



St Stephen

Lutheran Church, ELCA



**Encouraging and
strengthening faith in Jesus,
and sharing the joy of God's love.**

March 25, 2017

Palm Sunday

10:15am

Rev. Dr. Sidney Nelson, Interim Pastor

—WE GATHER—

THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS

The people may gather outside the church doors, weather permitting.

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna in the highest

A: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: ST. JOHN 12:12-16

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord the King of Israel!"

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵ "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

A: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

The people raise their palm branches.

P: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us forth in peace,

C: In the name of the Lord.

The people follow the cross and ministers in procession into the church and remain standing. The entrance song is sung as the people process into the church. You may take your seat as the Procession moves down the center aisle.

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

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si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:
We are dancing ...
We are praying ...
We are singing ...

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Music: SIYAHAMBA. South African traditional
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1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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THE GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

C: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome and announcements

Youth and children's message

Blessing of the Pascal Candle

—WE HEAR GOD’S WORD—

FIRST READING:

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.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16

⁹ Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.
¹⁰ **For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.**
¹¹ I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.
¹² **I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.**
¹³ For I hear the whispering of many terror all around!—
as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.
¹⁴ **But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.”**
¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

SECOND READING:

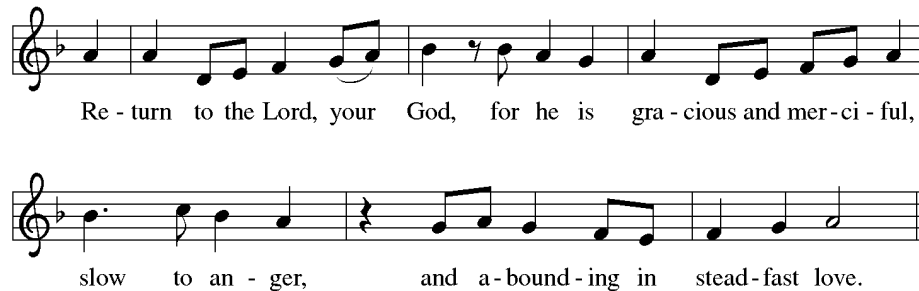
Philippians 2:5-11

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.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Return to the Lord"



P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL:

Matthew 21:1-10

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² 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. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ "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."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

P: You may be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Sidney Nelson

— WE RESPOND —

SERMON SONG:

At the Name of Jesus

EWL #416



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name
4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.
all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.
on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,
thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;
Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.
let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1817-1877
Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958
Music from *Songs of Praise*, © Oxford University Press 1925.

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

Confession petition added here

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME AND PRAYER

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share with one another the peace of the Lord.

- WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE -

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING:

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

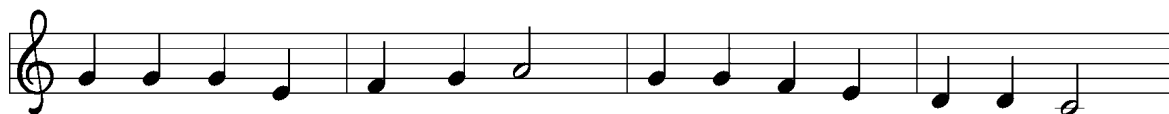
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On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strømme, 1856–1921, alt.
Music: DER AM KREUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

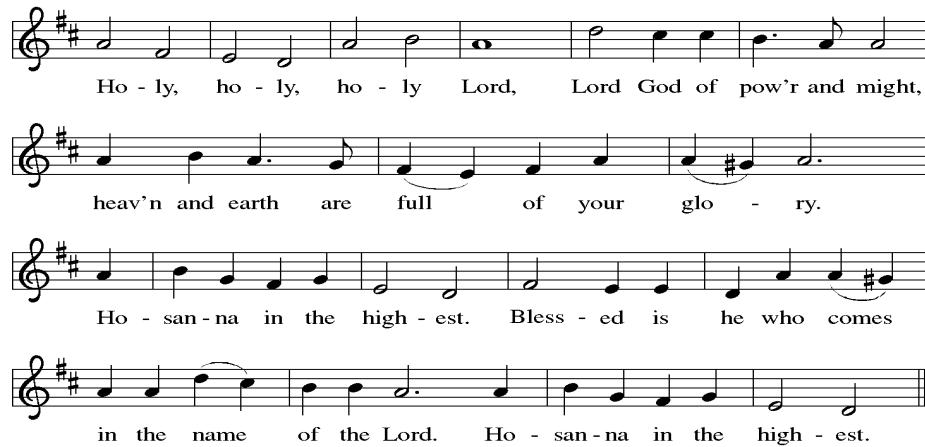
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.

You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

Invitation of Communion

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

We believe Jesus Christ is present in the bread and wine by his Word of Promise. All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of God's forgiving love, strengthening faith, and grace-filled hope. Those who are not baptized and children not yet communing may come forward for a blessing (please cross your arms on your chest if you desire a blessing).

Holy Communion (Our communion is by intinction: **Receive the bread and dip bread in the wine.**)

The body of Christ, given for you.

