

The mission of Christ Church is to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Sunday of the Passion:
PALM SUNDAY
April 2, 2023 - 8 am & 10 am



Christ Episcopal Church
33 East First Street
Corning, New York

*Ushers will distribute palms and bulletins at the church entrance.
All are invited to gather quietly and enjoy today's organ prelude.*

Prelude: *Voluntary in C Major*

Purcell

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The chimes will ring. Please stand, in body or spirit.

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.***

Holy Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

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

The congregation may hold their palm branches up for the blessing.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Let us go forth in peace;

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn 154, *All glory, laud, and honor* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.***

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may now 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?

Hear what the spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 31:9-16

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

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.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

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.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

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.

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Instrumental

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

The congregation may remain seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull) all stand as able.

A period of silence will take place after the Reading of the Passion.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

For the holy Catholic church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ. Lord, hear us. ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For this parish community of Christ Church Corning, that we may know the way of the cross to be the way of life and peace. Lord, hear us. ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For Stephen our bishop provisional, for presbyters and deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, hear us. ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families. Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For justice, mercy, and peace in all the world. Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who are tempted, oppressed, afflicted, or in need, especially: Ellianna Brown, Martha Tober, BJ McDonald, those affected by gun violence, those on our Prayer Chain, and others the congregation may wish to name at this time. (pause) Lord, hear us. ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For those who rest in Christ, and for all the departed, especially: Steven Mandell, Dorothy S. & Richard M. Osborn, Meg Scheidweiler, and others the congregation may wish to name at this time. (pause) Lord, hear us. ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For those celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week, especially: Patricia Pinkston, De-Shaun Robinson, Michael McCarthy, Ava Fairbrother, Carder Fairbrother, Christine Sellers, and others the congregation may wish to name at this time. (pause) Lord, hear us. ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for you sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind: Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and as we near the holy mountain grant us strength on our journey. Glory to you for ever. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please greet others to extend the peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

All are welcome to receive Communion from Christ's Table.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. Psalm 96:8

Offertory: *Palm Sunday Procession*

Lehenbauer

Please stand, in body or in spirit.

Hymn 380 (Stanza 3): *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand, in body or spirit.

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 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:

Hymn S125: *Sanctus (from A Community Mass)*

Richard Proulx

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest. (x 2, if sung)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. (x 2, if sung)

Please stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you have 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:

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 forever. **AMEN.**

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

Our Father, who art in heaven

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

***And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Please come forward, down the center aisle, and the Priest or Paten Assistant will place the bread on your hand. Step to the side, place the bread in your mouth. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please extend your hands palm down to receive the bread. Cross your arms over your chest to receive only a blessing. Please return down the side aisles to your seat. Please take care to sanitize your hands before leaving your pew and coming forward for Communion. Notify an usher if you need communion brought to you.

Communion Music

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

Let us pray.

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. 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 PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bow down before the Lord.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom 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 for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Hymn 474, *When I survey the wondrous cross*

ROCKINGHAM

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Festive Procession*

Archer

THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS & PALMS

Today's communion bread is given
to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for
the life of his wife, Meg,
by Bill Scheidweiler

The palm fronds and greens on the altars are given
to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
her beloved parents Dorothy S. & Richard M. Osborn
by Lynda Gangeme

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES

CLERGY

The Very Rev. Troy Preston, The Rev. Kit Tobin

8 o'clock

LECTOR

Rob Shaw

10 o'clock

LECTORS

The First Lesson/The Response – Jessica Hood
The Second Lesson/Paten Assistant – Jan Farnsworth
The Prayers of the People – Juan Jones

ORGANIST

Jamie Smith

MEDIA TECHNICIAN

Loretta Preston

USHERS

Verna Freer, Lizz Jones, Joni Makowiec, Rich Murray

ALTAR GUILD

Verna Freer, Barb Larson, BJ McDonald

THE CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Rt. Rev. Stephen T. Lane, Bishop Provisional
The Very Rev. Troy Preston, Rector
Kristen Mason, Parish Secretary
John A. Sosa, Sexton

Sr. Warden

Bill Scheidweiler

Jr. Warden

Anne Galvin

Treasurer

Barbara Cook

Clerk

Patty Campbell

Vestry

Class of 2023

Andrea Bookbinder
Erin Fairbrother
Chris Wentzel

Class of 2024

Rich Murray
Ashley Scott
Chris Walters

Class of 2025

Lee Kent
Joni Makowiec
Bobby Rockwell

Diocesan Delegate

Roberta McDonald

Marion Ivy

Patty Campbell

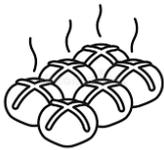
Lizz Jones (Alt.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hosting today's Coffee Hour will be Anne Galvin and Patty Campbell. Please join them for an assortment of refreshments immediately following the 10 o'clock service in Houghton Lounge. If you would like to host one of our coffee hours, either individually or with others, please sign up on the clipboard in Houghton Lounge.



Easter Lilies will be used to decorate the chancel wall on Easter Day. Cost is \$18 per plant. Please contact the office if you would like to order a plant in memory of, or in thanksgiving for, a loved one or special occasion. Please place your order by today, April 2, 2023.



Buns for Fun Sale! Patty Campbell and Anne Galvin have your Hot Cross Bun orders. Please see Anne or Patty in Houghton Lounge following the 10 o'clock service. Each box contains nine hot cross buns for \$10.

Save the Date!

ROC THE DIOCESE

Friday, April 28–Sunday, April 30

Who: All 6th-12th graders
in the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester and their friends

What: A weekend with other youth exploring faith and building community in fun and unique ways. There will be lots of time for hanging out, eating good food, and taking a break from the busyness.

Where: The Y at Watson Woods in Painted Post, NY

When: Roc the Diocese begins with dinner on Friday evening and ends after our Closing Eucharist on Sunday morning

Cost: \$50 per youth



For more information contact:
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Co-Conveners of Diocesan Youth Ministry





Holy Week & Easter Day Schedule

Christ Episcopal Church, Corning

Sunday, April 2, 2023 – Sunday, April 9, 2023

Palm Sunday Liturgy

8 a.m. In-person

10 a.m. In-person & Livestreamed

Monday of Holy Week - Compline

8:00 p.m. Zoom

Tuesday of Holy Week – Noonday Prayer

12:00 p.m. Zoom

Wednesday of Holy Week – Stations of the Cross

5:00 p.m. In-person

Maundy Thursday Liturgy

5:00 p.m. In-person

Good Friday Liturgy & Stations of the City

12:00 p.m. In-person & Livestreamed (*Community Service*)

1:15 In-person (*Stations of the City*)

Holy Saturday – The Great Vigil of Easter

Southeast District - St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Bath

8:00 p.m. In-person

Easter Day

8 a.m. In-person

10 a.m. In-person & Livestreamed

*Please contact the parish office, visit our website,
or refer to the April issue of Comment for service links.*