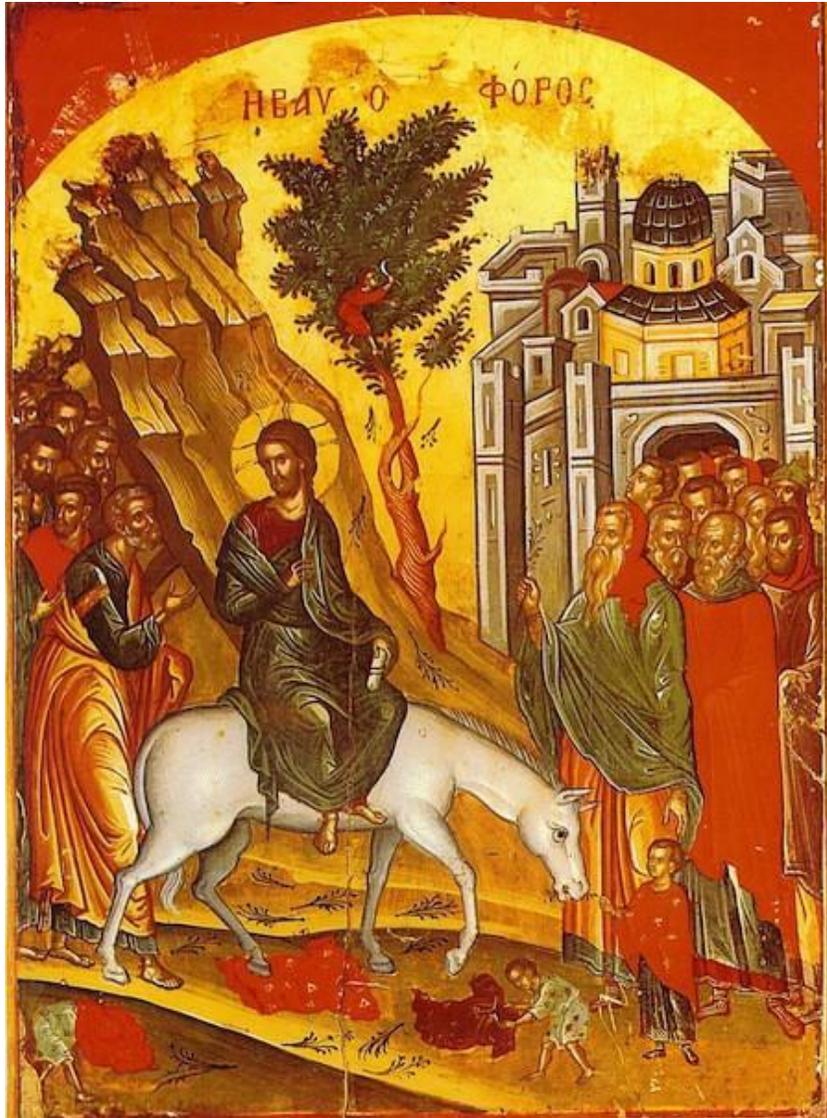


ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



**THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION:
PALM SUNDAY**

**MARCH 29, 2026
10:10AM**

WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

We are glad that you are here to share in the worship of the Living God.

BCP page numbers refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer*. Hymn numbers refer to the blue *Hymnal, 1982*. Note that 'S' numbers refer to service music and are located at the beginning of the hymnal.

Please silence all electronic devices.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST 10:10 AM

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The people gather in the nave.

THE OPENING ANTHEM AND COLLECT

BCP 270

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

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

Officiant 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 PALMS GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

BCP 271

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **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.**

The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Hosanna in the highest.**

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

The people take their place in their pews, joining to sing the hymn.

