



**Saint Matthew's Church**

**March 24, 2024 • 10:30 AM**

**The Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist**

## Welcome to Saint Matthew's Church

In 1905 a group of God's faithful children laid the cornerstone of the present Church. A lovely structure to begin with, it has been enhanced and further beautified through the years by the work and the gifts of those who have followed in the footsteps of generations of believers in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Our order of service originated in 1549 in England and features patterns of worship and prayers rooted in the Ancient Apostolic faith and the Reformation. The entire congregation participates in the worship service using the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal. Together, we are the body of Christ and individually members of it (1 Cor. 12:27). If you would like to learn more, please let me know by filling out a “*Welcome Newcomers*” Card located in your pew and place it in the collection plate. I will be sure to contact you promptly.

*The Reverend E. Ragland (Rags) Coxe*

Our schedule of weekly worship and Christian Education is as follows:

### Sunday

**8am** Holy Communion in the Church. This is a shorter service due to the absence of music.

**9:45** Christian Education for all ages; Nursery provided.

**10:30** Family Service in the Chapel. This is a 15 minute service for families with young children.

**11am** Holy Communion in the Church with music, and livestream virtual (Zoom)

### Last Sunday of the Month (Normally)

**11am** Morning Prayer. This is usually a lay-led service praise and worship service with a brief homily.

**Home Communion** is available by request. Please contact the church office or the Rector.

**Virtual Participants** are encouraged to follow the services using the virtual bulletin which is e-mailed each week and your own Book of Common Prayer. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

**All baptized and believing Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you are not baptized, or if you would prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers available, please ask the clergy.**

# Saint Matthew's Church

## Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024 • Ten Thirty in the Morning

The Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

(The congregation gathers in the Parish Hall to pick-up a palm cross before the Liturgy begins.)

**BCP**

Liturgy of the Palms

(554-556)

*Celebrant* Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

*People* **Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

*Celebrant*

Dear brothers and sisters, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a Cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus<sup>1</sup> sent two of his disciples<sup>2</sup> and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it.<sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’”<sup>4</sup> And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it.<sup>5</sup> And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?”<sup>6</sup> And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go.<sup>7</sup> And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it.<sup>8</sup> And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.<sup>9</sup> And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!<sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”<sup>11</sup> And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us pray.

We 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 hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Sanctify these branches with your blessing, we humbly pray, that they may be for us signs of his victory. 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 with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

People **Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

## The Procession

*Deacon* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* **In the Name of Christ. Amen.**

**The Processional Hymn “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

(See insert)

**The Collect of the Day (kneeling)**

**Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one,

my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

**Psalm 22:1-11** (*seated, read responsively by half verse*)

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me, **\*and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my complaint?**

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not hear; **\*in the night season also, but I find no rest.**

3 But you remain holy, **\*enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**

4 Our fathers hoped in you; **\*they trusted in you, and you delivered them.**

5 They called upon you, and were delivered; **\*they put their trust in you, and were not confounded.**

6 But as for me, I am a worm, and no man, **\*scorned by all, and the outcast of the people.**

7 All those who see me laugh me to scorn; **\*they curl their lips, and shake their heads, saying,**

8 “He trusted in God, that he would deliver him; **\*let him deliver him, if he will have him.”**

9 But you are he that took me out of my mother’s womb; **\*you were my hope, when I was yet upon my mother’s breasts.**

10 I have been cast upon you ever since I was born; **\*you are my God, even from my mother’s womb.**

11 O go not far from me, for trouble is near at hand, **\*and there is none to help me.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11**

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Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**The Sequence Hymn “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

(See insert)

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark****Mark 15: 1-39 (Congregation remains seated)**

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And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. 2 And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” 3 And the chief priests accused him of many things. 4 And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” 5 But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. 6 Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. 7 And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. 8 And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. 9 And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” 10 For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him re-



lease for them Barabbas instead. 12 And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" 13 And they cried out again, "Crucify him." 14 And Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." 15 So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. 16 And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion 17 And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. 18 And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 19 And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. 20 And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him. 21 And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. 22 And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull)

**(Congregation stands)**

23 And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. 24 And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. 25 And it was the third hour[d] when they crucified him. 26 And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." 27 And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left 29 And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, 30 save yourself, and come down from the cross!" 31 So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. 32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him. 33 And when the sixth hour

had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” 35 And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” 36 And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” 37 And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. 38 And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 39 And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

Sermon

Rev. E Ragland Coxe

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The Offertory Anthem “How Blest is He Who Comes” Alfred V. Fedak

