

# The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

## Palm Sunday

11:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist

*with Liturgy of the Palms  
and the Reading of the Passion*



April 2, 2023

## About this Service

Palm Sunday, which has been celebrated by Christians since at least the 4th century, marks the transition from our Lenten period of preparation into Holy Week. The concept of that transition defines this service: we begin with a remembrance of Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem—a parade of welcome when people lined the road ahead of him with cloth and palm branches. When the Gospel is read, we're asked to shift our attention to Jesus' Passion, and to consider where his path will finally lead: to his arrest, conviction, and death on the cross.

The Episcopal tradition moves through the story of Easter slowly and deliberately. Holy Week culminates in what we call the Triduum: a three-part service that arcs from Maundy Thursday through Good Friday and, finally, into the joy of Easter.

## What's Happening This Week:

*Morning Prayer is held every weekday at 9:00 am on Facebook.*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, April 2	12:30 pm	Formation	Parish House
	12:30 pm	Chorister Rehearsal	Parish House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Monday, April 3	10:00-3:00	Church Open	Church
Tuesday, April 4	10:00-3:00	Church Open	Church
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Thursday, April 6	10:00-3:00	Church Open	Church
	6:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Church
Friday, April 7	10:00-3:00	Church Open	Church
	12:00 pm	Good Friday Service	Church
Saturday, April 8	9:00 am	Holy Saturday Service	Church
	8:00 pm	The Great Vigil of Easter	Church
Sunday, April 9	11:00 am	Festival Eucharist w/Holy Baptism	Church
	12:30 pm	Easter Egg hunt	Rittenhouse Square
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Mon, April 10 – Tues, April 11		Church Closed	

**SAVE THE DATE:** Annual Parish Meeting - Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> after service, Parish House (online and in person)  
Please consider bringing a snack (savory or sweet) to share at the meeting! E-mail Nancy Rasmussen at [nrasmussen2740@gmail.com](mailto:nrasmussen2740@gmail.com) with questions or to sign-up.

# Welcome! We are so glad you are with us today!

*A few reminders and information for your time with us today*

**If you are new or want more information, stop by the Welcome Table in the back of the church!**

**Masks:** Masks are welcomed, encouraged and optional at this time. If you need a mask, please let us know and we will be happy to get one for you.

**Children** are always welcome in our worship service and we love to hear their joyful sounds and see their wiggly ways! We have books for all ages and activity bags (you can even decorate your own) in the back near the service bulletins for those who wish to stay with their families during the service. Parents, if you want a little quiet time to yourself, your children can join Madison, Nabayah or Laura, our wonderful Child Care Team, in the Parish House for activities. They will meet you in the Narthex and show you where to go.

During **The Peace**, we invite you to connect with your neighbors by waving, showing the peace sign, or using fist/elbow bumps. Please be sure your neighbor is comfortable with physical contact before shaking hands.

**Offering:** Your financial gifts help the church to continue to serve the community, lift up the faithful, and keep this beautiful building safe. You can give a financial gift to the church in three ways: by placing it in the plate that we pass in church today, by texting **CHT DONATE to 73256** or using the QR code to the right. You can also sign up to give weekly with REALM ([www.htrit.org/give](http://www.htrit.org/give)).



**Communion** All who are baptized in any Christian tradition are welcome to join us for communion (all ages are welcome). If you prefer a blessing, please let one of the clergy know. We will share the bread and wine at the altar rail at the front of the church. Gluten free wafers are available. If you are unable to come to the front, or prefer to stay in your pew and keep social distance, we will bring communion to you.

**More Information?** Join us at the Welcome table in the back of the church or visit our website [www.htrit.org](http://www.htrit.org) for more information about services and activities at The Church of the Holy Trinity and to sign up for the weekly E-News.

We ask that you **turn off or silence your Cell Phone** during the service. Thank you!

## SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

### *Palm Sunday*

*The service begins in the front of the church.*

#### **The Liturgy of the Palms**

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

*People*        **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Presider*      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.**

#### **The Blessing of the Palms**

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*        **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*    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.**

*Celebrant*    Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People*        **Hosanna in the highest.**

#### **The Procession**

*Presider*      Let us go forth in peace.

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

The choir sings the appointed verses of Psalm 118 as the procession and people move into the nave.  
At the introduction of the organ fanfare, the people join in singing the Entrance Hymn.

