

# Everyone is Welcome at St. Martin's Episcopal Church

## Holy Week Begins With Palm Sunday on April 13

Please join St. Martin's Episcopal on Sunday, **April 13 at 11 AM.**

Tina Francis, a seminarian from the Seminary of the Southwest, in a Bible Study called "[The Descent of Love](#)", writes "Here we are again, at the threshold of Holy Week, poised between the hosannas and the shadows. We clutch palm branches like spiritual tourists, reenacting the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. But Palm Sunday is a study in contradictions— both celebration and warning, joy wrapped in the shadow of betrayal.

"Rome understood power. It was built on the unassailable right of the strong to rule over the weak, crushing all who resisted. And then—there was Jesus. Not on a warhorse but a borrowed donkey. Not seizing power but surrendering to it.

"It's tempting to sentimentalize this day, reducing it to pageantry, instead of a reckoning. Palm Sunday holds up a mirror to us. We long for love, yet we betray it. We sing of peace yet clutch our swords. We cry, "Hosanna!" with one breath and "Crucify him!" with the next.

"And still, God does not turn away or wait for us to be worthy. He comes. And a choice is set before us: Will we follow him—not just into the singing streets, but into the silence, the garden, the cross?"

St. Martin's 2025 Holy Week Ad Copy for Mason County News



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### Holy Week 2025

**Maundy Thursday, April 17 5:30 PM**

**Good Friday, April 18 Noon**

*The Good Friday Offering goes toward helping fund the Episcopal Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, including their churches, schools and hospitals.*

**Great Vigil of Easter, April 20 11:00 AM**

*Please join us afterwards at Sandstone Cellars for an Easter Potluck, Easter Egg Hunt & Piñata!*

**The Lord is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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## Pastoral Care at St. Martin's Episcopal

While Fr. Tom Luck is away from us, we wanted to make sure there was pastoral care coverage for members of St. Martin's. In dialogue with the Diocese of West Texas, and as Diocesan Officers are two hours away, our Bishop's Warden James Morris will be the initial contact.

James will be in touch with the Diocese so they can arrange for any needs. Please contact James at [jpmorris1953@gmail.com](mailto:jpmorris1953@gmail.com).

Please continue to keep Fr. Tom, Jane and their family in your prayers.

## Easter Lily Forms are Available Online

Click [here](#) to go to the website to fill out your Easter Lily form by Sunday night at 11:59 PM. Please make sure to select 'Submit' after you have filled out the form, so that we can receive your information.

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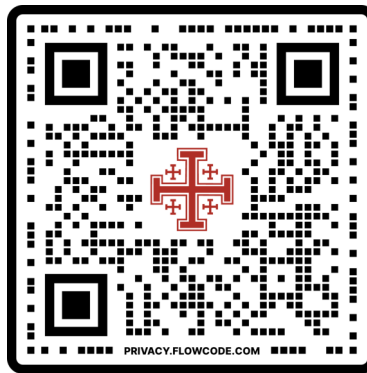
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## Good Friday Offering for Episcopal Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East

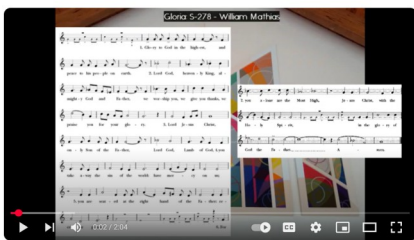
This year, join the [Good Friday Offering](#). We do not know what the political future of the Holy Land will be; but whatever that future, our siblings in Christ in The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East will continue to serve God's people through their congregations, hospitals, schools, orphanages, and humanitarian aid programs. These vital ministries serve people of all faiths without distinction, bearing witness to the power of hope and healing across divides. Click [here](#) to learn more. To donate, access the QR code below.



Read about the [Good Friday Offering](#) concert on the Episcopal Church's website and Facebook pages at noon and 7PM ET. Proceeds from the concert assists churches, medical programs and schools in the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

## Easter Service Music

During Easter our Music Director Scott Zesch will have St. Martin's Episcopal singing the William Mathias service music. This lively music will be an uplifting addition to our musical repertoire. Below are links so you can listen. Many of these videos were made during COVID lockdowns by other Episcopal parishes. Click on each image to go to the YouTube videos.



William Mathias Gloria



William Mathias Sanctus



William Mathias Agnus Dei  
(only organ)

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Where in your life is God calling you downward—not as a loss, but as a reorientation toward something truer?

Palm Sunday (C) Bible Study