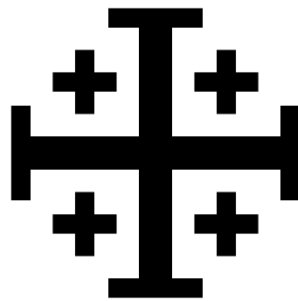


THE SUNDAY *of the Passion*

PALM SUNDAY
24 March 2024 | 10:00 am



THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The People gather in the Sycamore Commons for the Blessing of the Palms and procession.

The Celebrant begins

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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. **Amen.**

A Deacon or other person appointed reads

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they

allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then 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. *Mark 11:1-11 (NRSV)*

The Celebrant then says the following blessing.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to 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 proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and 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 in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant censes the palms.

As the palms are distributed, the following psalm is sung.

The cantor sings the antiphon, then all repeat.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD. **Hosanna in the highest.**

“This is the gate of the LORD; *

he who is righteous may enter.” **Hosanna in the highest.**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *

and have become my salvation. **Hosanna in the highest.**

The same stone which the builders rejected *

has become the chief cornerstone. **Hosanna in the highest.**

This is the LORD'S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes. **Hosanna in the highest.**
On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **Hosanna in the highest.**
Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! *
LORD, send us now success. **Hosanna in the highest.**
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD. **Hosanna in the highest.**
God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar. **Hosanna in the highest.**
"You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you." **Hosanna in the highest.**
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever. *Psalm 118:19-29*

The full antiphon is sung again.

Hosanna in the highest; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant says

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

The Procession

The Deacon bids the procession.

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

The People join the procession behind the clergy. Once inside the Sycamore Street narthex, the chancel party halts at the cathedral entrance while the People proceed immediately into the nave, entering via the side aisles. As they enter, the following motet is sung.

Hosanna filio David

<i>Hosanna filio David:</i>	Hosanna to the Son of David:
<i>Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.</i>	Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
<i>O Rex Israel.</i>	O King of Israel.
<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Hosanna in the highest.

Text: Antiphon for Palm Sunday
Music: Plainchant & Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Once the People have entered the pews, the following Collect is said.

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 WORD OF GOD

Hymn at the Entrance

All glory, laud, and honor

The Hymnal 1982: No. 154

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4. To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him 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 also 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.**

The People sit.

The First Lesson

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Isaiah 50:4-9a (NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

The cantor sings the following antiphon, then all repeat.



In - cline your ear to me, O LORD; make haste to de - liv - er me.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *

my eye is consumed with sorrow,

and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief,

and my years with sighing; *

my strength fails me because of affliction,

and my bones are consumed.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,

a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *

when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *

I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;

fear is all around; *

they put their heads together against me;

they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *

I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; *

rescue me from the hand of my enemies,

and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *

and in your loving-kindness save me."

Psalm 31:9-16

All sing the antiphon.

The Second Lesson

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the

earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Philippians 2:5-11 (NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

Hymn at the Sequence

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow

The Hymnal 1982: No. 160

The People sit for the reading of the Passion.

The Passion

The Passion of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

... Then Pilate answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back,

"Crucify him!"

Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more,

"Crucify him!"

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

... They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

The People stand.

... And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

The People kneel or bow. Silence is kept.

The People stand.

... Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where the body was laid.

Mark 14:1-15:47 (NRSV)

The Homily

The People stand.

The Prayers of the People

The Deacon bids the Prayers saying

Enter our hearts this day and every day, O Christ, and lead us on this walk of love.

The Intercessor offers prayers for the Church, the Nation, the welfare of the world, the community, those who suffer, and the departed.

after each intercession

Enter our hearts this day and every day, O Christ,
And lead us on this walk of love.

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable collect.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says an Offertory sentence.

Anthem at the Offertory

Vexilla regis

*Vexilla Regis prodeunt,
Fulget crucis mysterium,
Quo carne carnis conditor
Suspensus est patibulo.*

The Royal Banner forward goes,
The mystic Cross refulgent glows:
Where He, in Flesh, flesh who made,
Upon the Tree of pain is laid.

*O crux, ave, spes unica,
Hoc passionis tempore
Auge piis justitiam
Reisque dona veniam.*

O Cross! all hail! sole hope, abide
With us now in this Passion-tide:
New grace in pious hearts implant,
And pardon to the guilty grant.

