



**ST. JAMES'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday**

**March 24, 2024
10:30 am**

Welcome to St. James's!

*We're glad that you have joined us today to enjoy the blessings of worship
and to participate with us in God's mission in the world of justice and love.*

*However you come to this place,
exhausted or energized by life, comfortable with church or not,
gay or straight, trans, nonbinary, cisfemale or cismale;
of color or white, neurodivergent or neurotypical,
persons with or without disabilities, younger or older!*

*Whoever you are,
know the people of St. James's strive to love and welcome you as God does,
unconditionally and completely just as you are!*

10:30 am Palm Sunday: Proper Liturgy and Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	JT Kittredge, Alvin Lindo
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<i>Readers</i>	JT Kittredge, Emery Mazzotta, Donna Thompson
<i>Ushers</i>	Nancy McArdle
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<i>Welcomer</i>	Nancy McArdle

The Liturgy of the Palms

*All that are able to walk, please gather before we head outside for the Palm Sunday procession.
The ushers will distribute palms to all those present.*

Opening Acclamation

<i>Presider</i>	Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Gospel of the Palms

JT Kittredge

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, O 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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Blessing of the Palms *(All please raise your palms high in the air for the blessing)*

Presider May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our 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.**

Presider Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

All then follow the procession to the church singing the following:

Hymn in Procession: Siyahamba

South African

1. Siyahamb' ekukkhanyen' kwenkhos
2. We are marching in the light of God.
3. ... living... 4. praying 5. loving

Upon entering the church sanctuary, the community sings:

Hymn in Procession: All glory, laud, and honor

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.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.
 Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.

People And also be 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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-17a

Emery Mazzotta

Reader A reading from the Book of Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. For I have bent Judah as my bow; I

have made Ephraim its arrow. I will arouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior's sword. Then the LORD will appear over them, and his arrow go forth like lightning; the Lord GOD will sound the trumpet and march forth in the whirlwinds of the south. The LORD of hosts will protect them, and they shall devour and tread down the slingers; they shall drink their blood like wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar. On that day the LORD their God will save them for they are the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. For what goodness and beauty are his!

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *
Lord, send us now success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

"You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

The Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Emery Mazzotta

Reader A reading from the Book of Phillipians.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Open My Eyes



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The Holy Gospel: John 11:45-53

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, O Christ.

Many of those who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what he had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council, and said, "What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all! You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed." He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God. So from that day on they planned to put him to death.

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

Homily

The Rev. Matthew Stewart

Prayers of the People

Donna Thompson

As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all peoples everywhere.

For God's holy church all throughout the world, who share the death and resurrection of Christ.

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

For all those preparing for baptism this week.

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

For our church, that we might more deeply understand and live into our mission as your people in the world.

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

For justice, mercy, and peace in all the world.

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

For all who are tempted, tortured, oppressed, afflicted, or in need.
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For those suffering from war, homelessness, unemployment or any form of poverty in this country and others.
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who are sick and suffering. I invite your prayers at this time, either aloud or silently, for those in pain.

(A time for prayers is kept.)

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

For all those who have died. I invite your prayers at this time, either aloud or silently, for the departed.

(A time for prayers is kept.)

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

The Presider then says

God of love, on this day we begin again that Holy Week journey with Jesus into Jerusalem. We experience his Triumphal Entry on a donkey today and will soon walk with him to the Cross and beyond to the Empty Tomb. And it is only by this journey, his life, death, and resurrection, that we live, die and are reborn. Through him, we ask that you accept our prayers to your honor and glory.
Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

The Presider says

I appeal to you, friends, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

At this time our gifts and offerings will be collected.

Offertory Anthem: I Wonder Why
The Adult Choir

Donald Marsh and Richard Avery
Arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

Presentation Hymn: Holy Spirit, Come

WLP 813

Ho - ly Spi - rit, come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit,
come, _____ make our hearts your home. _____

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Spi - rit, come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come, _____ make our hearts your home. _____". The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also some dotted lines and slurs indicating phrasing.

