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**March 22, 2026 ~ Passion Sunday**

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PRELUDE *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

setting, Johann Gottfried Walther

## Prayer Before Holy Mass (please rise)

*My dear God and loving Father, as I participate in this Holy Mass, may Jesus fill me with His holy grace when I open my heart to Him in sincere prayer. May the sacraments I will receive, the prayers that I will say and the hymns that I will sing bring me closer to Jesus and help me to be more like Him in all that I say and do. May the Holy Communion that I will receive give me strength, so that I may share faith, hope and love with the people I will meet. Amen.*

OPENING HYMN 112 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (1, 3)

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;  
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

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INTROIT

Daniel 12:2-3

C: Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; Some to live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. **R: But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.** C: Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered. **R: O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.**

KYRIE

O'Connor

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Your Son has made the grave holy and a place of hope for Your people. May we who die in Him also rise in Him. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reign with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

## ~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord God: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the Lord. I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord.

*This is the Word of the Lord.* **R. Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Hosea 6:1-2, NRSV

C: Come, let us return to the Lord, for it is He Who has torn and He will heal us; He has struck down, and He will bind us up. **R: After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live before Him.**

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**R. With the Lord there is mer-cy and full-ness of re-demp-tion.**

**R. (7) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand?  
But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word.  
More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption;  
And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

## SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

*This is the Word of the Lord.* **R. Thanks be to God.**

## TRACT

Romans 6:8-9

C: If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. **R: We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over Him.**

## GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to Jesus saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there? Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And any of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise."

Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother

would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Sir, come and see.” And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.” But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

*This is the gospel of the Lord. R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT** *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,  
And make me love You as I ought to love.

Have You not bid me love You, God and King,  
All, all Your own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
I see Your cross: there teach my heart to cling.  
Oh, let me seek You and oh, let me find!

**HOMILY**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL** - *Contemporary Mass*

**R: Lord hear our prayer.**

## ~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

**OFFERTORY VERSE**

Revelation 20:6a

Blessed and holy is the One Who shares in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over these.

**OFFERTORY HYMN (8:00)** *Kochajmy Pana / Jesus, We Love Thee*

Kochajmy Pana, bo serce Jego  
Żąda i pragnie serca naszego,  
Dla nas Mu włóczyła boleść zadana,  
Kochajmy Pana, kochajmy Pana!

Jesus, we love Thee, for of Thy whole heart,  
Thou dost desire that we give thee our heart.  
For us Thou suffered pain without mercy.  
Jesus, we love Thee, Jesus, we love Thee!

Come unto Jesus, come, O ye children,  
Know of His mercy and His compassion.  
He would forgive thee, and show His mercy.  
Jesus, we love Thee, Jesus, we love Thee!

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30)** *By Gracious Pow’rs*

Elfman

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By gracious pow’rs so wonderfully sheltered and confidently waiting, come what may,  
We know that God is with us ev’ry morning and never fails to greet us each new day.  
Still is this heart by its old foe tormented, still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;  
Oh, give our frightened souls the sure salvation for which, O Lord, You taught us to prepare.  
And when this cup You give is filled to brimming with bitter suff’ring, hard to understand,  
We take it thankfully and without trembling out of so good and so beloved a hand.  
Yet when again in this same world You give us the joy we had, the brightness of Your sun,  
We shall remember all the days we lived through, and our whole lives shall then be Yours alone.  
By gracious pow’rs so faithfully protected, so quietly, so wonderfully near,  
We live each day in hope, with You beside us, and go with You through every coming year.

The Cathedral Chorale

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty, ever-living God, receive this offering and lead our hearts back to You. Through the merits of this spotless Sacrifice may we receive the promise of eternal inheritance. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Peplowski

~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Seed That in Earth Is Dying*  
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Seed that in earth is dying grows into ears of grain.  
Grapes that are crushed in the vessel turn into golden wine.  
God, through this mystery grant us faith in our deepest darkness, life in our night and death.

We were baptized in Jesus, into His death and grave,  
To resurrection's promise: praise and eternal life.  
Heaven's own praises begin here where You Yourself are near us, deep in our night and death.

Seed that in earth is dying rises to bear much fruit.  
Christ, as we meet at Your table, give us the bread of life.  
Lord, we do thank and adore You! Unceasing praise of the ages rises from night and death.

COMMUNION VERSE

Isaiah 26:19a

But your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise; awake and sing, you who lie in the dust.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life and death, You have redeemed us with the precious blood of Your Son. Through this Eucharist we have received, keep us firm in the confession of His name so that we may gain eternal life as He promised. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING (please kneel)

DISMISSAL

C: Let us bless the Lord! **R: Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer After Holy Mass (please remain kneeling)**

*I am grateful to You, Lord, that I was able to come to church and participate in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. I thank You for receiving Your gracious pardon, Your instruction and teaching through Your Word, and Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion. May Your sacraments continue to strengthen and help me to be faithful to You and Your Church. Help me to face all the challenges of life on my journey to Your heavenly kingdom. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN 113 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (1, 3, 5)

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

POSTLUDE *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

setting, Johann G. Walther