Sunday, March 28, 2021 | St. Francis' Episcopal Church

# The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Eucharist Book of Common Prayer



### About the Cover Image

The cross and crown pictured on the cover of this bulletin and all bulletins through Lent this season show one of our Lenten Prayer Stations. This station, called "Meditations at the Foot of the Cross," asked visitors to consider which of a number of available crosses spoke most to them, to read about the crosses, and to consider designing one. The Prayer Stations have been a project of the Altar Guild and have been maintained with special attention by parishioner Linda Doolittle, who we thank for gifting us with her creative talents and time.

During Holy Week, you may wish to visit the Prayer Stations in our sanctuary during these open hours:

Tuesday, 9:30am to 3:00pm Friday, 8:00am to 3:00pm

For all of our Holy Week and Easter opportunities, including both online and in-person experiences, please see page 14 of this bulletin.

### The Liturgy of the Palms

Feel free to leave your cars and, with masks and distance, gather by the altar canopy with your palm branch.

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent 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.

### THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

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

Celebrant: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through

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.

Please raise palms for blessing.

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

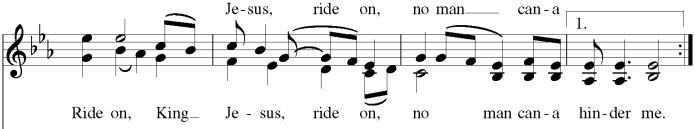
in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!









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Je - sus rides a milk-white horse, No man works like know that my re - deem - er lives,





Him, 1. De riv - er Jor - d'n He did cross no man works like Him. Oh 2. And of His bless-ing free - ly gives,



### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The Lessons

### First Lesson

Reader:

A reading from Paul's Letter to the 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.

The word of the Lord.

People:

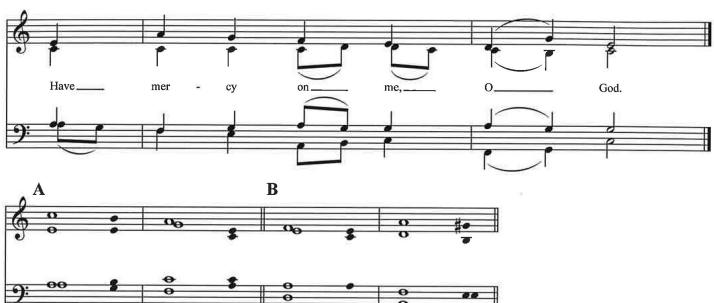
Thanks be to God.

### Psalm of the Day

### Psalm 31

v. 9-16

Psalm Leader, Leah Milton



- 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; and my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed. (a)
- 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. (a)
- 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 trust in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God. (a)
- 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." (a)

### The Gospel

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

11:1-11

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Michaelene Miller, Director, Deaconess Anne House

### Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your

Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.** 

Intercessor: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may

honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.** 

Intercessor: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in

the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.** 

Intercessor: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and

love one another as he loves us. We pray for all ministers of your Holy Church, especially for the interns and ministry of Deaconess Anne House, and Michaelene, their director, and for the people and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church, St. James, and Patricia, their deacon. Lord, in your

mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.** 

Intercessor: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit—we pray especially for our

parishioners Noel, Roger, Paul, Mary, Max, Sue, and Kathleen M.; and for those who have asked for our prayers, particularly Gigi, Darlene, Carly, Mary Jo, Molly, Penny, Sally, Tessie, Melanie, Debbie, Robin, Pat, Elizabeth B., Elizabeth T., Joan, and Tucker, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We also remember those whose lives have been changed in the aftermath of unwarranted gun violence these past two weeks in Georgia and

Colorado. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.** 

Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially parishioner Ann Doerr, Randy Hrovatt,

police officer Eric Talley, and all whose lives were cut short in the mass shootings in Atlanta and Boulder, and Chris Danner, giving to them eternal rest and peace. May we, following the examples

of Francis and all the saints, come to the joy of your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.** 

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of your family and fulfill our desires and petitions as may be best for us

through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Please see our parish Prayer Lists, which can be found on page 15 of this bulletin, for additional biddings and concerns. If you would like to make a prayer request, please complete our Prayer Request Form which can be accessed on our website.

