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Valle Crucis, North Carolina



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*The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ*  
*(Palm Sunday)*

April 13, 2025

**The Great Procession and Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**11:00 AM**

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# The Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## We gather in Skiles Hall

### *The Greetings and Instructions*

*When all have gathered and Palm fronds distributed, the Priest begins the liturgy saying,*

Priest: Blessed (†) is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

Priest: 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.

**People: Amen.**

### **The Holy Gospel:**

**Luke 19:28-40**

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

**All: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"**

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

### **The Blessing of the Palms:**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

Let these branches (†) be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

Priest: Blessed (†) is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People: Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: Let us go forth in peace.

**People: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

# The Great Procession

*With palms waving and lifted high, the Procession begins. The people follow the Acolytes and ministers to the Church and respond to each cry saying,*

**Priest:** Blessed (†) is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People:** **Hosanna in the highest!**

*Waving Palm fronds aloft, all process into the Church.*

**Priest:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

**Congregational Hymn in Procession: #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 Opening Acclamation:

**Priest:** Bless (†) the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People:** God's mercy endures for ever.

**The Collect of the Day:**

The Lord be with you.

**People: 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.

**People: Amen.**

*All are now seated for the readings from Scripture.*

**The Lesson from the 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?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*A time for silent reflection follows.*

**The Children’s Homily: “Faces of Easter VI: Vignettes in the Life of Jesus”**

**The Rev. Robert G. Hartmans**

*All children are most welcome to come forward for the children’s homily.*

*After the story all are invited to rejoin their parents or to join Patty and Mary for activities in Skiles Hall. Children will return at the Passing of the Peace.*

**The Lesson from the New Testament:**

**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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*A time for silent reflection follows.*

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,  
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.  
 the vic - tory palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.  
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,  
 The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,  
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

## The Holy Gospel:

Luke 20:1-6

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

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

One day, as he was teaching the people in the temple and telling the good news, the chief priests and the scribes came with the elders and said to him, "Tell us, by what authority are you doing these things? Who is it who gave you this authority?" He answered them, "I will also ask you a question, and you tell me: Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" They discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, "From heaven", he will say, "Why did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", all the people will stone us; for they are convinced that John was a prophet."

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So they answered that they did not know where it came from. Then Jesus said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon:**

**Katerina Whitley**

*A time of silence follows the Sermon. Please remain seated until the Altar Ministers stand.*

**The Prayers of the People:**

Priest: We kneel before the redeeming Christ as we are led into the wilderness of Lent and offer our prayers, with hope and repentance.

*All **kneel or stand** for the prayers as they are able.*

Leader: We pray for the Church: especially for the Holy Cross Vestry, outreach ministries, discernment team, and all who serve Christ here. We also pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; José, our Bishop; and all clergy; that the church be a movement to guide people through deserts, inspiring hope and motivating repentance. God of mercy;

**All: Renew your Church.**

Leader: We pray for the World: may we turn away from violence, exploitation, and alienation. God of mercy;

**All: Turn our hearts.**

Leader: We pray for this Nation: that derision turns to discourse, mistrust turns to relationship, and self-righteousness turns to humility. We pray for Donald, our President, for the Congress, and the Supreme Court. God of mercy;

**All: Make us new.**

Leader: We pray for those in trouble, need, or sickness, especially those whom we name aloud at this time:

**The people speak the names of those on their hearts.**

*When you arrived at the service, you should have received a stick with a name on it. That is the name of someone who has requested our prayers. Please call out the name of the person on that stick as well as anyone else on your heart, and keep them in your daily prayers through the coming week. At the Offertory, simply drop the sticks in the plate. This is a wonderful way for all of us to share in the prayer ministry of our Parish.*

*The Leader concludes saying,*

Leader: God of mercy;

**All: Restore our lives.**

Leader: We pray for our community: that our children learn and play in peace; we pray for laborers, for immigrants, for people who inhabit the inner city and rural places; that our leaders be wise. We pray for Josh, our Governor, and for our local officials. We pray for the concerns that you now name:

*The people are invited to offer prayers and hopes either in their heart or by saying out loud:*

*"My prayer is: \_\_\_\_\_. This is my prayer."*

*The people will respond:*

**All: This is our prayer.**

*The Leader concludes saying,*

Leader: God of mercy;

**All: Give us grace.**

Leader: We pray for the departed: for those who died in the faith and for those whose faith was known to you alone. May they share in your peace. God of mercy;

**All: Resurrect us.**

Priest: God of mercy, make us new, change our hearts, and mend our lives.

