

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

Welcome!

Welcome to ‘Old Durham’ Church. However you got here, whatever your background, you are welcome here for worship, service, and fellowship in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The church is part of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, and has been feeding souls on this site for over 350 years. It is our prayer that you will encounter God’s love, peace, and hope here. As Christians in the Anglican tradition, our worship is rooted in Holy Scripture and in the Book of Common Prayer, which for centuries has united Christians all over the world in a common, ever-evolving, format of prayer and worship.

You, the members of the congregation, play an important role in our worship; please follow along in this leaflet and speak your parts with confidence. The hymns we sing this morning will be found in this leaflet or in the blue hymnal in the pews. We worship every Sunday morning at 10:30 AM. There is an adult Christian formation class most Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM in the Parish Hall, and we are up to all sorts of other things during the week.

Our historic church building has no running water. Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall, across the parking lot from the church.

All directions to stand and kneel are to be understood “as able.” The Church understands kneeling as a posture of humility and penitence, and standing as a posture of respect. As Lent is a penitential season, it is appropriate to kneel (as one is able) for prayer during Lent. According to long-standing custom, “Alleluia” does not form part of the worship of the Church in Lent.

The Liturgy of the Palms

The service begins at the Parish Hall. Those who are not prepared to walk from the Parish Hall to the church may wait in the church for the congregation to arrive.

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

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

Collect

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.*

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (19:28-40).

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ 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. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ 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, ³⁸ saying,

“Blessed is the king

 who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

 and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

Blessing of the Palms

Presider The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

The Bishop or Priest says

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.*

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord
People *Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*

The palms are distributed to the people.

The Procession

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

The cross leads the people in procession to the church. During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and recite the following Psalm. We will pause to hear the Collect read, and then enter the church singing "All glory, laud, and honor."

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

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Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
 his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *

“His mercy endures for ever.”

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *

I will enter them;

I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 “This is the gate of the LORD; *

he who is righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *

and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *

has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD’s doing, *

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; *

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *

LORD, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; *

we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *

form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; *

you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *

his mercy endures for ever.

Collect

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.*

Entrance Hymn

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)

Collect of the Day

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 Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from The Book of Isaiah (*50:4-9a*).

⁴ 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.

⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

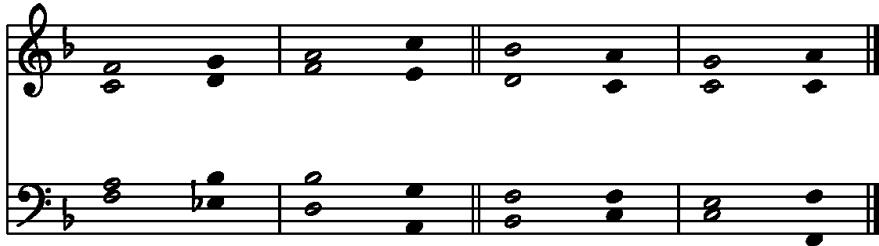
⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment;

the moth will eat them up.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 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.”

Second Reading

A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Philippians (2:5-11).

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #158 Ab, holy Jesus

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Words: Johann Heermann (1585-1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930) Music: *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johann Cruger (1598-1662), alt.

The Passion Narrative from the Gospel According to Luke

Homily

The Nicene Creed

All say together

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Loving and gracious God, as we celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord, give us the grace to take up our cross and faithfully follow our Lord Jesus Christ. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Peter and the other disciples were unable to stay awake with Jesus. Free us from the desire to escape from the challenges of life and make us bold witnesses for your truth. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Pilate washed his hands to signal his refusal to be held accountable for his actions. Keep us mindful of our share in what is wrong with our world and give us the grace to be instruments of your justice and mercy. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Simon of Cyrene was forced to carry your Son's cross. Give us grace willingly to lift the heavy loads of those who need our strength and give us courage to stand with those who are powerless. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

While the disciples ran away in fear, the women stood faithfully at the foot of the cross. Give to the Church grace to follow in their footsteps that with Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; Catharine, our priest; Susan our Deacon; and all bishops and Christians everywhere, we may be faithful witnesses of the triumph of the cross. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

As he hung on the cross, Jesus knew the agony of pain and the bitterness of suffering. We pray for all who suffer in body or in mind. Console them with your love, strengthen them with your healing power and give them courage to hope again. *Invite the congregation to offer their intercessions.* Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Joseph of Arimathea offered his tomb for our Lord's burial. We pray for all who have died. Give gentleness to those who minister to the dying, hope to the bereaved, and courage to those whose faith is known to you alone. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Collect

As we remember our Redeemer's entry into Jerusalem, so grant, O gracious God, that today and always Christ may triumph in our hearts. Let the King of glory enter in, and give us grace to offer ourselves and all we are to the Christ who dies to save us from the sting of death. Hear our prayer for the sake of his love.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept.