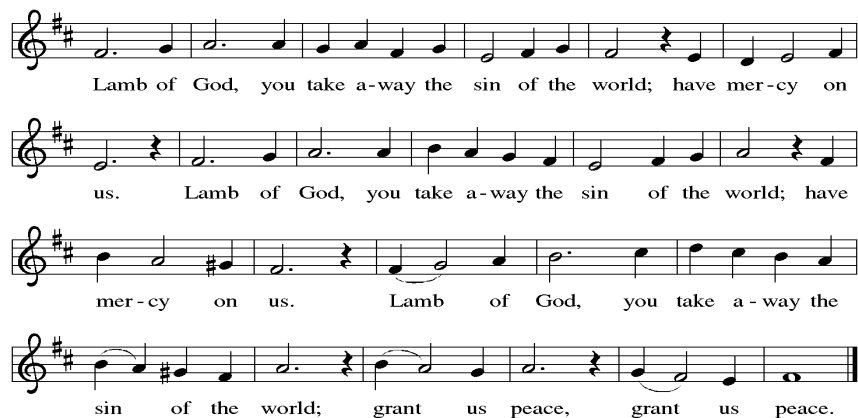
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

Gluten free is available on the right side. (please ask)

Alcohol free is available on the right side. (please ask)

“LAMB OF GOD”



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
 Music: St. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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Instrumental Music

Cesar Vidaud

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

-WE ARE SENT FORTH-

Benediction

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring
 pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791-1868, alt.
 Music: THE KING'S MAJESTY, Graham George, 1912-1993
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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the joy of God's love.

C: Thanks be to God.

Flowers this week given by Rita & Bill Sharkey in memory of Shirley and Don Wilson's beloved son Bill.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Audrey Shumway, Laurel Blake, Jim Loggins, Barb Taylor, Diane Adler, Katie, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, Trudy DiCarlo, Marie Koach and Shelley Amato.

Prayers for Friends of the Church: (Please renew your request every 3 weeks)

✠ Henry Frank Quimi Lino, Denise Heude, Patrick Falco, Susan Perez, Rosemarie Burgland, Gail's Gregory family. ✠ Edna Hayn, Sue Lainetti, Frank and Marie's Muligan niece, and Joan Coletti ✠ Sue Luinetti, Lynn Steel, and the victims and families of University pedestrian bridge in Miami.

In a facility or homebound:

Trudy DiCarlo - John Knox Village
 651 SW 6th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060
 Barbara Kaptain - The Atrium Assistant Living at Boca Raton.
 1080 NW 15TH Room 215 Boca Raton, Fl. 33486
 Jane Reinhold - 6700 NW 21ST St. Margate, Fl. 33063
 Evelyn Braun - 6152 Verde Trail Room 106 Boca Raton, Fl. 33433
 Jim Loggins - John Knox Village - Woodlands
 651 SW 6th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060

In our prayers today and in the days ahead, we remember the victims of the Parkland school shooting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The church council is looking into the “**Living Lutheran**” magazine. This is the ELCA National magazine and is well loved in our churches. This used to be called “The Lutheran”. The name changed recently. Indicate on your attendance card if you are interested.
2. **The Pascal Candle** is blessed today in our worship service. It is given today to the Glory of God by members of St. Stephen and in celebration of the birth of Lee and Frank Moon’s great grandson, in honor of Madison’s Kibler high school graduation and Drew’s Kibler middle school graduation and in honor of our church council: Larry Jones, Chris Hecker, Natalie Prego, Patricia Engle, Dennis Magarrell, Eric Castaneda, Lynda Smith and Harry Ambrose.
3. **New Member**, we welcome Normagene Richardson into the membership of Saint Stephen Lutheran church. Normagene comes to us from Christ the King Lutheran, Largo, Florida. Her nephew Brooks Black is a member of St. Stephen.
4. **Holy Week crosses** are given today.
5. **Breakfast bunch** on Saturday, April 7 with Kristi Clark and John Leavitt as speakers.
6. **Attendance cards**, are in our bulletin today for members and visitors. Please place in offering plate. Thank You.

Holy Week Crosses

Today Pastor Nelson will give out holy week crosses as we come forward for communion. He will give you a cross to carry during holy week as a daily reminder of the passion of our Lord. Keep it in your pocket where you will feel the cross every time you reach for something, or in your purse in a visible place. Please carry it during Holy Week. Most people continue to carry them for the rest of the year (or longer). Should you lose it ask the church office for another blessed cross.

Holy Week Worship Schedule	
10:15am Palm Sunday (March 25)	
-	Procession of Palms
-	Blessing of Pascal Candle
-	Reception of Crosses
7:00pm Maundy Thursday	
-	Holy Communion
-	Stripping of the Altar
7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae	
-	Service of song and Scripture
-	Ends in darkness
-	Leave in silence
7:30pm Holy Saturday	
	Easter Vigil for Broward-Bahamas
	Conference at Christ Oakland Park
10:15	Easter Sunday Worship

Activity Calendar	
Sunday 25	10:15am Palm Sunday Procession of the Palms
Monday 26	9:30am-12:30pm Office Open
Tuesday 27	9:30am-12:30pm Office Open
Wednesday 28	8:00am Quilting 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open
Thursday 29	9:30am-12:30pm Office Open 7:00-7:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship with communion 7:45pm Choir rehearsal
Friday 30	9:30am-12:30pm Office Open 7pm Good Friday- Tenebrae Service
Saturday 31	7:30pm Easter Vigil – Christ Church at Oakland Park.
Sunday 1	10:15am Easter Sunday

Service Assistants for today

10:15 AM	<i>March 25 Palm Sunday</i>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Sera Butz
ACOLYTE	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Natalie Prego
USHERS - Need 4 to Serve	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Erika Flanigan
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS - Need 2 to Serve	Katie Paff Pat Belanger
SOUND	Eric Castaneda
PROJECTION	Larry Jones

Stewardship Snippet
March 25, 2018 (6th Sunday in Lent, Year B)
Philippians 2:5 – Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.
How do we best use our lives – that is, be good stewards of our lives? Paul tells us to embrace and develop the same mindset that Christ had. Which of Jesus’ attitudes of heart and mind do you need to cultivate to live more fully?



Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship

Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

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