

# The Church of the Nativity & St. Stephen

## The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday      April 13, 2025



### **Mission of Nativity and St. Stephen**

**To seek and serve Christ through service to others.**

**To manage responsibly the financial resources of our parish as loving and caring stewards.**

**To welcome and involve all persons into our parish family valuing both diversity and unity.**

**To enable nurture and learning in the Episcopal heritage of Scripture, tradition and reason.**

**To foster a community of faith for worship, spiritual growth, ministry and mission.**

**We invite your prayers before our mass begins. Please be reminded of the importance of Holy silence that prepares us to listen to God. Conversation, food, and fellowship following worship. All are welcome.**

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## LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*Beginning in the parking lot – weather permitting*

**Celebrant:** Blessed is the King who comes  
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.

### **A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 11:1-11a**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at  
Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of  
Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and  
said to them, “Go into the village ahead of  
you, and immediately as you enter it, you  
will find tied there a colt that has never been  
ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says  
to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say  
this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back  
here immediately.’” They went away and  
found a colt tied near a door, outside in the  
street. As they were untying it, some of the  
bystanders said to them, “What are you  
doing, untying the colt?” They told them  
what Jesus had said; and they allowed them  
to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus  
and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.  
Many people spread their cloaks on the road,  
and others spread leafy branches that they  
had cut in the fields. Then those who went  
ahead and those who followed were  
shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who

comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is  
the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!” Then he  
entered Jerusalem and went into the temple.

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the  
Lord our God.

**People:** *It is right to give him  
thanks and praise.*

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.

### **Procession of Palms into the Church**

#### **Processional Hymn**

*“All glory, laud, and honor”* Hymnal 154

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**Celebrant:** Bless the Lord who forgives all  
our sins;

**People:** **His mercy endures for ever.**

**The Collect of the Day** insert

**First Reading:**  
**Isaiah 50:4 – 9a** insert

**Psalms 31:9 - 16** insert

**Second Reading:**  
**Philippians 2:5-11** insert

**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ**  
**according to Luke** insert

Congregation please read parts of the  
Assembly.

**Hymn** “And now, O Father” Hymnal 337

**Homily** The Rev. Ryan Tobin

**Prayers of the People**  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Confession of Sin** BCP 360

**The Peace** BCP 360

## MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

**The Offertory Sentence** BCP 376

**The Holy Communion**  
**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer A** BCP 361  
*The people stand or kneel.*

**Proper Preface** BCP 379

**Sanctus** S 129

**Consecration** BCP 368

**The Lord’s Prayer** BCP 364

**The Breaking of the Bread** BCP 364

**Lamb of God** S 160

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

***Celebrant and People:*** *My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

**Prayer after Communion** BCP 366

**Solemn Prayer Over the People**  
***Celebrant:*** Bow down before the Lord.  
*(People kneel and celebrant continues.)*

**Recessional Hymn**  
“O sacred head, sore wounded” Hymnal 168

**Dismissal** BCP 366

## Announcements

**Today we take a Special Offering for the UTO**  
**Ingathering.**

**Please include the following in your daily prayers.** Wendy, Sue, Gary, Paul, Lesley, Mary Jeanne, Tammy, Ray, Nedra, and Jake.

## **Holy Week and Easter Services 2025**

Holy Tuesday, April 15, 7pm, St. Stephen’s,  
Thompsons town

Maundy Thursday, April 17, Agape Supper –  
5:30pm; Service - 7pm

Service with foot washing, communion, and  
stripping of the altar.

Good Friday, April 18, 12:30pm, Nativity

Easter Sunday, April 20, 9:30am, Nativity

**Vestry Meeting, Tuesday, April 22, 6pm,**  
**Zoom**

## **Collections for Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank**

April items are: Juice, Jelly, Coffee, Tea, Tub and Tile and Floor Cleaners.

## **We are starting our prayer list over again.**

If you have a name you'd like for the list, let Michele know at 717-567-6514 or chnatss@pa.net.

## **Weekly Conversation and Devotions**

Week of April 13- No fellowship  
Wednesday, April 23, noon, New Bloomfield Restaurant (formerly County Seat)  
Wednesday, April 30, 9am, Zoom

## **Back to School with Join Hands**

Join Hands is collecting gently use children's clothing and NEW socks and underwear to distribute on August 2 at the Family Life Center. We will be collecting packs of new socks and underwear, boys and girls, sizes 4T to adult XL. A basket will be in the church through July 31 – let's fill it! Any questions, see Darlene.

## **Help fill our community food pantry!**

Items that seem to be taken first include canned pasta meals, soups, and macaroni and cheese. Vegetables don't seem to get taken. Also, please don't use this as an opportunity to clear out your pantry if at all possible.

## **Rejoice@Incarnation**

Each month Incarnation UCC, 45 N. 4th Street, Newport, will host a musical guest. Concerts are Sundays and start at 2pm and last 60 – 90 minutes.

## **Today – Manor Winds**

**The Good News Singers Present 'Songs the Church Loves to Sing', Christian Favorites from the 70's, 80's and 90's.**

Today, 3pm – St. Paul's Lutheran, Loysville

**Electronics Recycling Collection Day, Saturday, April 19, 10am – 1pm, Newport Fairgrounds**

Open to Perry County residents only. \$1 per item plus fee for specialty items. First come, first serve until trucks are full. For a complete list of accepted items, visit <https://perryco.org/recycling-electronics-april-19-2025-10-am-1-pm-newport-fairgrounds/>

## **Perry County Literacy Council 29th Annual Race for Reading, Saturday, May 3, 5:30pm, Little Buffalo State Park Recreation Center.**

Dinner, drinks, appetizers, and silent/live auctions. A pre-race Mint Julep Party will take place at 4:30pm, The Warner home, 7004 Creek Road, Newport. Reserve your tickets in advance. See the Perry County Literacy Council FB page for more info.

## **Perry Human Services Mini Golf "Take a Swing at Drug Abuse" Fundraiser, Saturday, May 3, Paradise Stream Family Campground, 693 Paradise Stream Rd., Loysville**

Form a team of 2 – 5 players who raise \$25 each. Start times are every ½ hour from 9:30am – 1pm. Register online at [www.perryhumanservices.org](http://www.perryhumanservices.org) or call 717-582-8703.

## **Service Participants**

Greeter: Terry Stanton

Lector: Mary Price

Prayers: John Cramer

Readers: John Cramer, Wendy Day,  
Mary Price, Susan Rice and Terry Stanton

Acolyte: Miles Jezewski

Eucharistic Minister: Darlene Amsler

Organist: Andrea Jezewski

Tech Assistant: Aiden Shiffer

Altar Guild: Wendy Day

Coffee Hour: Pat Szabo

Counters: Jill Hoover and John Cramer

## **Vestry**

Jill Hoover, Sr. Warden

Darlene Amsler

Sue Beamer

Wendy Day

Mary Price

Terry Stanton

Rebecca Gephart-Crup, Treasurer