All say together

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.

Absolution

Bishop or Priest

Almighty God have mercy on 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.
Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Priest says

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

The people remain seated while the offering is collected during the Offertory Anthem. The people stand as the offering is presented at the altar during the Presentation Hymn.

Offertory Anthem

This Cross, by Mark Mumment

Presentation Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #380 From all that dwell below the skies (verse 3 only)

1 From all that dwell below the skies let
 2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
 *3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
 truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
 him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
 shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #130

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

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and B-flat key signature. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with some words underlined and others on separate lines. The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. Measure lines and repeat signs are also present.

Treble clef, 2 flats
 1. san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 Bass clef, 2 flats
 2. in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 Treble clef, 2 flats
 3. in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 Bass clef, 2 flats
 4. in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #146

A - men. A - men. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The people are invited to Communion

Behold what you are; may you become what you receive.

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine. All baptized Christians regardless of denomination are welcome to come to the altar rail to share in this meal of life. If you prefer not to receive Communion, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will offer a prayer of blessing.

We offer both wine and grape juice at Communion. The first cup has wine and the second cup has grape juice. You may drink or intinct from either cup. The bread will be placed in your hand. You may either, (1) Eat the bread and drink from the cup which follows; or (2) Hold the bread, dipping it in the cup and then eating the bread. If you do not wish to receive wine, please cross your arms after receiving the bread.

If you prefer to receive Communion at your seat in the pew, we will be happy to bring it to you.

Postcommunion Prayer

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Solemn Prayer

The Bishop or Priest says

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

The Hymnal 1982 #474 When I survey the wondrous cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Prayer List

Let us pray...

...in thanksgiving for the members of our congregation: Gary Leyland, Jane Linton, Carl Lockamy, and Dian Lockamy;

...for support and protection for those who serve our country at home and abroad:

Mike Busey, Christopher Walker, Steven Mattingly, Sam Gray, Wes Dyson, Michael Petrusic, and Thomas J. Hunt;

...for those in need of God's healing grace: Vivian Aldridge, Missy Bowie, Mary Coughner, Dian Lockamy, and Lindy Lynch; Our continuing prayers are offered for: George Dyson, Butch Helwig, Buddy Linton, Sam Linton, Rhonda McGraw, Jeanne Read, Jean Santora, Rose Speake, Joan Shoemaker, Roy Squires, Tom Saxton, and Luci Wright.

The Diocese of Washington cycle of prayer: Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda; Chapel of the Annunciation, Church House; African Palms. **The**

Anglican Communion cycle of prayer: Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East, The Most Revd Suheil Dawani - Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Archbishop in Jerusalem.

Announcements

Funeral and burial of The Rev. Arnold Taylor. The Rev. Arnold Taylor, long-time Rector of Durham Church, will be laid to rest in the church yard this afternoon following a 2 o'clock funeral service here in the church. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter Sunday Services: See separate announcement for details of Durham's worship services, which will be held on Palm Sunday, April 14, at 10:30AM; Maundy Thursday, April 18, at 6PM, Good Friday, April 19, at 7PM, and Easter Sunday, April 21, at 6:15AM (at Friendship Landing), and 10:30AM in the church.

Joe's Place Food Pantry distributions are on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 4:30 to 6pm in the Parish Hall. The next distributions are April 25 and May 9.

Volunteers are always welcome to sort and distribute food to our neighbors.

Adult Forum: The Adult Forum is on its Easter Break. Please join us at 9:15am in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings starting again on April 28 for coffee, learning, and thought-

provoking discussion.

