

# Grace Weekly: Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

*Education Classes for all ages at 9:15 am throughout building.*

*\*denotes music in the 10:30 am liturgy*



**Liturgy of the Palms** (*front lawn, weather permitting*)

**\*Processional Hymn 154** (*insert*) All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Valet will ich dir geben*

## 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.*

## First Reading: 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 awakens--  
awakens 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?

## Psalm 31: 9-16 (*Read responsively by whole verse, beginning with the lectern side.*)

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."



## Today

### EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

**\*Children Ages 3 - 6 – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Downstairs)  
Ages 7 - 10 – Godly Play (Downstairs)**

**\*Youth: Rite 13 (across from Library)**

**\*Adults: "Why Is Holy Week Called the Passion of Christ?" Rev. Orion Davis**

## Announcements

**Men of Grace Breakfast** will meet **Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am** in Thatcher Hall. Come join us!

**Noontime Noshing, beginning April 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm.** Drop in with your packed or take-out lunch on the third Monday of each month. Enjoy good company as we get to know each other through sharing our stories. Everyone is welcome, newcomers especially invited. Hosted by the Welcoming Committee.

FAA, which stands for **Food Addicts Anonymous**, is a fellowship of men and women whose primary purpose is to abstain from the addictive substances of highly processed sugar, flour and wheat to combat the biochemical, genetic disease of obesity. According to the Centers for Disease Control, one out of three Americans is obese and it is one of the leading factors in premature death in the United States. Come explore our weekly meetings on **Mondays at 5:30 pm** at Grace Church in the Parlor.

## Looking Ahead

**April 1, EASTER Sunday--Easter Egg Hunt.** Enjoy fellowship time during the Education Hour.

**April 8, "Introduction to Acts of the Apostles." Rev. Joslyn Schaefer**

**April 15, Bible Study of Acts of the Apostles.**

**April 22, "Every Day is Earth Day." Susan Williams and Emily Chatfield-Lusto.** All people are one family, all people share one wisdom and all people share one small planet. What we do has profound ripple effects on the planet and on each other--physically and spiritually. So what does healing the way we walk on the Earth look like? In this session, we will view Joanna Macy's The Great Turning and discuss our own "great turning" toward resurrected life as faithful tenders in God's garden of Creation.

## Beyond our Doors

**Camp Henry introduces new programming for families:**

*From Kathryn Florack, Camp Henry Director:*

For many years, I have been relaying stories of the fun and love of Camp Henry to my family, and it occurred to me, the only thing that could make the experience of laughing, playing and sharing in God's love better was to do it with my family! Enjoy a half-week of relaxation and fun while our staff takes care of the rest. Like a family vacation, but you don't have to do any of the work! Two sessions are available to accommodate work schedules: Friday, June 15- Monday, June 18 or Sunday, July 29- Wednesday Aug 2.

In addition, registration is still open for all Camp Henry sessions. In the words of one of our campers, "The first thing you feel when you get there is loved and accepted. Camp is a great place to get away and forget/deal with any problems you might be facing. It's the perfect place to make friends and be weird and be yourself."

For more information and to register, visit [www.camphenny.net](http://www.camphenny.net) or contact Kathryn Florack, Camp Henry Director, at [828-475-6294](tel:828-475-6294) or [director.camphenny@gmail.com](mailto:director.camphenny@gmail.com).

**Regular Gatherings March 26 – 30, 2018** (\* = open to all to attend)

- \*Open Library Use, Wednesday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- \*Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Wednesday, 12:00 noon, Church
- \*Tenebrae Wednesday at St. John's Roman Catholic, 7:00 pm
- Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
- \*Marthas, Thursday, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Marthas Room
- \*Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm, Church
- \*Friday Morning Prayer, 8:00 am, at Panacea Coffee House
- \*Good Friday Solemn Liturgy 3:00 – 4:00 pm, Church
- \*Stations of the Cross for Children and Paschal Candle Making, 4:30 pm, Church

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