*Let us rejoice in Christ, whose Kingdom is at hand! He comes to be the Lord of Life in every life and land. Hosanna in the highest! How blest is he who comes! When, lowly born, he came, for us condemned to die, they brought him to Jerusalem with this triumphant cry: Hosanna in the highest! How blest is he who comes! Rejoice that now he comes to us in those who walk his way, to make this stricken world his own, and every day his day.*

*Then let us yield to him the loyalty he claims, and never cease to celebrate the Name above all names. Hosanna in the highest! How blest is he who comes!*

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**The Ministration of Communion**

*Communion will be administered by intinction.*

*Please dip the wafer you receive in the chalice, but not your finger!*

**The Communion Hymn #337 “And now O Father”**

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**The Recessional Hymn #156 “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!”**  
(Sung to hymn tune *Winchester New*)

Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

Organ Postlude

## **Anglican Cycle of Prayer 3/24/24**

In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Anglican Province of Kenya, The Most Rev. Jackson Ole Sapit, Archbishop and his wife, Esther.

In the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, we pray for St. Paul's, Orangeburg Ray Cooper, Sr. Warden and his congregation.

### **Camp Jubilee**

O merciful Lord, Creator of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence will assist our Diocese in acquiring the land you have chosen for Camp Jubilee. Give us grace to honor you by being faithful stewards of all your good gifts through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Feasts and Fasts this week**

March 25- The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Virgin Mary (Lady Day)

March 27-Charles Henry Brent, Bishop and Missionary to the Philippines, 1929

March 28- Maundy Thursday

March 29- Good Friday

March 29- John Keble, Priest and Reformer of the Church, 1866

March 30- Holy Saturday, Easter Eve

*The Altar Flowers have been given  
To the Glory of God  
By The Palm Sunday Flower Guild*

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- Please join us in the Parish Hall after the service for **Fellowship**.
- Please turn in your **Easter Flower forms** to the church office by this Wednesday, March 27th.
- The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on **Saturday, March 30th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** at the home of Robby and Mary Dean Kilgo. **The rain location will be at the Church.**
- All Children and Young People are invited to **flower our Easter Cross** on next Sunday at the 11 a.m. service. Small children should have a parent or friend accompany them if they are a little skittish. Please **meet in the Parish Hall at 10:30 after Sunday School** (with 1 or 2 small bunches of flowers, stems wrapped in tin foil). We will try to have a few extra flowers for visitors or others who need them.
- On Easter morning in lieu of the 8:00 AM service, there will be a **Sunrise service** in the Courtyard at 7:00 AM. If you plan to attend the Sunrise Service next Sunday at 7:00 AM, please **bring a chair**.
- **Women's Bible Study** will start again on April 8th and 10th. Mondays at the Purple Fish at 11:00AM and Wednesdays in the Parish Hall at 6:00 PM. This study is called Lyrics for Life and will be about the Psalms. More details in April's E-news.
- The **church office** will be closed from April 1st to April 5th.

### Parish Prayer List

Evans Howle  
Helen Killion  
Johnny Etheridge  
Minnie Gatewood  
Nancy Purvis

Stephanie Benjamin  
Hettie Dargan  
Beth Higgins  
Mary Altman  
\*Bill Howle

Doyle Yates  
Gloria Martineau  
Debi Sidbury  
Ruth Barr  
\*Cyndy Rickman

### Family and Friends Prayer List

Pres. Jimmy Carter  
Keith Shepard  
Jeff Shepard  
Bert Peckford  
Joey Saleeby  
Susan Sheely  
Janice Morris  
Carolyn Swallow  
Sandra Harris  
Denise Harris  
Archie Bigelow  
David Luther  
Rachel Sims  
Neil Strieff  
David Gravely  
Frankie James  
Emma Camacho  
Jim Rushton  
James Carver  
Patsy Sawyer  
TC Sawyer  
Frances Roberts  
Zack McKay  
Mirella McKay  
Randall Pipkin  
Krystal Baumgardner  
Robert Baumgardner

Marc Brockington  
Carlin Munnerlyn  
Judy Melton  
Frankie Tanner  
Clare Hoole  
Lisa Wilson  
Ross Thames  
Denise Garris  
Lynn Brown  
Dan Harper  
Roy Martin  
Carolyn Keese  
Joe Riggan  
Tommy Bolger  
Michael Holt  
Teresa Moore  
Grayson Griggs  
Everett Teal  
John Jepertinger  
Eloise Taylor  
Matt Brunson  
Ashli Coballes  
Price Cockman  
Hayes Cockman  
Claire Hoole  
\*Stephanie Shaw