### The Confession

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Deacon and People:

Almighty God,

maker of all things, judge of all people:

We acknowledge and lament our many sins and wickedness, which we from time to time grievously have committed, in thought, word, and deed, against your divine Splendor,

provoking most justly your anger and unhappiness with us.

We turn away from these evil thoughts, words and deeds and turn toward you.

We are deeply sorry for our misdoings;

thinking of them grieves us,

the burden of them is horrible.

Have mercy on us,

have mercy on us, most merciful God;

for the sake of your Child, our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all that is past;

and grant that from this moment forward we may

serve and please you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen

us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen.

### The Peace

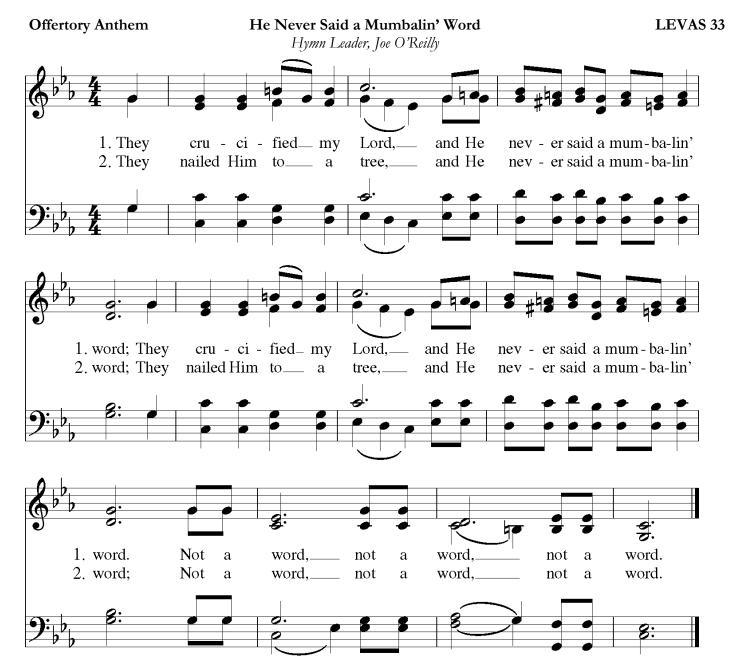
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

We invite you to take a moment and extend the peace of God to the members of your household and then to people in the world that you love and struggle to love.

### **Announcements**

### THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE



- 3. They pierced Him in the side.
- 4. The blood came streamin' down.
- 5. He hung His head and died.

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. Celebrant: People: And also with you. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. People:

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

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

> Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:



Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command,

### Celebrant and People:

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

### Celebrant:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



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

People:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. However because of Covid, we cannot all receive from the same cup at the same time, but our cup remains common to us all as a different parishioner receives the cup at each service on behalf of the entire community. If you prefer not to receive Communion, please just cross your hands over your heart when the clergy come to your car.



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)

Celebrant: Let us pray.
People: **Eternal God,** 

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

Lector: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

15: 1-39

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, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." 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, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" 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, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). 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, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "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." 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, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Our Palm Sunday service ends in silence. There is no blessing, sending hymn, or dismissal because our liturgy continues on throughout this Holy Week. Join in prayer with the St. Francis' community each day this week. See the Holy Week schedule on the following page.

### Holy Week and Easter Schedule

### **MONDAY, MARCH 29**

Morning Prayer at 8:30am on Facebook Live\*

Spoken morning prayer from the Book of Common Prayer includes reading, psalms and prayers; about 25 minutes long

Compline at 7pm on Zoom\*

Service of evening prayers with meditative music. The sweetest of the daily office ("office" is the routine of daily prayers) traditionally said before retiring for the night; about 20 minutes long.

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 30**

Prayer Stations open 9am to 3pm in our sanctuary

Experience prayer through movement, meditation, art and more at St. Francis' unique prayer stations

Compline at 7pm on Zoom\*

Service of evening prayers with meditative music. The sweetest of the daily office ("office" is the routine of daily prayers) traditionally said before retiring for the night; about 20 minutes long.