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

### The Entrance Hymn

*Valet will ich dir geben*

*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*

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

*Presider* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord  
*People* Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

*Presider* Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy up on the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you**

*Presider* 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**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

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**The First Lesson:** Isaiah 50:4-9a

*Shreve Simpson*

*Reader* A Reading from Prophet 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?

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 31: 9-16** *In te, Domine, speravi*

- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- 11 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.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 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.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  
I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

**The Epistle:** Philippians 2: 5-11

*Jeannie Welsh*

*Reader* A reading from Paul's letter 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Following a period of silence, all then stand and sing.*



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join  
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing that nev - er knew our God; but  
 3 The heirs of grace have found glo - ry be - gun be - low; ce -  
 4 Then let our song a - bound and let our tears be dry; we're



in a song with sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne.  
 chil - dren of the heaven - ly King may speak their joys a - broad.  
 les - tial fruits on earth - ly ground from faith and hope may grow.  
 march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground to fair - er worlds on high.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na! Re - joice, give thanks and sing.

## The Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

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

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
 Look, your king is coming to you,  
 humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
 and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,



"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"  
The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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

*The people sit.*

**The Sermon**

*The Reverend Rachel Wenner Gardner*

*Following the sermon, the People stand to confess the Creed.*

**The Nicene Creed**

*All*            We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Leader* Lord Jesus, you emptied yourself, trading in the form of God for the form of a slave; we pray for the Church, and all her people and ministers. Form us into a Church that empties itself for others, and for you. Lord in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus, you were born in human likeness, and found in human form; we pray for the whole human family, for the nations of the earth, and for all who live in the midst of disaster, famine, or terror, especially those who experience gun violence in our city and throughout the world; Lord in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus, even after humbling yourself in your incarnation, you humbled yourself even to the point of death; we pray for our nation, our leaders, and all the people who live within these borders. Bless us with your humility. Lord in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus your humility and your love for us was so broad and deep, it cost you your life. We pray for those who have been martyred for their faith, for those who have been killed without justice, for those we love who have died, and as you were highly exalted, may they rest with you in glory. Lord in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* In your exaltation, O Lord, you were given the name that is above every name; we pray in your name for those who are poor, those who are hungry, and those who are hurting in any way. Give them your grace. Lord in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We also pray, in your name O Lord, for those who have asked for our prayers especially Ron, Jason & Emma, Alex & Bella, Howie & Ali, Charlotte, Jay, Laura, Richard, Dorothy, Jose, Graham, Robert, Maria, Jon, Karen, Tammy, J.J, Esther, John, Barbara B, Barbara V, Ellie, Bob, The Lewis & Hicks families, Jose, Yueh-Ha, Phillip, and Cornelius. Give them the gift of healing, strength, and life. Lord in your mercy.

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* 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 your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen**

### **Absolution**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

### **The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*You are invited to greet your neighbors by waving, showing the peace sign, or using fist or elbow bumps. Please be sure that your neighbor is comfortable with any physical connections before offering that kind of peace. Following the Peace, the people are seated.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

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### **Offertory Sentence**

*Presider* Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.

*Your financial gifts help the church to continue to serve the community, lift up the faithful, and keep this beautiful building safe. We invite you to give a gift/pledge to the church during the Offertory. If you prefer to give electronically you can text CHT DONATE to 7325 or use the QR Code on page 3.*

Hosanna to the Son of David.  
 Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
 Blessed be the King of Israel.  
 Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest places.  
 Hosanna in the highest heavens.

*All stand.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 1**

*Celebrant*      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*      It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## The Sanctus: S-114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -

- in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people remain standing or kneel.*

**Celebrant** Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

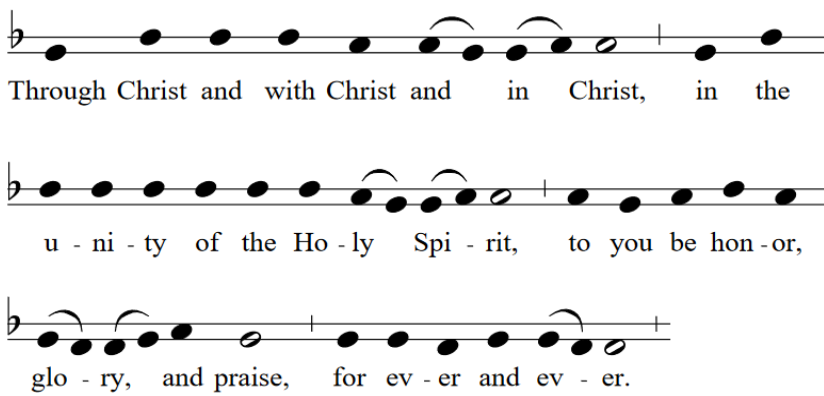
On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*All* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

