



**April 13, 2025
9:30 am**

**Church of the Holy Nativity
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A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE CHURCH

**Celebrant: The Reverend Karen Mercer
Musician: Dr. Lior Leigh**

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS—9:30 am

This day is a day of contrasts. The service begins with the Blessing of the Palms, including the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and a processional. With great joy we wave palm branches and shout with the biblical crowds: "*Blessed is the King who comes in the Name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*" As we enter the church, we turn our sights to the readings for the day and the Passion. Everyone has a role, so listen to the story as if for the first time. Imagine standing with those gathered. It can be unsettling to have shouted, "*Hosanna in the highest!*" only to cry, "*crucify, crucify him,*" a few minutes later. To maintain the reverence of the day, we will leave in silence and there will be no coffee hour. Please join us for our Holy Week services and Easter Day.

The Gathering

We gather in front of the church.

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.**

Dear Friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Savior, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with Him in faith and love, so that, united with Him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life!

We now process to the corner of Wylie and Edgecombe for the Blessing of the Palms.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD—10:30 am

OPENING HYMN

1 Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne.

*We're marching to Zion,
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion,
The beautiful city of God.*

2 Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heav'nly King,
But children of the heav'nly King,
May speak their joys abroad,
May speak their joys abroad.

LEVAS 12 - *We're Marching to Zion*

Refrain

3 The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Or walk the golden streets,
Or walk the golden streets.

Refrain

4 Then let our songs abound,
And ev'ry tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high,
To fairer worlds on high.

Refrain

We're Marching to Zion, #12 from *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* — Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Robert S. Lowry (1826-1899).

KYRIE

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**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
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.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Listen for The Word of The Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalms 31:9-16

9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *

**my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.**

10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *

**my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *

when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *

I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *

**they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.**

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *

I have said, “You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; *

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *

and in your loving-kindness save me.”

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

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.

Listen for The Word of The Lord.

Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL

Luke 22:14-23:56

THE PASSION OF LUKE

The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator who begins by saying: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

NARRATOR: When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

JESUS: “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

JESUS: “Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

NARRATOR: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given

thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

NARRATOR: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

JESUS: “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!”

NARRATOR: Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

JESUS: “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

“You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

“Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

NARRATOR: And he said to him,

PETER: "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"

NARRATOR: They said,

DISCIPLES: "No, not a thing."

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled."

NARRATOR: They said,

DISCIPLES: "Lord, look, here are two swords."

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "It is enough."

NARRATOR: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

JESUS: "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

NARRATOR: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

JESUS: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me;

yet, not my will but yours be done.”

NARRATOR: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

JESUS: “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

NARRATOR: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

JESUS: “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?”

NARRATOR: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

DISCIPLES: “Lord, should we strike with the sword?”

NARRATOR: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

JESUS: “No more of this!”

NARRATOR: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

JESUS: “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!”

NARRATOR: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire

in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together,
Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing
him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

SERVANT 1: “This man also was with him.”

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: “Woman, I do not know him.”

NARRATOR: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

ACCUSER 1: “You also are one of them.”

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: “Man, I am not!”

NARRATOR: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

ACCUSER 2: “Surely this man also was with him; for he is a
Galilean.”

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!”

NARRATOR: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock
crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then
Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had
said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will
deny me three times.” And he went out and
wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock
him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept
asking him,

SOLDIERS: “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?”

NARRATOR: They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

ASSEMBLY: “If you are the Messiah, tell us.”

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: “If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

NARRATOR: All of them asked,

ASSEMBLY: “Are you, then, the Son of God?”

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: “You say that I am.”

NARRATOR: Then they said,

ASSEMBLY: “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!”

NARRATOR: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

ASSEMBLY: “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.”

NARRATOR: Then Pilate asked him,

PILATE: “Are you the king of the Jews?”

NARRATOR: He answered,

JESUS: “You say so.”

NARRATOR: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

PILATE: “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.”

NARRATOR: But they were insistent and said,

ASSEMBLY: “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

NARRATOR: 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,

PILATE: “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.”

NARRATOR: Then they all shouted out together,

ASSEMBLY: “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”

NARRATOR: (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,

ASSEMBLY: “Crucify, crucify him!”

NARRATOR: A third time he said to them,

PILATE: “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.”

NARRATOR: 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,

JESUS: “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?

(At the mention of the place called the Skull, all should stand, as able.)

NARRATOR: 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,

JESUS: “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

NARRATOR: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

ASSEMBLY: “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”

NARRATOR: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

SOLDIERS: “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

NARRATOR: 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,

CRIMINAL 1: “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

NARRATOR: But the other rebuked him, saying,

CRIMINAL 2: “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.”

NARRATOR: Then he said,

CRIMINAL 2: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in

Paradise.”

