prayers:

Larry Kidd, Jr.

The Symphony Retirement Community

Linda Eggleston

Christians in the Middle East

Robin and John Snow

Paula Gordon



**Your Vestry Members are:**

<b>Senior Warden:</b>	Jack Martin	<b>Junior Warden:</b>	Richard Walker
<b>Other Members:</b>	Larry Kidd		Libby Clark
<b>Register:</b>	Marian Elam	<b>Treasurer:</b>	Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers, and chalciers. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible, and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise, you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<b><u>Worship Service Date</u></b>	<b><u>Scripture Reader</u></b>	<b><u>Prayer Reader</u></b>	<b><u>Chalciers</u></b>	<b><u>Greeters/Ushers</u></b>
29-Mar	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker	Susan Kidd, Richard Walker	Larry Kidd
2-Apr	Bobbie Leviness	Jack Martin	Jack Martin, Marian Elam	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
3-Apr	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
5-Apr	Kathy Gammon	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd

## ~ Announcements ~

### Upcoming Important Dates:

Sunday, March 29	Palm Sunday (visit from Aspire Dance Academy)	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 2	Maundy Thursday Service	St. Francis	6:15 p.m.
Friday, April 3	Good Friday Service	St. Francis	6:15 p.m.
Sunday, April 5	Easter Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

**Food Collection** for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please bring non-perishable food to donate. Place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

**Easter Lilies** - There is a sign-up sheet for Easter Lilies in the narthex. The Lilies will be used to decorate the Altar for Easter Sunday service next week and will be available for pickup after the service. The cost is \$10 and we will be purchasing just 12 of them.

### Reconciliation Follow-Up: Hand-in-Hand Listening Sessions

At the diocesan Annual Council meeting in January, Bishop Shannon Johnston announced the start of a new racial reconciliation initiative for the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia in 2015. The first step in this initiative is a series of listening sessions to take place across the Diocese, and we want our church to be represented at these important events. You're invited to join in one of three Hand-in-Hand Listening Sessions that will take place this spring in northern and central Virginia. Additional sessions will take place in the eastern and western portions of the Diocese in the fall. These gatherings will be an opportunity for participants to speak their hearts and minds in a safe, non-reactive environment. Registration is not necessary, but you can indicate which session you'll attend on the diocesan website at [thediocese.net/events](http://thediocese.net/events).

- Thursday, April 16: Epiphany, Richmond, 7-8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 18: Trinity, Fredericksburg, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, April 23: The Falls Church, Falls Church, 7:30-9 p.m.

### Our Missional Communities:

**The Parke** The Parke outreach meets on March 29, 2015 at 3:30pm for a prayer walk beginning at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker, 1661 Centerville Park Lane, Manakin Sabot 23103. Contact Richard Walker at [richardandhedy@yahoo.com](mailto:richardandhedy@yahoo.com)

**The Garden** meets on Sunday, March 29, 2015 immediately after worship. Please be prepared this Sunday to cut the seed potatoes and plant them after church. It will be helpful to bring a knife for the cutting and to wear appropriate clothing for planting.

**Symphony** meets on April 26, 2015 at 8:45am at Symphony Manor of Richmond 12411 Gayton Rd; Richmond 23238. Contact Bobbie Leviness at 400- 7895

**Financial Update** - If you have any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	<b>Operating Funds</b>		<b>Net Gain</b>
	<b><u>Deposits</u></b>	<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>or (Loss)</u></b>
<b>2015</b>			
January	\$4,641.00	\$7,734.10	<b>(\$3,093.10)</b>
February	\$11,139.66	\$9,378.57	<b>\$1,761.09</b>
March	<u>\$6,945.33</u>	<u>\$4,764.09</u>	<b><u>\$2,181.24</u></b>
<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>\$22,725.99</b>	<b>\$21,876.76</b>	<b>\$849.23</b>
<b>2015 Year-To-Date</b>	<b>\$22,725.99</b>	<b>\$21,876.76</b>	<b>\$849.23</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b><u>Beginning</u></b>	<b><u>Ending</u></b>	
<b>YTD 2015</b>	\$32,005.82	\$32,855.05	<b>\$849.23</b>

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