*Celebrant*




Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the

u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit, to you be hon - or,

glo - ry, and praise, for ev - er and ev - er.

*People*



A - MEN.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:  
*All* **Our Father, who are in heaven,**  
**hallowed by thy Name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## Breaking of the Bread

### Agnus Dei: S-158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy peace.

*Celebrant*    The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The People are seated.*

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion** *for those not taking communion or joining online today*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen  
*by St. Alphonsus de Liguori (1696-1787),*

### **Distribution of Communion**

*If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers and come to the altar rail at the front of the church. We will bring communion to those unable to come to a standing station or those who are more comfortable staying in their pew. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know. Our healing team will be available in the prayer chapel to pray for you or someone you love during communion.*

### **The Communion Motet**

### **O Mortal Man**

trad. English Carol  
arranged by John Scott

O mortal man, remember well	O mortal man, remember well
When Christ our Lord was born'	When Christ died on the rood;
He was crucified between two thieves	'Twas for our sins and wicked ways
And crowned with the thorn.	Christ shed His precious blood.
And crowned with the thorn.	Christ shed His precious blood.

O mortal man, remember well  
When Christ was wrapped in clay;  
He was taken to a sepulcher  
Where no man ever lay  
Where no man ever lay.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

*All*            **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.**



## Blessing

*Celebrant* God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The Congregation is seated for the reading of the Passion.*

## THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

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*Narrator:* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew. Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

*Pilate:* "Are you the King of the Jews?"

*Narrator:* Jesus said,

*Jesus:* "You say so."

*Narrator:* But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

*Pilate:* "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

*Narrator:* But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

*Pilate:* "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

*Narrator:* For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

*Pilate's Wife:* "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

*Narrator:* Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

*Pilate:* "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

*Narrator:* And they said,  
**ALL:** "Barabbas."  
*Narrator:* Pilate said to them,  
*Pilate:* "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"  
*Narrator:* All of them said,  
**ALL:** "Let him be crucified!"  
*Narrator:* Then he asked,  
*Pilate:* "Why, what evil has he done?"  
*Narrator:* But they shouted all the more,  
**ALL:** "Let him be crucified!"  
*Narrator:* So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,  
*Pilate:* "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."  
*Narrator:* Then the people as a whole answered,  
**ALL:** "His blood be on us and on our children!"  
*Narrator:* So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.  
  
Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,  
**ALL:** "Hail, King of the Jews!"  
*Narrator:* They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

*(At the mention of Golgotha, All should stand and remain standing for the remainder*

*of the reading.*

*Narrator:* As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

**ALL:** "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

*Narrator:* In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

**ALL:** "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"

*Narrator:* The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

*Jesus:* "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

*Narrator:* that is,

*Jesus:* "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

*Narrator:* When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**ALL:** "This man is calling for Elijah."

*Narrator:* At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

**ALL:** "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

*Narrator:* Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

*Centurion:* "Truly this man was God's Son!"

*Narrator:* Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

**ALL:** "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first."

*Narrator:* Pilate said to them,

*Pilate:* "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."

*Narrator:* So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

## The Dismissal Hymn



1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the  
2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly  
3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel  
4 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and  
5 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly



1 tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his  
2 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be -  
3 ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and won - dering  
4 fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire  
5 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal



1 road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
2 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
3 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
4 throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.  
5 pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

## The Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* In the name of Christ, Amen!

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<b>Holy Week and Easter Schedule</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>4/6 @ 6 pm</b>
	<b>Good Friday</b> <b>4/7 @ 12 pm</b>
	<b>Holy Saturday</b> <b>4/8 @ 9 am</b>
	<b>Easter Vigil</b> <b>4/8 @ 8 pm</b>
	<b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>4/9 @ 11 am</b>

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