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31**

Final Wednesday Lenten Book Study plus Compline all via Zoom\*

6pm: Social time to chat with St. Francis' community members

6:30pm: Final session of book study A Resurrection Shaped Life

7:30pm: Compline on Zoom\*

Service of evening prayers with meditative music. The sweetest of the daily office ("office" is the routine of daily prayers) traditionally said before retiring for the night; about 20 minutes long.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Agape Meal at 6pm on Zoom\*

Service designed for use in a home around a virtual dinner table. While this meal is not sacramental, it includes blessings of the food and drink shared, and the people gathered. Bring your dinner or snack and a candle to the screen for the service.

### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2**

Morning Prayer at 8:30am on Facebook Live \*

Spoken morning prayer from the Book of Common Prayer includes reading, psalms and prayers; about 25 minutes long Prayer Stations open 8am to 3pm

Experience prayer through movement, meditation, art and more at St. Francis' unique prayer stations

Good Friday at 7pm on YouTube\*\*

Consider intentionally preparing a bare worship space with only black fabric or paper. Bring a cross to the space for veneration (offering a gesture of respect by kneeling, bowing or kissing).

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 3**

Easter Vigil with Diocese of Missouri at https://www.youtube.com/c/EpiscopalDioceseofMissouri Service in which we light the Paschal (Easter) candle symbolizing Jesus' victory over darkness and tell the story of salvation from creation through resurrection.

### **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4**

Easter Eucharist at 10:15am — Drive-in Eucharist also on YouTube\* Easter Egg Hunt for children immediately following the service

\*https://www.facebook.com/stfraneureka

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 2540 4333 Password: lent

YouTube http://bit.ly/stfranciseureka

### **Prayer Lists**

Our homebound parishioner: Noel

Our parishioners: Roger, Paul, Mary, Max, Sue, and Kathleen M.

For those who have asked for prayers: For Gigi, Darlene, Carly, Mary Jo, Molly, Penny, Sally, Tessie, Melanie, Debbie, Robin, Pat, Elizabeth B., Elizabeth T., Joan, Tucker, and Christine; first responders, healthcare professionals, and educators who continue to work during this pandemic; the manufacturing and equitable distribution of Covid-19 vaccines

For those who have died and those who mourn: For parishioner Ann Doerr, Randy Hrovatt, Officer Eric Talley and all the victims of the mass shooting in Georgia and Boulder, and Chris Danner; for the law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and their families; and for all in St. Louis who have suffered directly from gun violence this year and those whose lives were lost and their families

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** For the people and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church, St. James, and for Patricia, their deacon

For those committed to our ongoing prayers: Deaconess Anne House interns and those discerning a call to ordained ministry; the ministry of the chaplains, staff, volunteers at Episcopal City Mission, and the youth in detention and their families; patients, families, & communities affected by substance use disorders and those suffering from untreated & undertreated pain and chronic diseases; those who serve in our military; all whose lives have been impacted by Covid-19

### Today's Ministers of Worship

PreacherThe Rev. Michaelene MillerCelebrantThe Rev. Laurie AnzilottiDeaconThe Ven. Rebecca Barger

Music Director Cheryl Foster
Altar Guild Jerry Smith
Greeter Linda Doolittle

**Ushers** Michael Booker and Rich Mayfield

LectorsTracey OswaldIntercessorMike Rohan

LivestreamPaul Jokerst and Jackie SelleTellersSuzanne Jones and Bob Smith

Today we welcome interns from the Deaconess Anne House to worship with us, serving as greeters and lectors:

