



Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday and Confirmation

*The Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter
Montgomery, Alabama*

CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

Camille Abernathy
Les Abernathy
Lily Murphy
Rachel Pincumbe

THOSE TO BE RECEIVED

Nick Pincumbe
Kristofer Sancheck

ALTAR GUILD

Rose Lollar, Julie Speaks

FLOWER GUILD

Kathy Albree, Roy Paul, Zola Powers, Jeri Tippit

USHERS

Alden Monroe, Jamie Taylor

FIRST CRUCIFER/LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

Randy Bryan

CHOIR

Denny Brown, Tom Cagle, Dennis Endicott, John Harrell,
Mary Lois Monroe, Michael Paul, Roy Paul, Annette Taylor, Jeri Tippit

GOSPEL BEARER

The Rev. Lee Wilkins

LECTOR

Julie Speaks

PASSION READER

Randy Woodland

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Jeri Tippit

BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN

Lily Murphy

DEACON

The Rev. Lee Wilkins

PRIEST

The Rev. Rosa Lindahl

BISHOP

The Rt. Rev. Glenda Curry

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY
AND CONFIRMATION
MARCH 29, 2026, 10 AM

HYMNAL

PRAYER BOOK

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

BCP 270

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.

THE COLLECT

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

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.

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

BCP 271

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People Hosanna in the highest.

THE PROCESSION

Bcp 271

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
People In the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 154 (*see insert*)

“All glory, laud, and honor”

Valet, will ich dirgeben

The choir will process in, leading the hymn; the congregation is invited to join in as they enter.

Bishop Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.

Please remain standing

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 272

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 50:4-9A

PSALM 31:9-16 (*read in unison*)

THE SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

SEQUENCE HYMN 474

“When I survey the wondrous cross”

Rockingham

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (27:11-54)

SERMON

The Right Reverend Glenda Curry

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop then says

The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation.

I present these persons to be received.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Bishop then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The people stand

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

CONFIRMATION

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant (*Camille, Les, Lily, Rachel*), with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of their lives. *Amen.*

RECEPTION

(*Kristofer, Nick*), we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

The Bishop concludes with this prayer.

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM	“The Procession to Jerusalem”	William Blake
DOXOLOGY 380 (vs. 3)		<i>Old 100th</i>
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER A		BCP 361
SANCTUS S-129	“Holy, holy, holy Lord”	Robert Powell
THE LORD’S PRAYER		BCP 364
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD		
AGNUS DEI S-164	“Jesus Lamb of God”	Schubert
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER		BCP 365
THE BLESSING		
RECESSIONAL HYMN 158	“Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended”	<i>Herzliebster Jesu</i>
PRAYER FOR THE SEARCH OF A NEW RECTOR		
<i>Loving and gracious God, You have called us together as the body of Christ in this place, and you know our needs before we ask. As we seek the rector you have already prepared for us, grant wisdom, patience, and discernment to our search committee. Fill their hearts with openness to your Spirit, that they may listen well to one another and to your guiding voice. Bless our parish with unity of purpose, and keep us steadfast in prayer and hope. Prepare the heart of our next rector to hear your call, and prepare us to receive them with joy and love. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.</i>		
THE DISMISSAL		BCP 366
VOLUNTARY		
<i>We extend a warm welcome to Bishop Glenda. Today’s offering is given for the Bishop’s discretionary fund. We also congratulate Camille, Kristofer, Les, Lily, Nick and Rachel, who were confirmed or received today. The congregation is invited to join us in McMaster Hall for a reception in honor of the Bishop and the newest members of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama.</i>		

SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR

We are searching for a new rector — please help by taking our member survey.

Scan QR code for New Rector Member Survey



Or use this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/67WMC7P>

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

APRIL 1

Morning Prayer and Stations of the Cross, 9:30 AM

APRIL 2

Maundy Thursday Liturgy & Altar Stripping, 6:00 PM

APRIL 3

Good Friday Liturgy, 12 noon

APRIL 4

Holy Saturday Liturgy (Memorial Garden), 9:30 AM

APRIL 5

Sunday of the Resurrection & Festal Eucharist, 10 AM

Reception in the Courtyard & McQueen Room with Cascarones & Easter Egg Hunt

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