NARRATOR: 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,

JESUS: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

NARRATOR: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

CENTURION: “Certainly this man was innocent.”

NARRATOR: 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.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Following the passion reading, let us pause for a period of silent reflection on God’s Holy Word.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: On this day the church hears again the passion of our Lord, into which we are baptized. Recreate it by the mind of Christ, let us pray for the whole people

of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, saying: Lord have mercy.

Intercessor: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Carrie, our Bishop, for Karen, our Vicar, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For Donald, our President, Wes, our Governor, and Brandon, our Mayor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the whole church throughout the world, its bishops, clergy, and all the baptized, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For those who are preparing for baptism, and for their teachers and sponsors, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For peace among nations and forbearance among all people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For this assembly as we walk the road toward the cross, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the weary and the sick, and for those who are consumed with sorrow. We especially pray for those on our parish prayer list: Gloria, Mildred, Karen, Rashad, Tammy, Faye, Fr. Bill, James, Silma, and Aldwyn, Gilma and Irene. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: You may add your own intercessions at this time.

A period of silence follows after which the Celebrant concludes with the following prayers

Celebrant: We give thanks for all the departed who had the mind of Christ and were humble servants of God. For ourselves, that we may be obedient even unto death, let us pray to the Lord.

Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

God of Eternity, we gather today to give thanks for the past. We think back to those who first had a vision of a church in this place, to those who gave of their labor, their treasure, their time to make it happen.

God of Eternity, we also give thanks for our present and our future. As we gather here today we look for hope. The present is unsettling, the future is uncertain. We hope that in the goodness of your love that your guidance will be ever-present.

Fill us with a vision for what we could be. Give us hope for our congregation and our community that lead us into your abundance and not our scarcity.

God of Eternity, in a time of uncertainty we so often fall into fear and worry, show us the opportunities in our chaotic world, remind us of our priorities in relationship to you, push us to see how our choices matter, and then fill us with hope in a new heaven and a new earth.

God of our future, may we walk boldly into what may come, as a people of faith and hope. May we be found faithful in the world in which we live.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME

Senior Warden

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Karen Mercer

THE HOLY COMMUNION

What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Rev. Mercer following the service.

OFFERTORY HYMN

The Church of the Holy Nativity Choir

DOXOLOGY

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A – BCP pg. 367

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

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

SANCTUS

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**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.

*The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and
resurrection and prayers over the bread and wine.*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to [sing],

LORD'S PRAYER

LEVAS 264

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

S158

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

1 My faith looks up to thee,
Thou lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly thine.

2 May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire.

LEVAS 88 – *My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

3 While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn today,
Wipe sorrow's tears away;
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll;
Blest Savior, then in love,
Fear and distrust remove,
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul.

My Faith Looks up to Thee, #88 from *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* — Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1987). Music: Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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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 Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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

CLOSING HYMN

LEVAS 99 – *On Christ the Solid Rock*

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

3 His oath, His covenant and blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;

When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

4 When He shall come with trumpet
sound,

O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain

On Christ the Solid Rock, #99 from *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* — Words: Edward Mote (1797-1874). Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868).

THE DISMISSAL

The Rev. Karen Mercer

As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our mission as a congregation:

We are committed to sharing God's love with all through our worship and ministries.

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Our Prayer List

Your prayers are requested for members and friends of The Church of the Holy Nativity: Eileen, Gloria, Mildred, Karen, Tammy, Emanuel, Karen R., Dorris, Gouri, Katrina, Elaine, Justina, Eva, Rebecca, Lisa, Faye, Fr. Bill, Sharon, Vestina, Ruth, James, Diamond, Jamie, King, Rashad, Katrina, Angel, Hope, Arlene, Norman, Dorian, Daniel, Nicole, Michael, Tyrus, Shirley, Silma, Aldwyn, William, Deja, Joy, Gilma, and Irene.

We continue to ask for prayers for all those impacted by the coronavirus, those impacted by war and gun violence, those in our midst who are struggling with anxiety depression and addiction, those who are unemployed or underemployed, and the unhoused.

Announcements

Soup, Sandwich & Prayer

Wednesdays – Noon -1:15 pm, Hope House, resumes April 16

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| April 17 | Maundy Thursday Dinner @ 4:30 pm followed by service |
| April 18 | Good Friday 12 Noon at St. Mary the Virgin
3121 Walbrook Ave. Baltimore |
| April 19 | Spring Into Success: Book Bag & Supplies
Giveaway – Greenspring Overlook Community
Center – 1-2:30 pm |
| April 20 | Easter Service at 10 am |
| April 26 | Financial Literacy – Saving & Budgeting 3-5 pm |

Notes

Today is: _____ Sermon Title: _____

Key Verses:

Worship Songs:

Prayers:
