



# Holy Spirit

## OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

**24 March 2024**

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### **Welcome!**

Are you seeking...

To belong to a community of faith  
to provide you with something deeper?

A place to be oneself, warts and all?

A place to taste diversity?

A place to weep?

A place to sing? A place to weep while singing?

A place to feel the depth of life?

A place to know God?

We now welcome you home. Christ's peace be with you!



### **Celebrating Life and Love...**

Please, be sure to stop in the parish center  
*to sign and send your love* in our Greeting Cards!

**Happy Birthday to:** Dcn. Jan 03/25, Lee W. 03/27, Iris C.  
03/28, Benny P. 04/03, Mthr. Sharon 04/12, Steve M. 04/25, and  
Sr. Linda 04/29.

**Happy Anniversary to:** Gordon and Bob 04/23.

**When We Gather Next...**  
Thursday, 28 March 2024, 6:30pm  
**Holy Thursday of the Lord's Last Supper**



*Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14*  
*Psalms 116:12-13, 15-18*  
*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*  
*John 13:1-15*

**Presider:** Bp. Steven

**Homilist:** Bp. Steven

**Greeters:** Bro. Walter & volunteer

**Welcome:**

**Acolyte:** Karen E.

**Intercessions:** Wayne C.

**Lectors:** (1) Wayne C. (2) Joanne D.

**Bread Baker:** Bp. Steven

**Ministers of the Cup:** Fr. Daniel, David B. & Mthr. Sharon

**Coffee Social Hosts:** No social this evening

*Thank YOU for your faithful and loving service at the altar of the Lord in community. You bless us!*

**Lord, Hear Our Prayer!**

*"Always pray in the Spirit, with all your prayers and petitions.  
Pray constantly and attentively for all God's holy people." (Ephesians 6:18)*

✠Dennis Underwood, R.I.P. 02/19/2024, Bp. Gordan's spouse of 47 years. •Bro. Tom, cardiac health •For peace in Palestine, Ukraine and throughout our world •For our parish community, our growth and faith •Dcn. Jan, hip surgery healing •Toni S., friend of Mthr. Sharon, liver cancer •Jack, chemotherapy •Ken S., healing •For all who struggle with mental health in our community and families •For those deeply impacted by severe weather •For vocations to ministry and consecrated life from among us. ✠All victims of war. ✠For our deceased clergy and parishioners. ✠For the victims of gun violence.

## **The Road Ahead Together...**

### **TWELVE STEP MEETINGS at Holy Spirit:**

- Sex/Love Anonymous, Thursdays, 12PM, conference room.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Thursdays, 7PM, social hall.

### **MUSIC MINISTRY PRACTICE**

- Thursday evenings, 7-8:30pm, chapel

### **HOLY THURSDAY MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER.**

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

### **GOOD FRIDAY of the LORD'S PASSION and DEATH,**

*Day of Fasting, Abstinence and Charity*

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

### **SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL of LIGHT,**

Holy Saturday night, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 8pm.

An "*Easter Nosh*" potluck will follow our solemn vigil celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. Bring your favorite Easter foods to share with your sisters and brothers.

### **SHARING SUNDAY: Blessing Bags Project**

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am

### **MASS of EASTER RECONCILIATION**

Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.

Join with the Franciscans of the Eternal Spirit as retired Bp. Chuck Leigh presides and preaches at this weekday liturgy.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

- Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm, conference room

## **Pastoral Perpendiculars**

**to perpendicular, verb.** *"to weigh carefully in the mind."*

Good morning, dearest Community and Friends!

Today, **our community warmly welcomes Dr. Elizabeth A. Pritchard** among us. Elizabeth is Associate Professor of Religion, Bowdoin College, Bismarck, ME. She has been studying Old Catholic Churches in the US since the fall of 2010. (The pace has been slowed by a job change for her as well



as the pandemic.) Her approach is ethnographic; that means that she is interested in learning directly from participants about their experiences in these churches. She has observed worship services at various sites around the US, attended national gatherings, conducted face-to-face interviews with more than fifty church members and with leaders (including bishops) of European Old Catholic churches. Her hope is

to continue to visit parishes, to attend their worship services, and to interview willing church members as she finishes writing the book next year. (Interviews can also take place via Zoom.) Her questions largely focus on church members' religious background, what drew them to their current Old Catholic parish and what has kept them going back, what catholicity means to them, what they expect/hope for in a church, and what they envision for the future of their church and their role in it. She has completed training in Human Subjects Research from the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)

to assure ethical treatment and respect of confidentiality protocols.

Dr. Pritchard is interested in what these US Old Catholic churches reveal about the complexity of Catholic identity, the challenges and possibilities of secularization, and the differences between US and European approaches to religion. More specific themes that have emerged during her interviews include changing attitudes toward sin, a longing for more intimate and sustainable churches, and grappling with the issue of credibility and trust amidst Roman dominance.

In addition to this book project, she has presented this material at conferences, and am currently working on a co-edited volume with Prof. Peter-Ben Smit, professor at Vrije Universiteit (Amsterdam) and at Utrecht University (by special appointment) and ordained Old Catholic priest. This volume is a collection of essays from various authors that address non-Roman Catholic movements across the globe.

Welcome to Holy Spirit, Elizabeth, and many blessings upon your vital project!

As a gentle reminder, please, remember to bring **your Lenten Giving** back to the parish sometime this week. Thank you for your generous mindfulness of those most in need who present themselves in in need to our parish. God blesses you!

Make every effort to set aside all that is not necessary to **enter fully into these sacred days of Holy Week**. Moderate your screen time, watch some spiritual programming, listen to sacred music, eat more simply, reach out to neighbors in need. Don't downplay how much you bless the entire parish with your presence and participation in the evening liturgies of this Week. May we all walk this Week to the joy of the Resurrection!

## Holy Week: *Make Gentle Our Hearts*

Tender God,  
we give thanks  
that even in our sin we are your Beloved.  
You welcome our shamed and violent hearts.  
You heal our broken spirits.  
You forgive the suffering we cause.

Make gentle our hearts in trust  
that the pain we have cast onto others,  
that has hurt you the deepest,  
still fails to separate us from you,  
but is swallowed up in your love.

Gentle God, you who suffer all violence and yet forgive,  
Christ, you who are crucified  
in all who are wounded, silenced or shamed,  
fill our hearts with your mercy,  
with gratitude for your grace,  
with passion for your justice,  
and with love for our neighbors,  
in the name and the courage of Christ.  
Amen.



## Procession with Palms:

### Ride On, Jesus, Ride



2. My Je - sus lift - ed his throne a - bove. Ride on, Je - sus,

3. The chil - dren of Je - ru - sa - lem, Ride on, Je - sus,

4. ♪ "Bless - ings on the Ho - ly One!" Ride on, Je - sus,

5. ♪ Ride so hum - ble, ride so true, Ride on, Je - sus,

6. ♪ Ride to set your peo - ple free, Ride on, Je - sus,

7. ♪ Ride o - be - dient un - to death, Ride on, Je - sus,

8. ♪ Ride a - gain in the hearts of us, Ride on, Je - sus,

9. ♪ Now be - yond all time and space, Ride on, Je - sus,



ride. ♪ See his mer - cy and his love.

ride, ♪ strewed their branch - es on his way.

ride. ♪ "Bless - ings on the Sav - ing One!"

ride. ♪ Ride to bring the world to you, Ride on, Je - sus,

ride. ♪ Ride the road to Cal - va - ry,

ride. ♪ Ride to break the chains of death,

ride. ♪ Ride a - gain in the hands of us,

ride. ♪ Now in ev - 'ry land and race,



ride. Ride on, Je - sus, con-quer-ing King. Ride on, Je - sus ride.

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## **This Morning's Sacred Liturgy**

Today's Intention: *For Our Families*

Welcome and Announcements

Mthr. Sharon

**Blessing of Palms**

Bp. Steven

Procession Gospel: *Mark 11:1-10*

Mthr. Sharon

**Processional: Ride On, Jesus, Ride** (cf. inside back cover Bulletin)

Opening Prayer

Bp. Steven

Reading I: *Isaiah 50:4-7*

Ralph L.

**Response: Psalm 22: My God, My God**

GC2 22

Reading II: *Philippians 2:6-11*

Julie E.

**Gospel Acclamation: ✠ Praise to you, glory and praise,  
Lord Jesus Christ!**

Holy Gospel: *Mark 14:1 – 15:47*

Passion Readers

Homily

Bp. Steven

Profession of Faith: **Alternative Creed** (cf. inside back cover hymnal)

**Intercessions: ✠ Lord, let us walk with you!**

Ralph L.

Kiss of Peace

**Preparation of the Gifts: Were You There**

GC2 438

**Eucharistic Prayer: Mass of Remembrance**

GC2 214-219

**Lord's Prayer: Our Father**

GC2 15

**Lamb of God Litany: Mass of Remembrance**

GC2 220

Invitation to Holy Communion

Bp. Steven

*Cup Ministers: Mthr. Sharon, Fr. Jacques & Joanne D.*

**Communion Procession: Jesus the Lord**

GC2 403

**Song of Praise: Anthem for Lent**

Choir

Prayer after Communion

Bp. Steven

Blessing and Sending

**Sending Song: Lift High the Cross**

GC2 785

***"Italian Foods"* Potluck Hosts:**

*All Parishioners*