Mtipe Koggani Alex Nessi Bryan Moore Maddy Bishop

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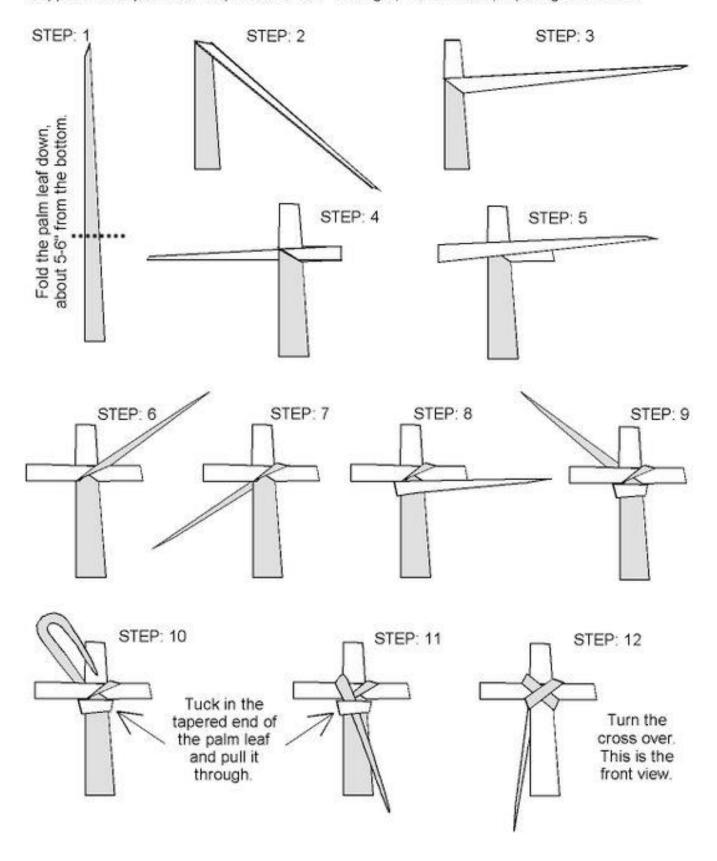
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### Palm Leaf Cross Directions

Supplies: One palm leaf strip about 24-26" in length, 1/2" in width, tapering to the end.



## Please join us for a



# CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY AND WELCOMING OF A NEW VICAR

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti

left: Rev. Anzilotti offering the Eucharist in St. Francis' sanctuary for the first time, on Ash Wednesday, February 19, 2021.

Sunday, April 11 at 10:15am Drive-in Eucharist

The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson,
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri,
preaching

# Sunday Forum Series

# WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR?

What does it mean to be a neighbor or to accept someone else as one's neighbor? What does Jesus have to say about it? Join us during our Sunday Forum, each week 9:30am-10:15am, from Sunday, April 11th through Sunday, May 30th, as we explore these questions and more, featuring speakers:

- April 11: The Rt. Rev. Dean K. Johnson, Bishop of Episcopal Diocese of Missouri
- April 18: Jim Bowlin, Mayor of Wildwood and St. Francis' parishioner
- April 25: Audrey Bell, Director, Eureka Food Pantry
- May 2: Steve Myers, Mayor of Pacific
- May 9: Dr. Michael Booker, St. Francis' parishioner and Sunday Forum Leader, "Prayers of the People: Praying for our Neighbor"
- May 16: Educators from Pacific and Rockwood School Districts
- May 23: Dr. Michael Booker, St. Francis' parishioner and Sunday Forum Leader, "Definitions"
- May 30: The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti, Vicar of St. Francis'

You can attend in person or on Zoom. Meeting ID: 845 6585 8640; Passcode: neighbor

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### **AUDIO**

To listen to today's service, tune your car radio to 99.5 FM.

### **SINGING**

We encourage you to sing along. Mask free is safe while you're in your car; if you exit your car or roll down your windows, please leave your mask on.

### **RECEIVING EUCHARIST**

Everyone is invited to receive. Clergy members will come to the driver's window wearing a mask and hand the driver wafers for everyone in your car. Each wafer is individually wrapped in a sanitized plastic bag.

We will only be receiving in one kind. The bishop's guidelines do not permit the distribution of wine or juice at this time. Our cup remains a common cup by our inviting one parishioner to drink from it at each service.

If no one in the car would like to receive, simply cross your arms over your chest with your car window up.

### **MASKS**

All attendees 2 years and older must wear masks any time you open car windows or step out of your car.

### **DISTANCE**

Please stay within your car's parking spot, whether you remain in the car or sit outside of it. Greet one another with waves for now until we can safely offer hugs and handshakes.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

We welcome donations to support the work of St. Francis', whether a payment on a pledge or simply an offering. Ushers have baskets to collect offerings.