HYMN 154

All glory, laud, and honor

Valet will ich dir geben

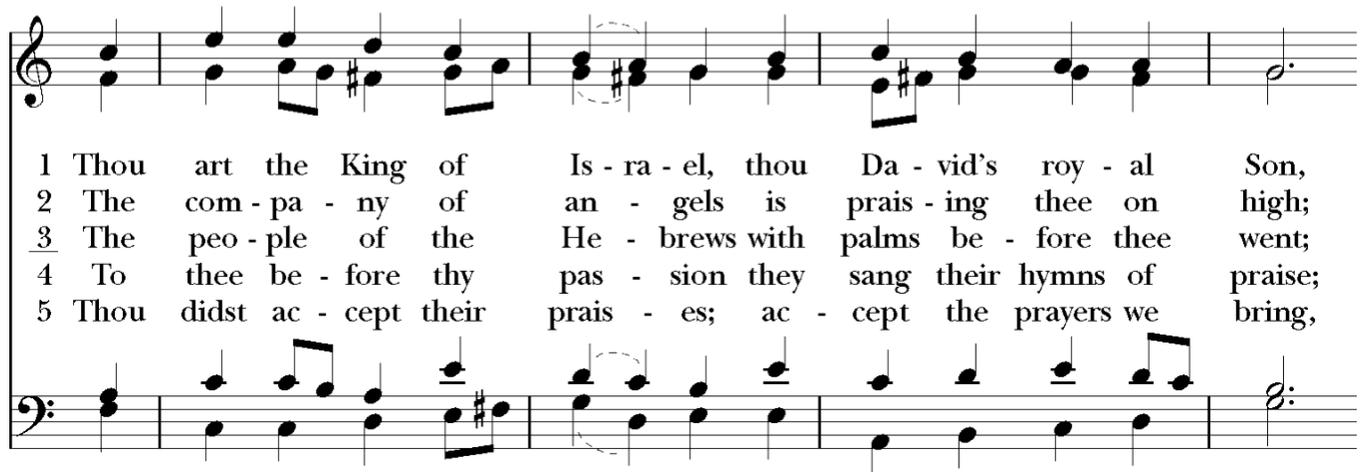
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

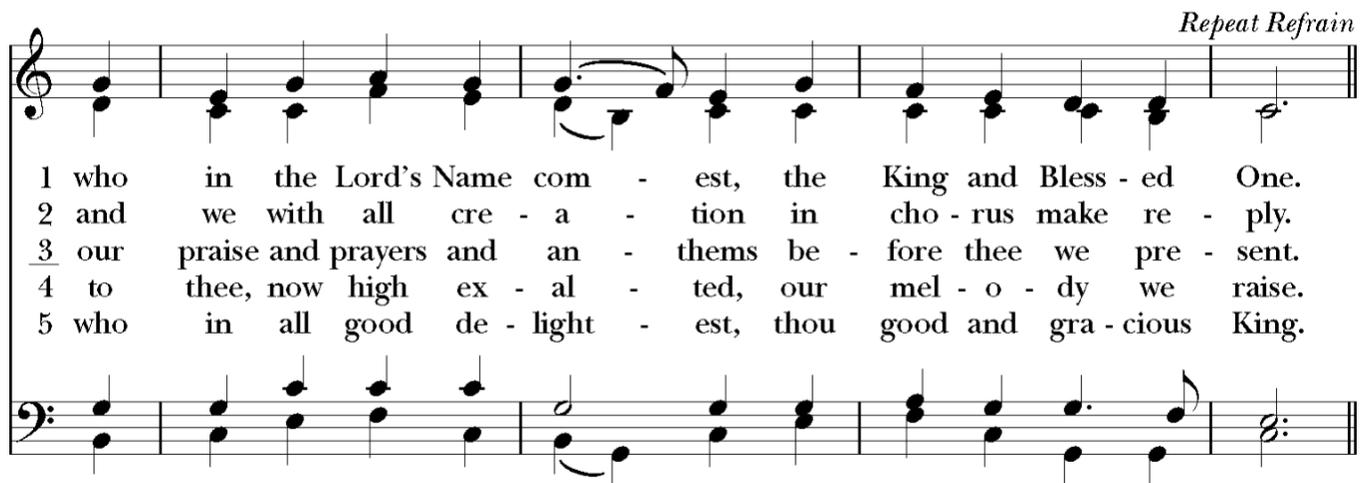


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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 Melchoir Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

- 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 SECOND LESSON

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.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 156

Ride on! ride on in majesty

The King's Majesty

THE PASSION GOSPEL

Matthew 26: 14-27

The Gospel is sung by the cantors; the usual responses are omitted. The people remain seated for first part of the Passion Gospel. At the verse which mentions 'Golgotha', all stand.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him: "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said to him: "You have said so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him: "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge; so that the governor wondered greatly. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them: "Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the Judgment seat, his wife sent word to him: "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much over him today in a dream."

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the people to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them: "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said: "Barabbas." Pilate said to them: "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all answered: "Let him be crucified." And Pilate said: "Why? What evil has he done?" But they all shouted all the more: "Let him be crucified." So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying: "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourself." And all the people answered: "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. And the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, and plaiting a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying: "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spat upon him,

and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him.