Words and Music: Traditional Ojibway lullaby from *Chippewa Music* by Frances Densmore (1867-1957)
Each alternative text is sung independently and repeated numerous times.

The Great Thanksgiving
Enriching our Worship: Eucharistic Prayer 2

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider says

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, your holy child. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Saint James and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread *(Silence is kept)*

Fraction Anthem: All who hunger

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2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a



wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.



Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were



lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.

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The Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Administration of Communion

The people are invited to come forward to receive communion when directed by an usher.

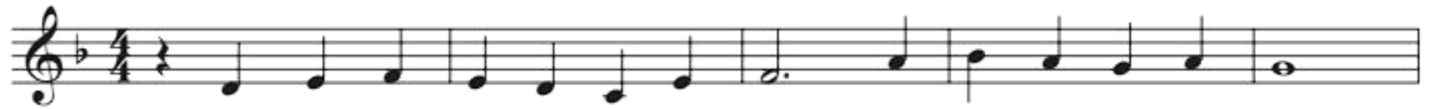
*Those that wish a blessing or
a gluten-free, allergen-free wafer are welcome to ask for that.*

All are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion from God's table.

Communion Anthem: O the Angels Did Bow Down
The Greenleaf Choir

Text: Richard Leach
Music: Patrick Michaels

Communion Hymn: We Read the Cross So Many Ways



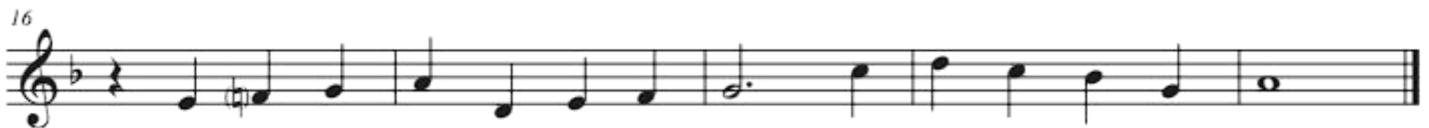
1. We read the cross so man - y ways: a sac - ri - fice. a sign,
2. Our hearts will nev - er com - pre - hend the mean - ing of the cross,
3. To bear the cross and fol - low Christ brings then both joy and tears,



a cause for grief, a cause for praise, a par - a - dox to mine,
if all our de - fin - i - tions end at on - ly death and loss.
brings life re - born and sac - ri - fice, brings hope a - long with fears,



a judg - ment on our lives of sin, a tool of death and pain,
The cross that made the sun grow dim at reach - ing noon - day's height
brings all the am - bi - gu - i - ty of be - ing dust and clay,



a junc - tion where new lives be - gin, where grace and mer - cy reign.
stands emp - ty when the East - er hymn greets morn - ing's wel - come light.
yet brings as well the clar - i - ty of love's e - ter - nal way.

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Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

People Faithful, generous, abiding God, we give you thanks for the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. May the taste of this meal so linger that we will be strengthened in our Lenten journey. Give us courage to hear and live what may seem hard so that we can find deeper relationship in you and serve your vision of a redeemed world. Amen.

The Solemn Transition

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. **Amen.**

The Passion Gospel

Silence is kept prior to the beginning of the Passion.

This year the congregation is invited to say the words of the crowd

Narrator The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark.

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.

(At the mention of Golgotha, the community should stand as they are able)

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,

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,
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.

(Silence is now kept for a moment)

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!

Narrator There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where the body was laid.

Closing Hymn: Were you there?

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 *3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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The people depart now in silence.

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Announcements

- Holy Week - Please join us for Holy Week services at St. James's.
- March 28 at 6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday with simple meal & ritual foot washing
 - March 29 at noon - Good Friday simple service
 - March 29 at 6:30 pm - Good Friday Service of Lessons and Song
 - March 30 at 7:30 pm - Jazz Easter Vigil
 - March 31 at 10:30 am - Festive Easter Eucharist followed by Easter Egg Hunt

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