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*Opening wide our doors and hearts  
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior*

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**The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**  
**Sunday, March 29, 2026**  
**9:00 a.m.**

Join us in person for our service. Or join us by going to our livestream on the St. Peter's YouTube page [here](#).

The worship leaflet can be found [here](#).

Coffee hour will be held after the mass.

**This Sunday's Ministers:**

Mr. David Savage, *Vergers*

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Thurifer*

Mr. Jake Mahon, *Crucifer*

Ms. Anica Hickey and Ms. Marya Hickey, *Torch Bearers*

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## **From the Priest in Charge**

Dear Friends,

We will soon be travelling with Jesus through the heights and depths of Holy Week. This coming Sunday, we wave our palms as we celebrate the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem, to great acclaim, excitement and joy; and we also acknowledge our sadness and complicity as we listen to the Passion and hear how this initial rejoicing and hope turned to abandonment of the One who came to save us. Holy Week gives us opportunities to reflect on the tenderness of Jesus toward his disciples as he washes their feet, the agony of Jesus in the garden as he faces and accepts God's will, the darkest moments of Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion, and the incredible joy of his Easter resurrection. We hope you can join us for most or all of the services listed below, either in person or online.

Our rituals mirror the arc of Holy Week. We will experience the movement from darkness to light in a physical way in our sanctuary, from stripping the altar, emptying the tabernacle and extinguishing the altar lamp on Maundy Thursday, and remaining in that darkness and emptiness through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, to rekindling the flames, adorning the altar with white altar cloths and flowers, and partaking in the festive Eucharist at Easter Vigil and on Easter morning. Amid the turmoil and suffering of this world, we will be reminded that death does not have the last word, and that God's light and love will prevail. Thanks be to God!

Faithfully,

Myrna+

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**Scam Alert!**

Some of you may have received an email purporting to be from one of your clergy asking you for cards, funds or other assistance. Please know that your clergy will **never** contact you by phone, text or email for such purposes.

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## **The New Archbishop of Canterbury Installed**

The Most Reverend Sarah Elizabeth Mullally was installed as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury yesterday at Canterbury Cathedral. In addition to being the head of the Church of

England, Archbishop Mullally serves as the ceremonial and spiritual leader of the Anglican Communion, all those churches around the world that trace their roots to the Church of England, including the Episcopal Church. You can watch a livestream of the historic service [here](#).

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## **Good Friday Offering**

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe invites us to dedicate our Good Friday offering to support ministries in the Middle East: "For more than a century, Episcopalians have given generously to the Good Friday Offering, which supports the vital work and ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Today, the need of the church in the Holy Land is greater than ever, particularly given the recent escalation of war in the Middle East." To read Bishop Rowe's letter, and find out how you can contribute online, click [here](#).

## **Baptisms in the Easter Season**

Eastertide is an appropriate season for baptisms. We have two dates when baptisms can take place, Sunday April 12, the Second Sunday of Easter, and at the culmination of the Easter season on the Day of Pentecost, Sunday May 24th. Please be in touch with Pastor Myrna if you are interested in baptism for yourself or for family members.

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**Final Lenten Evening Prayer This Friday 5:30 pm**

Do join us for this lovely service at the end of the day and the end of the week. Galen Weibley leads us, as we gather in the chancel to pray and offer praise to God.

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## **Lay Ministers Are Welcome to Participate in the Great Vigil of Easter**

Area parishes will join the congregation at St. Luke's Cathedral for the Great Vigil of Easter, the first celebration of Christ's resurrection. It will be held on Saturday evening, April 4th at the cathedral. If you would like to participate as an acolyte or eucharistic minister, please let Pastor Myrna know. Of course, all of us are welcome to attend for worship as well.

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## **Easter Flower Donations**

Please make sure information for Easter flower donations is provided by Sunday March 29. You can submit information through the website [here](#), or by filling out a form at church and leaving in the offering plate. Donations of any amount are welcome.

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## **Fr. Tom's Retirement Party**

We will celebrate Fr. Tom's Retirement on April 12th, at 4 pm in the Undercroft. Please contact Anita Chandler, [achandler@maine.rr.com](mailto:achandler@maine.rr.com), if you would like to help in the planning.

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## Compline

Compline will meet on Wednesday, April 1, at its usual time, 7:00 PM.

Connect with our gathering then by clicking the Zoom link [here](#).

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## Updates to Parish Directory

We are updating our Parish Directory, and hope to complete this soon! Copies of the directory can be found on the table in the undercroft. Please notify Bob Simmons at: [treasurerstpetersport@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerstpetersport@gmail.com) if you have a change of address or phone number, or to provide him with this information if you are a newcomer. You can also speak to him at church if you prefer.

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### **This Week at St. Peter's**

*Evening Prayer, Fri. Mar. 27, 5:30 pm, at church*

### **In the Coming Weeks**

*Chili and Chowder Fundraising Supper, Sat. April 11, 4:00 pm*

*Fr. Mousin Retirement Party, Sun. April 12, 4pm, Undercroft*

## **HOLY WEEK and EASTER at ST. PETER'S**

### **Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday: Sunday March 29th**

**Mass at 9:00 AM**

The service will include the distribution of palms and the reading of the Passion Gospel from St. Matthew.