As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: this man they compelled to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read: "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying: "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him; for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying: "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" That is: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

And some of the bystanders hearing it said: "This man is calling Elijah. And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

(Pause.)

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split; the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe, and said: "Truly this was the Son of God!"

A period of silence for reflection follows the Passion Gospel.

The Leader offers a series of biddings, each followed by silence. The people are invited to name their petitions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud, during the periods of silence.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Sean, and for our Bishop, Jose; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect and the people respond, **Amen.***

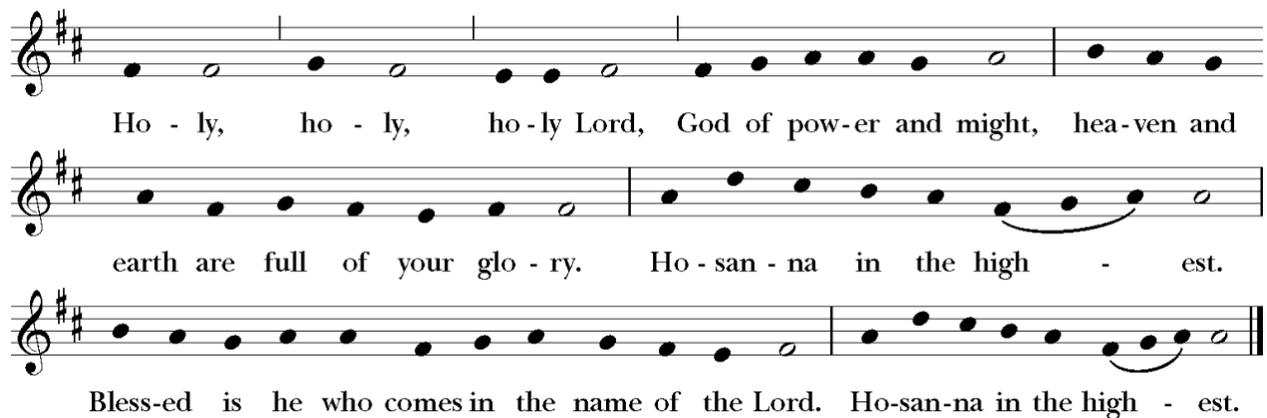
THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People exchange a sign of peace.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

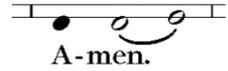
The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

People



THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Contemporary*)

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

S 161

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei, consisting of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time. The lyrics are: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final phrase that concludes with a double bar line.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Facing the people, the Celebrant says an invitation to Communion.

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

To receive the sacrament, extend your hands so that the priest may place the bread in the palm of your outstretched hands. Gluten free wafers are available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest as a sign to the priest.

For those unable to receive the sacrament this day, we offer this prayer:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

ANTIPHON

Tone I

O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it: thy will be done.

MOTET—*Lament Like a Virgin*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Lament like a virgin, O my people: howl, ye shepherds, in sack-cloth and ashes.

For the day of the Lord is at hand, great and exceeding bitter.

Gird yourselves, ye priests, and lament ye ministers of the altar, cover yourselves with ashes.

For the day of the Lord is at hand, great and exceeding bitter.

After all have been communed, the hymn is sung.

HYMN 158

Ah, holy Jesus

Herzliebster Jesu

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The Celebrant and people say together,

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The procession leaves in silence.

All are invited to remain in Church for prayer and reflection.

Please Depart in Silence.

The setting of the Ordinary of the Mass is *New Plainsong* by David Hurd (b. 1950).

LEADERS IN THE LITURGY

The Reverend Rick Lawler

Celebrant

Dr. James Bumgardner

Organist/Choirmaster

John Lynch, Thomas McNeil, Grayson Milholin, and Trey Stauffer

Cantors

Michelle Curry

Verger

Leslie Billingsley

Crucifer

Andy Sicard

Thurifer

Owene Courtney, Susie Greene, Jim West

Lectors

HOLY WEEK AT ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	12 p.m. Holy Eucharist
MAUNDY THURSDAY	6 p.m. Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m.-12:00 p.m. Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament
GOOD FRIDAY	12 p.m. Mass of the Pre-Sanctified Outdoor Stations of the Cross
HOLY SATURDAY	8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the word
THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER	Saturday, 7:45 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY	8:00 spoken Eucharist 9:00 Easter egg hunt 10:10 Holy Eucharist with music

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