All: Amen.

### The Confession of Sin:

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name.  
Amen.

### The Absolution:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you: (†) forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People:* Amen.

### The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*All greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

The Welcome and Announcements: *(Pages 13-16)*

The Rev. Robert G. Hartmans

### The Birthday and Anniversary Prayer:

Watch over your child(ren) O Lord, as *their* days increase.  
Bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be.  
Strengthen *them* when *they* stand.  
Comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful.  
Raise *them* up if *they* fall.  
And in *their* heart(s) may your peace  
which passes understanding,  
abide with *them* all the days of *their* lives;  
through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

### *Concerning The Holy Communion*

*A reminder that all present are welcome to the Communion regardless of Christian denomination.*

*We consider it an honor and privilege to commune with all present as one united body of Christ.*

*To receive the bread, extend your hands towards the priest. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice with both hands. To receive the bread and wine together via intinction, place your right hand over your left shoulder. To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, cross your arms across your chest. If you have a gluten allergy, simply inform the priest when you come to the rail.*

### The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem:

“Palm Sunday Welcome”

arr: Austin C. Lovelace

**The Presentation Hymn:**

**“What Wondrous Love is This”**

*Wondrous Love*

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, O my soul!  
When I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**  
*Eucharistic Prayer A*

BCP 361

**The Sursum Corda:**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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:

**The Sanctus:**

*#S-129*

**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.**

*All kneel or stand as they are able.*

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:

**Priest and People:** **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**



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: AMEN.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer:**

*Traditional Version*

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**The Breaking of the Bread:** (The Fraction)

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

**The Fraction Anthem:**

#S-164

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:**  
**give us your peace, give us your peace.**

**The Invitation:** *The Priest invites the people to Communion.*

*Please come to the Altar to receive Communion. At the Altar Rail move toward either wall so that those in the center will kneel last. Please wait to be dismissed; those in the center depart first.*

**Hymns during the Communion:**

**#171 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"**

**#158 "Ah, Holy Jesus"**

*An extended time for silent prayer and reflection precedes and follows each communion hymn.*

*When all have communed and the Altar cleared, all kneel as they are able, and offer the following prayer.*

**The 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:**

*The Priest offers a blessing concluding with,*

And the Blessing of Almighty God: (†) the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you this day and remain with you always.

**People: Amen.**

*The Congregation is seated. During the singing of the Centering Hymn, the Passion Story cast take their places.*

*A time for silent reflection precedes the Passion Story.*

**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**

*Luke 23:1-49*

*The seated congregation participates in all roles marked in bold type.*

*At the mention of the place called the Skull, all stand as able.*

- 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,
- CROWD: “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,
- CROWD: “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,
- CROWD: “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?”

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

*All stand as able.*

NARRATOR: 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.”

*All kneel in silence as able.*

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.

*A time for silent reflection follows.*

*The Collect for the Sunday of the Passion is offered once again as follows:*

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.

**People: Amen.**

*At the conclusion of the Collect, the Choir and Altar Ministers depart in silent procession.*

***Please depart in silence.***

***We thank those who served this morning:***

<i>Organist:</i>	Shane Watson
<i>Greeters/Oblationers:</i>	Stella Barbato & Susan Howard
<i>Ushers:</i>	Stella Barbato & Susan Howard
<i>Lector:</i>	Dawn Harris
<i>Prayers of the People:</i>	Dawn Harris
<i>Chalice:</i>	Ann Iles & Sis Kinney
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Sis Kinney & Kai Rabley
<i>Healing Ministers:</i>	Scott Oxford
<i>Linen Fairies:</i>	Karla Prudhomme

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *The Train Has Left the Station!*

You have been hearing and reading about the Church Assessment Tool, or CAT, and by now you should have received the link to the CAT. If you haven't already done so, please set aside roughly 30 minutes to complete the assessment. The information gained from this tool will be critical to the Discernment Committee as they plan for our future at Holy Cross. **PLEASE MAKE THIS A PRIORITY THIS WEEK** if you haven't already shared your experiences and perspectives by participating in this important process.