Spring Concert: The Kassia Music Collective will be performing here at Durham Church on Saturday, May 4 at 5PM. Local favorites and members of the District New Music Coalition, they are a chamber ensemble dedicated to new music with a traditional twist. They have performed as a group at the Kennedy Center, the National Music Festival, and the National Gallery of Art. Their members have played all over the world in venues from Carnegie Hall to Transylvania Philharmonic Hall, and have been commissioned by the San Francisco Symphony and renowned violinist Robert Lipsett. Admission: free will donation.

Safeguarding God's Children: There is one more spring training session for Safeguarding God's Children. It will be held on May 9 in Hyattsville. This training is recommended for all church leaders. Safeguarding God' Children provides participants with the information they need to protect the children they know and care for in their personal lives and the ministries in which they serve. Registration can be found at <https://www.edow.org/forms-and-resources/safe-church>, or looking under Resources and Forms>Safe Church on the diocesan website, edow.org.

Diocesan News: If you are not receiving the Diocese of Washington's newsletter, you might want to sign up for it. It typically contains a reflection from Bishop Mariann along with news about diocesan plans and events, as well as functions at other parishes. Especially now with the diocese entering into a strategic planning process (see separate announcement), there's a lot to keep up with! Sign up under News and Events on the diocesan webpage, www.edow.org

Becoming Good Soil

The Diocese is putting forth a lot of effort to help the various regions and parishes within the Diocese discover what's healthy (strengths), what's stuck (weaknesses), what's unclear, and what's missing.

Where does Durham Church fit in? There is a Discovery Day on April 27 from 10am -2pm at St.Paul's Piney in Waldorf. It is free and lunch is provided. Registration (required) is at <https://www.edow.org/good-soil/regional-discovery-sessions>

Each parish is expected to send at least two people to this event. Please let me know when you register so I will have an idea how many folks we will have from Durham. If you do not plan to attend, please take the time to fill out the survey at the following link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EDOWGoodSoil>

A bit more info directly from the Diocese website:

"We know that the most transformative work requires intentional planning and strategic effort. To that end, we are embarking on a diocesan-wide strategic planning process that we hope will allow us to take stock together of where we are now -- our strengths and our challenges, where we see fruitfulness in our ministries and where we struggle -- and then commit to a mutually discerned vision of God's preferred future for our diocese.

Our planning will be most effective if it includes the views of the full range of our

community and takes into account the distinctive contexts of each geographic region, building upon work our leadership has already begun to cultivate in collaboration among our constituencies.

The Diocese of Washington has hired a consulting company, The Unstuck Group ,to lead us through the strategic planning process. The Unstuck Group has worked with hundreds of churches of all shapes and sizes to assist those communities to understand their current level of “health” and to plan for their futures. We hope that the Unstuck Group will help us also to set our vision, mission, and goals while undertaking the work of becoming good soil.” The main website with links and a short video from the Bishop: <https://www.edow.org/good-soil>

Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent - WORSHIP

Drawing on the ancient practice of setting aside Lent as a period of study and preparation for living as a Christian disciple, we are pleased to present weekly teachings from Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent. Learn more at episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed.

READ: Zephaniah 3:12-20

One of the most dramatic elements of WORSHIP in the Easter Vigil is the element of surprise and delight baked into the liturgy. We start in darkness and subdued energy only to have a burst of worship-filled energy when we get to the ultimate song of worship: the Gloria! When we arrive at the Gloria, we throw on the lights, ring bells, sing at our loudest, and may even have a gleeful asperging (sprinkling of holy water as a reminder of our baptism). We are celebrating the greatest surprise of all: the resurrection of Jesus, which put an end to death. This drama is an invitation to let our hearts be moved from fear and despair into gratitude and joy.

In this final oracle from Zephaniah, we hear a distinct call to worship that follows the same dramatic arc that we find in the Easter Vigil. God has come. It is a time for celebrate. We are told to “Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you.... On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion ... he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.” Here we see that God intends to turn all our fear into rejoicing, which means our worship should well up as an overwhelming act of gratitude.

