



# CHURCH of the ASCENSION

## The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday ☩ March 28, 2021 Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

### The Liturgy of the Palms

*Please stand.*

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

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

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 Mark 11: 1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### The Blessing of the Palms

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## The Procession

Let us go forth in peace.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.

## Hymn 154 All Glory laud, and honor

*Valet will ich dir geben*

*Hand chimes and hand bells to be rung during the refrain*

*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.



## Welcome and Announcements

*Please refer to the announcements at the back of this bulletin  
for more complete information.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The people's responses are in bold.*

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

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.**

*Silence is kept.*

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

*Sung by the Cantors.*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! \*  
Lord, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

## **THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK**

*Please be seated for the reading of the Passion Gospel.*

*At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.*

*The Congregation will play the part of the Crowd.*

- Narrator* 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,
- Pilate* Are you the King of the Jews?
- Narrator* Jesus answered him,
- Jesus* You say so.
- Narrator* Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,
- Pilate* Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.
- Narrator* 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,
- Pilate* Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

*Narrator* 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,

*Pilate* Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

*Narrator* They shouted back,

**Crowd** **Crucify him!**

*Narrator* Pilate asked them,

*Pilate* Why, what evil has he done?

*Narrator* But they shouted all the more,

**Crowd** **Crucify him!**

*Narrator* 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,

*Soldiers* Hail, King of the Jews!

*Narrator* 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).

**All Stand**

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,

**Crowd** **Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!**

*Narrator* In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

*Chief Priests* 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.

*Narrator* 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,

*Jesus* Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

*Narrator* which means,

*Jesus* My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

*Narrator* When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**Crowd** **Listen, he is calling for Elijah.**

*Narrator* And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

*Bystander* Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

*Narrator* 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,

*Centurion* Truly this man was God's Son!

**The Reflection**

*Please be seated.*

The Rev. Weezie Blanchard

## The Nicene Creed

*Said by all, standing.*

We believe in one God, **the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Please remain standing.*

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

*The Leader and the People pray responsively.*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Kym, our Bishop; Weezie and Garry, our clergy; and for all bishops and other ministers. For Joe, our President, Jared, our Governor, Michael, our Mayor, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; and for this community, this nation, and the world. Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are expecting children, remembering especially Ann Collier and Tyler Ray; We pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week, remembering especially Paul Abdoo, Natalie Blumenthal, James Cave, Charlie Cole, Charlotte Kundts, Patrick Williams, and Anna Zumbahlen. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for those who have requested our prayers, remembering especially Hea Suk Berger, Melvin Berger, Natalie Blumenthal, Marissa Catz, Janie Cilo, Holly Davidson, Elinor Davis, Darby Donohue, Bill Dorn, Paul Ebels, Roz Farnam, Jane Fox, Chris Kahler, Jordan King, Jim Lindeen, Ross Nazar, Glenna Pock, Mary Jo Pollman, Jennifer Rudolph, Lynne Smith, Maureen Spittlehouse, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Leah Tutu, Michel Vallée, Linda Walters, Beau Wright, John, and Nancy. We pray for those who are suffering from the effects of Covid-19; for all who work to end hunger, especially for the work of our mission partner Metro Caring; and for those whom we name either silently or aloud. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, remembering especially Dave Ebels; Jody Pierce; the victims of the shootings in Boulder: Tralona Bartkowiak, Suzanne Fountain, Teri Leiker, Kevin Mahoney, Lynn Murray, Rikki Olds, Neven Stanisic, Denny Stong, Eric Talley, and Jody Waters; and the more than 545,000 people in the United States who have died from Covid-19, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions.*

## **The Concluding Collect**

### **The Peace**

*Please stand.*

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

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Offertory**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

*Please be seated.*

*Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give toward the continuing work of Ascension as the Body of Christ in the world.*

*Because of Covid-19 precautions, we do not pass offering plates during the service. Please consider making a gift by texting "AscensionDenver" to 73256 or visiting [www.ascensiondenver.org/give](http://www.ascensiondenver.org/give). Thank you for your generosity, especially in these uncertain times.*

At the Offertory

Hymn 458 My song is love unknown *Please remain seated.*

Love Unknown

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love  
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but  
\*3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -  
\*4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He  
\*5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a  
1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O  
2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But  
3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then  
4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet  
5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet  
1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.  
3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.  
5 stead - fast he to suf - fer - ing goes, that he his foes from thence might free.  
\*6 In life no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heaven was his home;  
but mine the tomb  
wherein he lay.  
7 Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine:  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine,  
This is my friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A *Please stand.*

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord** *Sanctus*

**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**

*Please kneel or remain standing.*

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker and of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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 Breaking of the Bread**

*Silence is kept.*

Behold what you are.

