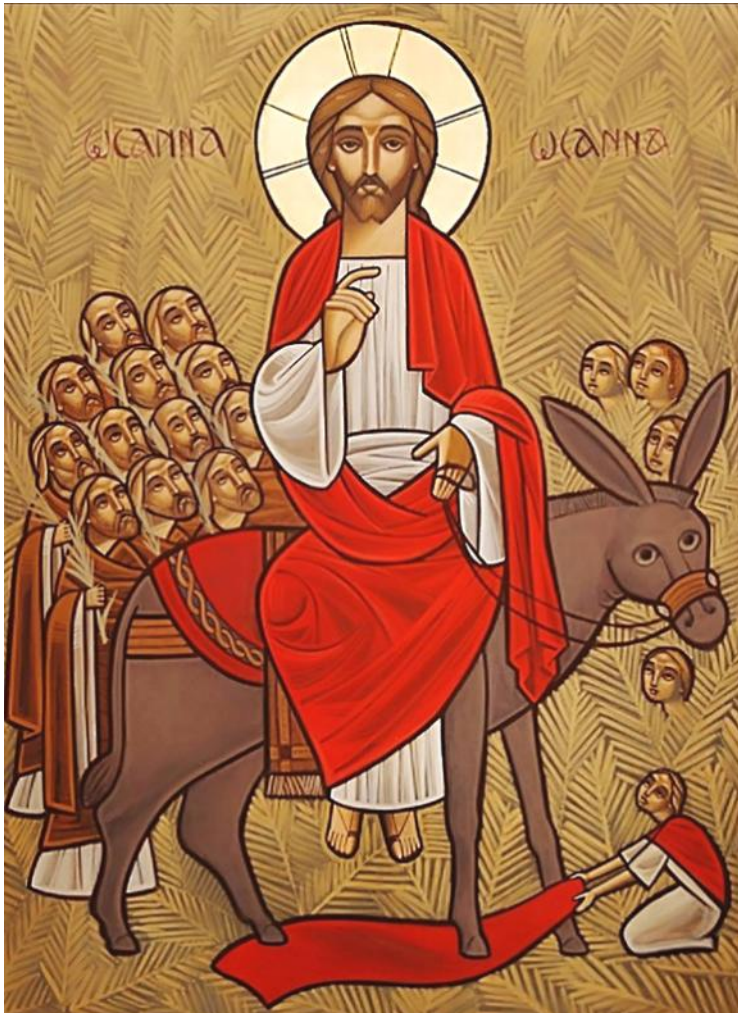


CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



PALM SUNDAY
March 29, 2026—10:30 am

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A Note To Our Guests:

Welcome to Epiphany, we are glad to have you join us this morning as we celebrate Holy Eucharist! You are also invited to sign a pew card.

Guests sometimes worry about what to do next...where to turn in the book and whether to stand, sit or kneel. From time to time you will receive page number guidance from the clergy, and you may watch to see what others do. The “BCP” page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer, the black book. The “S” numbers refer to the Service Music in the front of the blue Hymnal 1982. But we invite you into worship and just to enjoy the service. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at the Lord’s Table. If you prefer not to receive, but wish to come forward for a blessing, please do so, crossing your arms against your chest.

We are blessed to have you with us! So, sing the hymns, join in, and celebrate the joy of our Lord’s life, death, and resurrection!

Again, welcome ...We wish you God’s peace and joy!

Faithfully,
The People of Church of the Epiphany

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
Sunday 10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Morning Prayer via Zoom
Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m.

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Holy Eucharist - Rite I - 10:30 am

A time of quiet reflection or personal prayer is requested prior to the service.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant Blessed is the King who cometh 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.

Matthew 21:1-11

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 he 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.”

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant 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.**

Cantor Hosanna in the highest.

Hymn 157

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

PROCESSIONAL PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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.

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

PROCESSIONAL

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Hymn 154

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

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?

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 31:9-16 In te, Domine, speravi

- 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."

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE EPISTLE

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN

Ride on! Ride on in Majesty!

Hymn 156

Lector The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they

DOXOLOGY Hymn 380 v3

All **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name; both for our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING BCP 333

SANCTUS Hymn S-117

GREAT AMEN Hymn S-147

FRACTION ANTHEM Hymn S-158

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS BCP 337

COMMUNION MUSIC *The Flaming Banners of Our King* Hymn 161

Alone Thou Goest Forth, O Lord Hymn 164

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 339

RECESSIONAL *O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded* Hymn 168

News

Easter Lilies—Please fill out a donation slip and return with the offering (available in the commons) if you would like to honor a loved one this Easter with funds for altar lilies. Or, email the church office at office@epiphanydenver.org with the amount you will be donating and the names of those being honored (living) or memorialized (deceased).

Newsletter—Stay in touch during the week! Use the link on the website to subscribe to our weekly newsletter at epiphanydenver.org

Garden Watch Prayer Vigil—Sign up to pray from home or church overnight between Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. A paper sign-up is available in the commons or you may use the link in the newsletter.

Easter Sunday Brunch—Bring a brunch dish to share if you are able at 9:30am Easter Sunday.

Note! There will be no 8:00am service or any Sunday School classes next week.

*We are a community of discipleship, healing and worship.
 We are committed to God, one another and
 the transformation of the world in Jesus Christ.*

Holy Week Services

4/2	Maundy Thursday Foot Washing	7:00pm
	Garden Watch Prayer Vigil overnight	9:00pm-6:00am
4/3	Good Friday Stations of the Cross	Noon
	Good Friday Service	7:00pm
4/4	Easter Vigil (bring your bells!)	7:00pm
4/5	Easter Sunday (no 8:00 service or Sunday School classes)	10:30am
	Potluck Brunch	9:30am

	DATE	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES	LUNCH
VOLUNTEERS	3/29	Genters	Don		-Palm Sunday-
	4/2	Genters		extra altar guild needed	-Maundy Thursday-
	4/3	Grace-Ann	Shirley		-Good Friday-
	4/4	8 lectors needed	Shirley	Martin	-Easter Vigil-
	4/5	Genters	Shirley	Jacob, Pascal, Elijah	Easter Potluck Brunch