If you need a paper copy, please stop by the office, and we will provide one for you along with a self-addressed stamped return envelope. To show our appreciation for taking the survey, we are giving away a two-night stay at one of the Valle Crucis Conference Center's Hermitages. If you are filling out a paper copy, there will be a small piece of paper attached to it on which you can put the information for the drawing; that small attachment will be put into the drawing.

Of course, if you're filling out the survey online, you can just click on the link at the end of the survey to be entered into the drawing.

If you have questions, please contact either: Mary Pietan: 904-234-4915, [mfpietan@gmail.com](mailto:mfpietan@gmail.com); or Sis Kinney: 828-260-0485, [kinivan06@gmail.com](mailto:kinivan06@gmail.com).

Many thanks,

Jane Blackburn,  
Discernment Committee Chair



### *TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025 The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ Palm Sunday*

- 9:00 am** Valle Crucis United Methodist Church Service
- 9:45 am** Crafting of Palm Crosses in Skiles Hall
- 11:00 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, and the recitation of the Passion Story  
***Gather in Skiles Hall for the Great Procession into the Church***  
*(This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel)*
- 12:30 pm** Fellowship time in Skiles Hall

### ***Requesting Candy and Eggs for Easter***

Holy Cross will host two egg hunts this year. One will take place Saturday April 19 in the Valle Crucis Park and the other on Easter Morning April 20 between the services. We are requesting donations of candy and plastic eggs. Please leave these donations in the box marked Easter Hunt in Skiles Hall.

## *ECW News*

The next ECW monthly meeting will take place **on April 13th at 12:45 in the choir room.** We would love to have you join us!

Thank you to everyone who donated diapers! **We delivered over 1,100 to the Children's Council.** Those new moms are so grateful!

Please plan to join your **Episcopal Church Women** for our annual **Easter Brunch on Sunday April 20th in Skiles Hall.** Buffet starts at **9:30 am.** We'll provide ham, biscuits, and beverages. We hope you'll bring your favorite brunch items to share. A sign up poster is posted in Skiles Hall.

### *Donations for Easter Flowers and Memorials*

Easter will soon be here, and the church will be arrayed with beautiful fresh flowers. **The Altar Guild relies upon donations** in order to decorate the Church. Please consider donating using the envelopes provided to the Flower Fund for Easter flowers.

**Completed forms *must be submitted by 3:00 pm Sunday, April 13***  
**in order to be included in all Easter Service Leaflets.**

*Thank you!*

### *TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025*

#### *Men's Night Out – 5:30-7:30 pm*

Bud Gerber is hosting the next **Men's Night Out (MNO)** gathering **from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2025** in the Cooper Pavilion at Valle Crucis Park. He is providing a variety of offerings from *The Pedalin' Pig* for our enjoyment at a suggested donation of \$10 per person. So that Bud may provide adequate vittles, please RSVP **no later than 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 13** to [KeithTMartin@gmail.com](mailto:KeithTMartin@gmail.com) and let him know of any food allergies or preferences. Since it's tax day, there *may* be a ceremonial shredding and/or burning of your IRS returns at sunset.