**May we become what we receive.**



## The Invitation

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.

*Please be seated.*

*Those who wish to express their desire to receive communion, but for whatever reason are impeded from doing so, are invited to say the following prayer, either silently or aloud.*

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire and be renewed for your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn 474 When I survey the wondrous cross *Please remain seated for this time of reflection.*

Rockingham

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: Rockingham, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Please stand or kneel.*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

## A Solemn Prayer

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 for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please leave in silence as we enter into the solemn observance of Holy Week.*



### Participants in this morning's service

**Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. Louise Browner Blanchard; **Crucifer:** Chris Nazar; **Intercessor:** Buzz Schaumberg; **Readers of the Passion Gospel:** Christi Canada, Jared Canada, Kirsten Kellstrom, Chris Nazar, Buzz Schaumberg, Mary Ruth Schaumberg, and Walt Smith; **Musicians:** Dr. Cindy Lindeen-Martin, *Organist and Director of Music*, and Christi Canada, Jared Canada, and Kirsten Kellstrom, *Cantors*

**Livestream Assistant:** Walt Smith

**Altar Guild:** Julie Mahoney, Kathleen Reilly, and Cynthia Shannon



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| Budgeted Year to Date Pledges through February 2021        | \$355,000.00 |
| Actual Year to Date Pledges received through February 2021 | \$64,010.60  |
| Budgeted Pledges for February 2021                         | \$29,583.33  |
| Actual Pledges received in February 2021                   | \$29,782.00  |

Thank you to everyone for keeping up with pledges.  
It is not too late to make a pledge for 2021! Please click [here](#) to pledge.



## THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

### Online Centering Prayer

*Wednesday, March 31 at 7:30 a.m.*

To receive a Zoom link, please [email Barb Watson](#).

### Maundy Thursday Service

*Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m.*

To register for the service, please click [here](#).

### Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil

*From Thursday, April 1 at 8 p.m. to Friday, April 2 at 8 a.m.*

Sign up for a time slot [here](#).

### Good Friday Service

*Friday, April 2 at 12 noon.* To register for the service, please click [here](#).



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Holy Week at Ascension

From his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to his crucifixion on Good Friday, the last week of Jesus's earthly life swung from celebration to betrayal, suffering, and death. Join us as we commemorate those events. All services will be livestreamed at the times noted, as well as available on our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channel. Additionally, we are pleased to be able to offer in-person worship to a limited number of people at our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Pandemic safety protocols, including advance registration, mask-wearing, no singing, and social distancing, will be observed.

- To register for Maundy Thursday on April 1 at 7 p.m., please go [here](#).
- To register for Good Friday on April 2 at 12 noon, please go [here](#).

The relative isolation of the pandemic is an opportunity to more mindfully make the Holy Week journey from Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter. Three books that explore that incredible week are:

- *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem* by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan;
- *Entering the Passion: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by Amy-Jill Levine;
- *The Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross* by Jon Meacham.

### Easter Sunday at Ascension

Join us as we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ on **Easter Sunday, April 4 at 9 and 10:30 a.m.**

- The **9 a.m. service** in the Church will be livestreamed, as well as available for later viewing on our [website](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#) channel. **In person attendance for this service has been filled.**
- The **10:30 a.m. service** will be held in the Ascension parking lot at the corner of 6th Avenue and Williams Street. The brief but festive service will include Easter hymns and holy communion. Attendance is limited to **150 people**, so registration is required. Other pandemic safety protocols, including mask-wearing and social distancing, will be observed.
  - To register for the **Easter service on April 4 at 10:30 a.m.**, please click [here](#). Each attendee must register their family members with a name under "guests."
  - **We need your help to set up and take down the 10:30 a.m. service.** Please click [here](#) to sign up.
  - **Flowers for the cross on Easter.** Flowers, which symbolize resurrection, return to the Church on Easter Sunday. To celebrate, please bring garden or store-bought flowers to decorate our flowering cross to the 10:30 outdoor service for the children to put the flowers in the cross as the service starts.