### **Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 2nd Mass at 7:00 PM**

We recall the institution of Holy Communion by Jesus at the Last Supper.

### **Good Friday Service: Friday April 3rd at 7:00 PM**

The Prayer Book Service for Good Friday, including the Passion Gospel from St. John

### **Easter Vigil Service at St. Luke's Cathedral, 143 State St. Portland:**

**Saturday, April 4th**

Vigil Service and the First Celebration of Easter at 7:00 PM

**Easter Day: Sunday, April 5th**

**Festival Mass at 9:00 AM** We celebrate the resurrection, including special music, incense, and a celebratory coffee hour after the service.

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## **Sunday Minister Rota for March**

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## **Weekly Prayer List**

### **Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends**

**Ann Marie Cady**

**Allison Schroth**

**Francisco Andreu**

**Diane Dalton**

**Dino Rice**

**Robert Stillings**

**Pat Fowler**

**Mary Ann Hoy**

**Barbara Vessey**

**Fred Madore**

**Alan Biagiotti**

**Jane Noone**

**Marc Lombe and family**

**Linda Foster**

**Garrett Keniston**

**Kevin Curty**

**Paul Loven**

**Anita Chandler**

**Peter Haskell, friend of Allison Schroth**

**Martha Gagliardi, friend of Fr. Tom**

**Tommy Valente, friend of Don and Ann Marie Cady**

**Jane Reiha, friend of Judy Howes**

**Stephen and Rebecca Seraniche**, friends of Dino Rice  
**Marge Devine**, family member of Allison Schroth  
**Jimmy Devine**, family member of Allison Schroth  
**Fuji Sprott**, friend of Dino Rice  
**David Turner**, cousin of Craig Mousin  
**Tammy**, friend of Craig Mousin  
**Beth**, friend of Lee Walters  
**Pam**, friend of Anita Chandler  
**The Kutasi Family**, friends of Allison Schroth  
**Kelly Marie Bell**, friend of Allison Schroth  
**Earle**, friend of Cindy Sherwood  
**Grace**, family member of Jessie Vega  
**Kay Gross**, friend of Jane Noone  
**Lisa Gorham**, daughter of John & Janene Gorham  
**Gerald and Anita Talbot**, friends of Anita Chandler  
**Peter Munro**, brother of Emily Hickey  
**Todd Cheney**, father of Matt Cheney  
**Jay Sprout**, friend of Tom Mousin  
**Sandy Woolley**, friend of Judy Howes  
**Amanda and Chris Conant**, friends of Jane Noone  
**Pam**, friend of Cindy Sherwood  
**Michael King**, friend of Anita Chandler  
**Amy Carter**, friend of Fred and Priscila Madore  
**Norma and Joe Kennedy**, friends of Jane Noone  
**Mary Jo Floyd**, relative of Fr. Tom Mousin  
**Frank Beal**, friend of Lenita and Rodney Richard  
**Mary Lou Toy**e, aunt of the McCormicks  
**Cathryn Buckley**, sister of Judy Howes  
**John Richard**, brother of Rodney Richard  
**Jim Halstead**, friend of Craig Mousin

If you wish to add or return persons to the prayer list, please contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinators:

Allison Schroth: 207-807-1315, [Aschroth207@gmail.com](mailto:Aschroth207@gmail.com)

or

Emma Bond: 207-619-3662, [emma.e.bond@gmail.com](mailto:emma.e.bond@gmail.com)

### **A Prayer for Those We Love**

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

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## NOTES ON THIS SUNDAY'S MUSIC

Brahms' organ chorale *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen* ("O World, I now must leave thee") is the very last work from his pen. This chorale does not represent, as one critic assumed, a lachrymose "lament over our transience." Rather, Brahms' composition was stimulated by the image presented in the last two lines, that body and life are placed in God's gracious hand:

Oh world, I have to leave you,  
Continue on my pathway  
To the eternal fatherland.  
I willingly give my spirit  
And lay my life and body  
In God's all-gracious hand.

St. Theodulph of Orleans (c.750-821) was one of Charlemagne's most favored theologians, and at his sovereign's request, translated many sacred texts from classical Hebrew and Greek. Theodulph didn't fare as well under the rule of Charlemagne's somewhat paranoid son, Louis the Pious, and he may have written the original Latin text for "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" while imprisoned on a trumped-up charge of treason. The English translation in use today is by the Anglican priest John Mason Neale (1818-66).

Henry Milman (1791-1868) wrote the text for "Ride On, Ride On In Majesty" while he was Professor of Poetry at Oxford. He later became Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. The well-known tune which we're using this week, *Winchester New*, was included in a volume of German hymns of 1690, but came into its English form in a collection edited by the founder of Methodism, John Wesley.

The French composer Étienne-Victor-Paul Wachs (1851-1915) deserves more attention than he gets today. He was an organ student of César Franck at the Paris Conservatoire, and won the Premier Prix for organ in 1872. His *Hosanna*, heard as this morning's postlude, suggests the jubilation of the crowds who witnessed Christ's entry into Jerusalem.~HT

**We will welcome soprano Michele Kennedy for our Easter Sunday Mass. Michele, as many will recall, also shared her**

remarkable gifts with us on Christmas Eve and last Easter.

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