### *TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025*

#### *App Chorale Spring Concert in Rosen Concert Hall – 8:00 pm*

The Appalachian Chorale will be presenting its annual Spring Concert on Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm in Rosen Concert Hall in the Broyhill Music Center at Appalachian State University. This year's concert is *With Music: A Journey Through Sound and Spirit*. This program will feature the **premiere of "With Music"**, a commissioned work by **Sherry Blevins**, honoring the musical contributions of **Elizabeth Suggs "Beth" Carrin** and her long-term participation in the Appalachian Chorale. The concert will explore music as a source of inspiration, a vehicle for personal reflection, and an expression of solemnity in prayer. Audiences can expect to hear original compositions by graduating undergraduate students, featuring texts from Walter de la Mare, Robert Frost, and Sara Teasdale. Additionally, the program will include works by Dr. Diane White, Moses Hogan, Andrew Crane, and Derric Johnson. Please join us for a wonderful and inspiring concert. The concert is free and open to the public.

**NOTE:** One of the students whose piece will be performed is one of our former choir student interns, Macy Crumley, who sang in our choir in 2022-2024!

*NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025*  
*The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ*  
*Easter Sunday*

- 8:30 am** Festival Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
**9:30 am** Annual Parish Easter Brunch in Skiles Hall  
**9:40 am** Easter Egg Hunt in Holy Cross Cemetery  
**11:00 am** Festival Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
with Children's Homily and Unction  
*Nursery care will be provided at this service.*  
*(This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel)*  
**12:30 pm** Fellowship time in Skiles Hall

*SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025*  
*Eucharistic Minister & Lay Reader Training – 10:00 am*

Have you ever thought about serving at the Altar or becoming a Lay Reader, or are you currently serving in this important ministry and feel like it's time for a refresher? If so, don't miss the upcoming training opportunity on Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 am in the Holy Cross Sanctuary, led by Nina-Jo Moore! For additional information and to sign up for training, please contact Karla Prudhomme by email at [krprudhomme@skybest.com](mailto:krprudhomme@skybest.com) or phone at 423-202-4386.

**The Parish Prayer List: April 13, 2025**

*Please keep the following in your prayers this week:*

**For Healing:** Our injured and disabled military personnel, our veterans, all civilians harmed in conflict, and for Dayton C., Wendell S., Noyes L., Marilyn W., Gerry P., Rebecca M., Sam Y., Bill B., Gail T., Julia M., Walter B., Randy M., Shane B., Claire M., Sara P., Tav G., Andrea M., Charles III, Kate M., John N., Floyd T., Ray L., Leslie S., Terry & Jean M., Suzie L., Pam C., Ann G., Jan H., Joe U., Rosalie G., Stuart T., Joe V., Jocelyn, Edie T., Gini H., Michael H., Bob C., Mary B., Caroline F., Laura B., \_\_\_\_\_.

**For those in Harm's Way:** All who serve with the armed forces at home & abroad, all who serve in the Peace Corps, and all health & relief workers throughout the world.

## Schedule of Services in Holy Week

### April 13 – *The Sunday of the Passion*

- 9:00 am** Valle Crucis United Methodist Church Service  
**9:45 am** Crafting of Palm Crosses in Skiles Hall  
**11:00 am** Gather in Skiles Hall for the Great Procession into the Church, Holy Eucharist, Rite II, and the recitation of the Passion Story  
*(This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel)*

### April 16 – *Holy Wednesday*

- 5:00 pm** “Mary’s Way of the Cross” – presented by Holy Cross DOK  
*The “Stations of the Cross” from Mary’s point of view, the mother of our Lord. It is poignant, emotional, and beautifully stated. All are welcome.*  
**7:00 pm** A Reading of the Gospel of Mark  
*(This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel)*

### April 17 – *Maundy Thursday*

- 7:00 pm** Agape Eucharist with foot-washing and stripping of the altar  
*(This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel)*

***Silent vigil before the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 pm – midnight.***

### April 18 – *Good Friday*

- 12:00 pm** Walking the Stations of the Cross  
**7:00 pm** Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday  
*(This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel)*

### April 19 – *Holy Saturday*

- 10:00 am** Easter Egg Hunt in Valle Crucis Community Park  
**11:30 am** Joint Methodist-Episcopal Easter Vigil in Valle Crucis Community Park

### April 20 – *Easter Sunday*

#### ***The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ***

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