Robert Graham  
Robert Crawford  
Alexander Paul  
Rev. Jason Hamshaw  
Tammy Dubose  
Jim Zorgias  
Jake LeVine  
Teresa Chaplain  
Gregg Ervin  
Chip Sims  
Mason Mulligan  
Elizabeth Mullins  
Dot Johnson  
Adalaya Brasington  
Deanna Edwards  
Linda Hudson  
Johnny Deas  
Wanda Scott  
Lee Bass  
Adalei Deaver  
Theresa Nanke  
Araina Brevard  
Barrett Byrd  
Charlotte Roberts  
Ricky Galloway  
Blake Boyd

### Family Members on Active Military Service:

ITCM William Heitsman USN,  
S Sgt. 1st Class David R. Wilson, 82nd Airborne US Army  
Pvt. 1st Class Austin Strickland, US Army

### Prayer For Expecting and Adopting Parents:

Mary Deane & Robby Kilgo and Tamara & William Kirven

### Our Missionaries:

For the people of our companion parish, Santiago Apostol and their priest,  
The Reverend Nephtaly Desir. The Rev. Fred Ochieng Onyango of the Anglican Church of Kenya, Diocese of Maseno South.

### Birthdays:

**March 24:** William Brunson **March 25:** Cely Anne Brigman and Jennie Peze  
**March 26:** Shari Stokes **March 28:** Bryant Gardner

**Faithfully Departed:** Julie Tevis

## Holy Week Schedule

Monday, March 25	12:00 p.m.	Midday Prayer <b>(In-church &amp; Virtual)</b>
Tuesday, March 26	12:00 p.m.	Midday Prayer <b>(In-church &amp; Virtual)</b>
Wed., March 27	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Midday Prayer <b>(In-church &amp; Virtual)</b>
Thursday, March 28	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist Service <b>(In-church &amp; Virtual)</b>
Friday, March 29	12:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service <b>(In-church &amp; Virtual)</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross <b>(Service begins in Parish Hall)</b>
	6:00 p.m.	Words of Christ Service (First Baptist)
Saturday, March 30		Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Robby and Mary Deane Kilgo's home.
Sunday, March 31		
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	7:00 a.m.	Sunrise Service in the Courtyard
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Lineup for Flowering
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist <b>(In-Church and Virtual)</b> <b>(Over-flow in Parish Hall)</b>

# Parish Calendar

(see Holy Week Service Calendar on Page 15)

Sunday, March 31

## Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Church & Virtual)  
 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week (EASTER)</u>
USHERS:	10:30 a.m. Robby Kilgo TBD	11 a.m. Campbell Coxe Caid Kirven
LAY READERS:		7 a.m. Stewart Smith (L, LEM) TBA (P, LEM)
	10:30 a.m. Shari Stokes (L, LEM) Chris Sutphin (LEM)	11 a.m. Robby Kilgo (L, LEM) David Welch (P, LEM)
CRUCIFER:	Ayden Jones	Caroline Smith
ALTAR GUILD:	Shari Stokes Carol Hill	Cathy Howle Rosanne Brasington Debbie Spinazzola
VIRTUAL:	Janet Stoda	Janet Stoda
ALTAR FLOWERS:	Palm Sunday Guild	Easter Sunday Guild
FELLOWSHIP TIME:	Lucy & Sam Dargan	Janet & Edwin Dargan
NURSERY VOLUNTEER:	Suiter Coxe & Mary Dean Kilgo	Merry Morgan Smith & Gena Ervin

BISHOP OF ADOSC : The Rt. Reverend Chip Edgar  
 RECTOR: The Rev. E. Ragland Coxe  
 DEACON: The Rev. Frank Stoda, Jr.  
 ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER: Dr. Will Carswell  
 OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: Jennifer Cashwell  
 COMMUNICATIONS: Janet Stoda  
 NURSERY: Mary Ervin  
 SEXTON: Nathaniel Joe

### Vestry:

*Sr. Warden-Stewart Smith Jr. Warden-Steve Smith Treasurer-Sonia Wenteler*

<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<i>William Kirven IV</i>	<i>John Dexter</i>	<i>Jane Early</i>
<i>Debbie Spinazzola</i>	<i>Bill Ervin</i>	<i>Mary Beth Gardner</i>
<i>Perry Wilson</i>	<i>Joanne Robertson</i>	<i>Shari Stokes</i>

**Church Website:** [www.saintmatthews.us](http://www.saintmatthews.us)



### THE PURPLE FISH COFFEE COMPANY:

**Location:** 110 W. Hampton St., Darlington, SC 29532 843-944-0315

**Hours:** Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.