*Te, summa Deus Trinitas
Collaudet omnis spiritus;
Quos per crucis mysterium
Salvas, rege per saecula. Amen.*

Thee, mighty Trinity! One God!
Let every living creature laud;
Whom by the Cross Thou dost deliver,
O guide and govern now and ever! Amen.

Text: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (c.530–c.610)

Music: Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

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The People stand.

Hymn at the Presentation

My song is love unknown (*stanzas 3 and 7 sung in unison*)

The Hymnal 1982: No. 458


Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."


After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant



There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People




Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Celebrant *People*

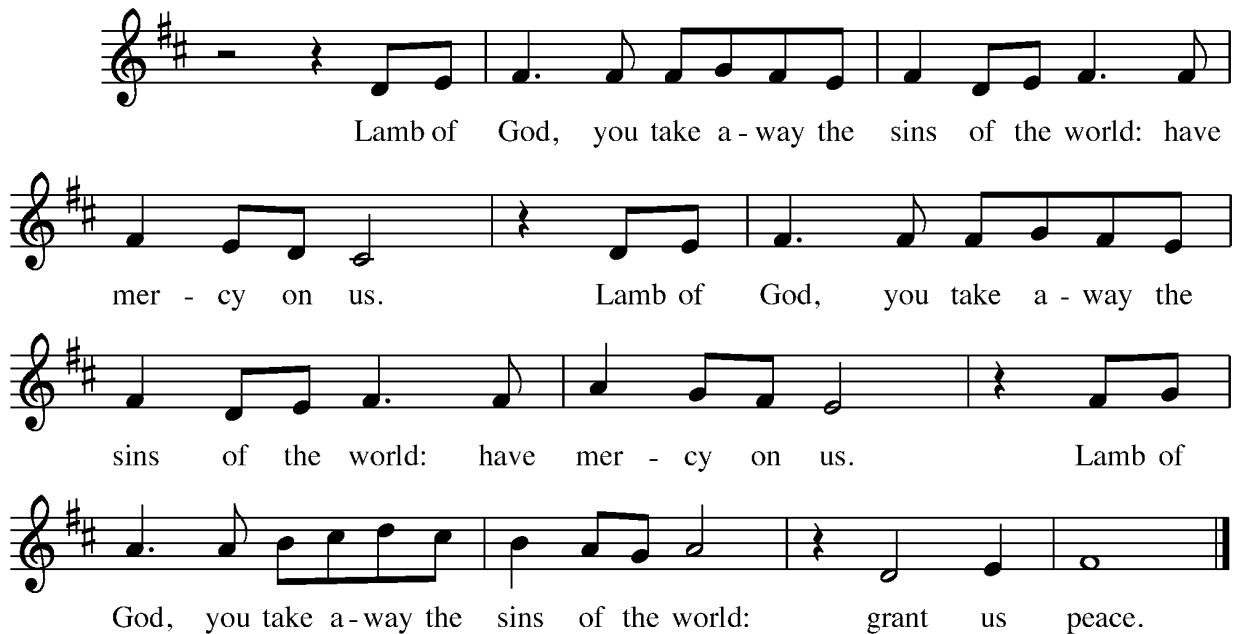


A-men.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Celebrant says an Invitation to Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Music at the Communion

Herzlich tut mich verlangen, Op. Post. 122, No. 10

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Were You There?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: Traditional Spiritual

Music: Traditional Spiritual, arr. Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Alone thou goest forth, O Lord

The Hymnal 1982: No. 164

The People stand.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God,
**you have graciously accepted us as living members
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Solemn Prayer over the People

The Deacon says

Let us bow down before the Lord.

The People kneel or bow.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People stand.

Hymn at the Closing

When I survey the wondrous cross

The Hymnal 1982: No. 474

The Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, says a dismissal. The People respond **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary

O Lamm Gottes unschuldig, BWV 618

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



*The people are invited to keep their blessed palm branches
to bring back on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany (2 March 2025).
Following the 10:00 am Eucharist on that day,
we will burn the palms to create ashes
for the Ash Wednesday liturgy (5 March 2025).*

THE EASTER TRIDUUM



*Please join us at 7:00 pm this Thursday
for the start of the Triduum
(the Great Three Days),
the summit of the liturgical year,
as one service unfolds over three days,
beginning with Maundy Thursday
and ending at the Easter Vigil.*

See the announcement insert for a list of all Triduum service times.

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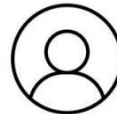
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