*In the event of inclement weather, the outdoor service will be canceled.*

### Easter Lily Donations

We will be decorating for Easter with Easter Lilies again this year. To give in memory of someone, to celebrate a life event, or simply to give thanks, donate online [here](#). You can also mail a check to the church office at 600 Gilpin Street Denver, CO 80218. Make sure to list if you have something or someone you would like remembered. *Donations must be received by April 1 to be included in the Easter bulletin.*

### Stewardship Match Appeal

A very generous anonymous donor has provided Ascension with a special gift of up to \$25,000. The gift is two-fold with \$10,000 going directly to support our outreach mission and a \$15,000 match opportunity. Ascension will receive one dollar for every dollar given up to \$15,000. This gift comes at a great time of need for our church due to the challenges presented by COVID-19 and we ask you to consider participating in this appeal. Please consider giving in any amount to this fund and help us reach our \$15,000 parish goal. If each household at Ascension participates at a cost of \$120 annually or \$10 per month, we can reach our goal. You can give by adding to your annual pledge or by giving a one-time donation. With your additional support, we have the possibility of raising an additional \$30,000 to support our 2021 budget and bring our current deficit back into alignment. Ways to make your gift include: donating online at [www.ascensiondenver.org/give](http://www.ascensiondenver.org/give), texting "AscensionDenver MatchAppeal" to 73256, or mail a check to the office.

## Spring Quest for Youth

Join youth from around the Diocese of Colorado online on **Saturday, April 17, 1-5 p.m. for Spring Quest** as they reflect together and find new ways to see God in the world around us. To register, click [here](#). For questions, please [contact Elizabeth Cervasio](#).

## Colorado Vaccine Resources

We are eager for all of our parishioners to receive Covid vaccinations as soon as possible. To find out when and where you can get vaccinated, please click [here](#).



## THE PARISH PRAYER LIST

We pray for healing and peace for: Hea Suk Berger, Melvin Berger, Natalie Blumenthal, Marissa Catz, Janie Cilo, *Holly Davidson*, Elinor Davis, Darby Donohue, Bill Dorn, *Paul Ebels*, Roz Farnam, Jane Fox, Chris Kahler, Jordan King, Jim Lindeen, Ross Nazar, Glenna Pock, Mary Jo Pollman, Jennifer Rudolph, Lynne Smith, Maureen Spittlehouse, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Leah Tutu, Michel Vallée, Linda Walters, Beau Wright, John, and Nancy, and those who are suffering from the effects of Covid-19. We pray for those who have died, remembering especially *Dave Ebels; Jody Pierce; the victims of the shootings in Boulder: Tralona Bartkowiak, Suzanne Fountain, Teri Leiker, Kevin Mahoney, Lynn Murray, Rikki Olds, Neven Stanisic, Denny Stong, Eric Talley, and Jody Waters*; and the more than 345,000 people in the United States who have died of Covid-19. In the Parish cycle of prayer, we pray for those who are expecting children, remembering especially Ann Collier and Tyler Ray; we pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, remembering especially *Paul Abdo (April 1), Natalie Blumenthal (April 2), James Cave (March 29), Charlie Cole (March 29), Charlotte Kundts (April 3), Patrick Williams (March 31), and Anna Zumbahlen (April 1)*; for *Shannon Mokhriby, our Accountant, and our Officers and Vestry*; and for all who work to end hunger, especially for the work of our mission partner *Metro Caring*. In the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer, we pray for *Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; St. Gabriel's, Cherry Hills Village; St. John's, New Castle; St. Mary Magdalene, Boulder; St. Patrick's, Pagosa Springs; St. Stephen's, Aurora; and Christ's Cornucopia, Security*.

*Names in italics are new to the prayer list this week. Names which have appeared on the prayer list for three months will be removed unless otherwise requested. You are most welcome and encouraged to contact the Parish Office to request new prayers and earlier removal or extension of existing prayers.*

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