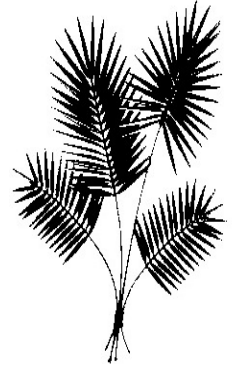




*Sunday Worship*  
March 20, 2016 – 10:00 AM  
*Palm Sunday*



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*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 Luke (19:28-40)

**All:** 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."

**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*

**\*Processional 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)

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.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## Presentation by Aspire Dance Academy: Nobody Else Like You

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

(23:1-49)

The assembly of the elders of the people 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?"

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. 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.

### \* 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 all the baptized in their daily life and work, 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 those whose calling and ministry is with families with young children to be added to this  
fellowship, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For Family Chiropractic, Eric Carlson, DC, owner, that the health of many in our area will be continually  
improving, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For Good Shepherd of the Hills, Boonesville; Church of the Spirit, Kingstowne; St. Andrew's, Ada;  
St. Paul's Memorial, Charlottesville; Grace, Alexandria; All Souls, Atlee; St. Gabriel's, Leesburg that the  
members would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For all law enforcement officers, EMT's, firefighters, military personnel that they would be guided in  
every way by your Spirit, 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:** Presentation by the Aspire Dance Academy - Nobody Else Like You Reprise

**\* 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):** 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: Awesome Beauty**

Lord of all creation, we gladly bow to you. King of every nation, we give our hearts to you. My soul finds rest in you alone. I will not be shaken. May your ways be known in all the Earth for you are above all others.

*(Chorus:)* Awesome beauty, perfect faithfulness, endless mercy, mighty lamb.

Lord of all creation, we gladly bow to you. King of every nation, we give our hearts to you. Those who look to you are radiant. I won't be ashamed. May your ways be known in all the Earth for you are above all others.

*(Chorus)*

**\*Post-Communion Prayer (All):** 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: New Song**

Your ways, oh Lord, are good and faithful, no one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame; You turned my sorrow into dancing, You turned my tears to joy.

*(Chorus:)* You've given my heart a new song, and my heart can't be silent anymore for I am not afraid to do your will, Lord, cause to live is Christ, to die is gain.

When I'm afraid you give me shelter; when I am weak you give me strength; I cried for mercy and you healed me; You brought me up from the grave. *(Chorus)*

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Remember in your prayers:**

Larry Kidd (Jr. & Sr.)  
The Symphony Retirement Community  
John Madden  
Graham Family

Carl Burton  
Allie & Jenny Morris  
Bill Morgan and family

Rachel Pizarz  
Ken Killian  
Joseph Moore

**Your Vestry Members are:**

**Senior Warden:** Jack Martin

**Junior Warden:** Richard Walker

**Other Members:** Larry Kidd  
Michie Lloyd

Libby Clark

**Register:** Marian Elam

**Treasurer:** Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers, and chalcers. 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.

<u>Worship Service Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalices</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
Mar 20	Richard Walker	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
Mar 27	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
Apr 3	Bill Weatherford	Bobbie Levine's	Bill Weatherford, Marian Elam	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd

**~Announcements~**

**Upcoming Important Dates:**

Thursday, March 24	Maundy Thursday Service	St. Francis	6:15 p.m.
Friday, March 25	Good Friday Service	St. Francis	6:15 p.m.
Sunday, March 27	Easter Sunday Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
	Symphony	Symphony Manor	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 3	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

**Please remember next Sunday to bring any flowers you may have in your yard to help flower the Cross for Easter Sunday.**

**Food Collection** for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please continue to bring non-perishable food to donate. The Food Pantry takes pet food and will accept open bags. Please place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

**St. Francis Yard Sale, April 30, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** - St. Francis will rent spaces to vendors for \$15 per space. Vendors will provide their own tents, tables, and chairs. For more information, please contact Libby Clark: lcp@libbyclarkphotography.com

**Financial Update** - If there are 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>
	<u><b>Deposits</b></u>	<u><b>Expenses</b></u>	<u><b>or (Loss)</b></u>
<b>2016</b>			
January	\$3,135.00	\$7,168.92	<b>(\$4,033.92)</b>
February	\$10,107.00	\$8,165.44	<b>\$1,941.56</b>
March	<u>\$2,159.00</u>	<u>\$2,517.02</u>	<b>(\$358.02)</b>
<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>\$15,401.00</b>	<b>\$17,851.38</b>	<b>(\$2,450.38)</b>
<b>2016 Year-To-Date</b>	<b>\$15,401.00</b>	<b>\$17,851.38</b>	<b>(\$2,450.38)</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<u><b>Beginning</b></u>	<u><b>Ending</b></u>	
<b>YTD 2016</b>	\$24,421.33	\$21,970.95	<b>(\$2,450.38)</b>

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