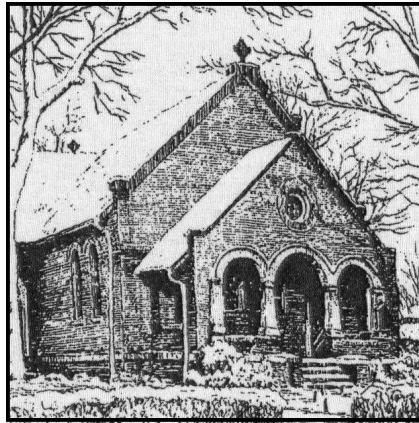


THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

**April 5, 2009
10:30 a.m.**



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The Liturgy of the Palms

Priest: 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.

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.*

Mark 11:1-11a

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

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 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.*

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

People: *Hosanna in the highest.*

The Procession

Priest Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. *Amen.*

At the church porch, the procession halts while the following Collect is said

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. *Amen.*

Processional Hymn 154 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor (Vale will ich dir geben)*

BCP

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Trisagion (Hymnal S-99)

Collect for Palm Sunday

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 45:21-25

Psalm 22:1-11

Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

358 The Nicene Creed

387 The Prayers of the People, Form III

The Peace

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offering of God's Gifts: Bread, Wine, Treasure

Offertory Anthem: "Ah, Holy Jesus"

J.S. Bach (1695-1750)

367 **The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B**

The Sanctus, Hymnal S-129

364 The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion Hymn 458 *My Song Is Love Unknown (Love Unknown)*

365 Post-Communion Prayer

Recessional Hymn 168 *O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded (Herzlich tut mich verlangen)*

Voluntary "O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded"

Buxtehude (1637-1707)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Gary D. Steber, Interim Rector
Kathleen Prevost, Organist & Music Director
Nicole Dunn & Tricia Perry, Sunday School Superintendents
Jimm Wetherbee, Treasurer
Sarah Palmer, Bookkeeper
Kristin Barclay, Parish Secretary

The Vestry

Henry Jenkins, Sr. Warden	Jim Becker
Gary Noles, Jr. Warden	Ronnie Cutler
Lisa Hilbish, Clerk	Kyle Dunn
Jan Lochary	Scott Rushing
Tara Steffen	

Next Sunday

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009

8:00 a.m. (Spoken Service): Holy Eucharist, Rite 1
9:30 a.m. (Choral Service): Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
11:15 a.m. (Choral Service): Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

Serving Today

Altar Guild	Christine Flack, Casey Bono, Mary Burwell, Susan Jones, Tara Steffen
Chalice	Nancy Noles, Bill Colt
Lectors	Sean Pueschel, Ginger Jones
Server	Nick Giarla
Crucifer	Andy Giarla
Torches	Baker Anderson, Ryan Clark
Lock Up	Noles/Steffen
Ushers	George Hilbish, Tommy Steffen
Greeters	Henry & Charlotte Jenkins
Coffee Hosts	Bill & Melody Colt

In Memoriam

Alyce Cornell Williams, April 5, 2008
Roman Lawrence Scott, April 5, 2006
Margaret English Crow, April 7, 1995
Evelyn Smith Sutherland, April 11, 1987

Worship Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Worship Committee after today's 10:30 a.m. service. Fr. Gary will determine the location.

It's a Kitchen Shower!

The ECW invites you to help refurbish the kitchen supplies. We are having a kitchen shower! Please look for it on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Take a ticket, sign your name to the list, and return the item by April 25. Or give us a donation, and we'll buy the items. With the many parish events we now host, we need all these items, and your help will be greatly appreciated.

Order Your Easter Lilies

Today is the last day to order Easter lilies (\$8.50 each). Order/Dedication forms can be found on the ledge in the back of the church. If you choose, you may provide your own lily to be given in celebration of or in memory of someone. If so, it must be white, with white wrapping and bow; and it must be here at the church no later than 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 11. To be included in the bulletin, dedications need to be in the office no later than 9:00 a.m. tomorrow, Monday, April 6.

Easter Egg Hunt/Party

The annual Easter Egg Hunt/Party begins at 11:00 a.m. this Saturday, April 11. There will be an egg hunt, a craft time, and then lunch. Please RSVP to Nicole (nicole_d24@hotmail.com or 704.821.9613) so that we will have a good head count for lunch. Also, all parishioners are asked to save any empty egg cartons—the children use them to collect their eggs! Feel free to drop them off in the nursery or Sunday School classroom.

Welcome to our New Secretary!

Kristin Barclay, our new Parish Secretary, began work in the office on April 1. If you are in town for any reason, feel free to drop by during office hours to meet her. Kristin, a graduate of Sweet Briar College, is a welcome addition to our church family!

A Search Committee Prayer

Almighty and Gracious God, throughout history you have brought to your people, leaders who have guided them in times of change and transition, and you have formed St. Paul's as a loving and searching community in Christ.

Assist us in the discernment of your will as we seek a spiritual leader, for this your parish family. Open our hearts and minds, that we may see this process as one that can deepen our sense of community, provide us with spiritual growth, and draw us closer to you.

May you open the heart and mind of the one you call to lead this congregation, so that we receive a faithful rector, who will nurture and encourage growth in our mission, ministries, and faith journeys in the name of Christ. *Amen.*

Prayer List

Robbie, Ven, Henry, Burke Eargle, Carole, Gray, Steve Birch, Janice Morris, Kathryn Goodwin, Peg Wylie, Charles Turner, Allison Bono, Sharon Stegall, Haley McCullough, Ken Hucks, Lib Starnes, Janet, Kathy, Donna Birdsell, Mercedes Morales, Sydney Gaylord, Lindsey, Jimmy Pyron, John Nosal, Jim McDonald, Ted Peldmen, Debbie Smith, Rebecca Robinson, Albert Alfaro, John Dailey, Jennifer Jones, Renee Wetherbee, Hazel Wolter, Angie Baskins, Tom Leitner, Jane McWhorter, Matthew Alcorn, Travis Webb, Frank, Grace Walker, Kelli Bradley, Terri Neary, Win & June Corduan, Carolyn Groves, Emily Hollum, Mason Jenkins, Miriam Jones, Jim & Linda Medlin, Eric Metzler, Gail Metzler, Richard Mills, Beth, Frank Thompson.

Armed Forces: Patrick McCall, Cole Griffin (I), Eric Burtner-Abt (N), Alec Burtner-Abt (A), Joshua Garcia (A), Randy George, Renee Griffin, Casey Jones (I), Roger Kingston, Mark Landers, Josh Medlin, Mark O'Hair, David DiGuilio (I).

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The Week Ahead

Office Hours

Monday- Friday 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist w/ Healing
	6:30 p.m.	ECW Kitchen Committee
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Children's Choir, Ages 7 & Up
	5:30 p.m.	Children's Choir, Ages 4 & Up
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion with Foot-Washing & Stripping of Linens
Friday	10:45 a.m.	Stations of the Cross Walk
	12:00 Noon	Good Friday Service
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
	7:30 p.m.	Great Vigil of Easter and Baptism

*Loaves & Fishes is open daily
from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon
(except Friday and Sunday)*

Welcome to Our Visitors!

We hope you have felt at home and among friends. If you are visiting just for today, we bid you Godspeed on your journey. If you are seeking a church home, we would be delighted to welcome you into our church family.

Please be sure to pick up from the Tract Rack a packet of information about St. Paul's; and after the service, please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall. If you make yourself known to our Greeters, they will be happy to show you the way.