In Jesus, the prophecy of Zephaniah is fulfilled. From the very moment he was born, the angels cried out to say “fear not” before breaking into their own Gloria song, mirroring ours during the Easter Vigil. In response to this wonderful gift from God, the shepherds ran to his stable to worship the newborn King of Peace. As their fears subsided, their gratitude naturally flowed. Yet, by the time Jesus’ life is ending, when faced with the possibility of following him to the cross, the disciples are once again filled with fear. When they are reunited with the resurrected Jesus, the doors of a new future are flung open and they return to a stance of gratitude and worship. Their fear of eternal death, as well as our own, has been buried in the empty tomb. We are invited to rejoice and let our gratitude for the gift of new life draw us to worship God.

REFLECT: In our reading this week, we are called let go of our fears so that we might truly worship God. What brings you the most joy in your life? Can that joy be offered up to God as an act of worship?

Getting to Know Durham Church and Ways to Get Involved

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. Below is some information about our church and ways to get involved. Or you can just ask—we are a friendly bunch and happy to talk about our church.

Christian Formation

The Adult Forum, which is held at 9:15AM on Sundays in the Parish Hall, is a time to learn about the Christian tradition and how it intersects our lives. Programs vary, with video lecture series, discussions, and presentations. See Rick Posey for more details.

Periodically, other programs are offered. Recently we have explored topics from worship to race to health and wellness. If there is a topic you are interested in learning more about, speak to Rev. Catharine or Rick Posey.

Serving our Neighbors

Joe's Place: There are several ways to help with the parish's food pantry. We offer food to neighbors in need on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Volunteers of all ages are always needed to help pick up food beforehand and participate in the distribution. See John Welch for more details.

Community Building: If you are interested in exploring the lives and needs of others in our community and in our world, you might be interested in joining the Community Building Group. We discuss books, movies, and articles focused on building community across difference. See Rick Posey for more details.

Serving our Parish

Serving our worship: There are many opportunities to serve in Sunday morning worship services. We can always use more voices in the choir, more music, more people to lead the prayers, carry the chalice, read the lessons, serve at the altar, carry the cross, carry the offerings, and hand out bulletins. See Rev. Catharine for more details.

Small projects: In any parish there are a variety of little projects that crop up. They might be anything from moving the mailboxes to curating a visitor's corner in the church. These little projects are good ways for people of all ages to get involved. If you have an idea of a little project that might benefit our common life, or if you'd like to volunteer, see Rev. Catharine.

Ministers in Today's Service

Crucifer: Chris Dudley; **Readers**: Rick Posey and Roy Squires; **Passion narrative**: Chris Dudley, Gary Leyland, Sue Hunt, Mary Mosher, Linda Buffalo, George Chisholm, Chris Busey, Susan Fritz, Barbara Macri; **Intercessor**: Linda Buffalo; **Chalicists**: Linda Buffalo and George Chisholm; **Altar Guild**: Melinda Torreyson.

HOLY WEEK 2019 AT DURHAM

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY: APRIL 14, 10:30AM

Our **10:30AM Eucharist** will start with a blessing of the palms and a procession into the church.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: APRIL 18, 6:00PM

The service this evening kicks off the Triduum, or three holy days, of 2019.

We will begin with a **eucharistic pot-luck supper starting at 6:00PM** in the Parish Hall. Then we will process to the church for the stripping, washing, and anointing of the altar.

What/whom we'll need (see sign-up sheet to volunteer):

- **Set-up crew:** Set up tables, including a 'head' table and lectern, and access to the piano.
- **Shopper/coordinator:** Someone to make sure that we have candles, matches, bread baskets, grape juice, and orders of service for each table.
- **Food:** Please bring a contribution for a light supper. It is still Lent, so a meatless (or meat-light meal) is appropriate. No sweets or dessert. Please bring something that can be tidied up easily, as we will go directly from dinner to the church, and then depart in silence.
- **Readers:** There are readings in the service. We need a "regular" reader, a 'Narrator,' and a 'Jesus.'
- **A congregation:** It would be helpful to have a rough idea of attendance in advance. Please sign up to let us know if you're coming.

GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 19, 7PM

We'll be conducting the **Prayer Book liturgy for Good Friday at 7PM** on Good Friday.

We'll need some song-leaders and readers for the passion narrative.

EASTER MORNING: APRIL 1, 6:15AM & 10:30AM

Sunrise Service at **6:15 AM at Friendship Landing Park**

Festal Eucharist at **10:30AM at church**

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