

# 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*



March 24, 2024

# What's Happening This Week:

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

*A winter shelter for men, run by Bethesda Project, is held in our Centennial Room daily from Dec - April*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sunday, March 24	9:30 am	Lenten Adult Education - <i>The Screwtape Letters</i>	Church
Palm Sunday	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist - <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Monday, March 25			
Monday in Holy Week	6:30-8:30p	Winter Shelter	Parish House
Tuesday, March 26	10:00-3:00	Church open	
Tuesday in Holy Week	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Wednesday, March 27	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Wednesday in Holy Week			
Thursday, March 28	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Maundy Thursday	6:00 pm	<i>The Triduum:</i> Holy Eucharist with Foot washing	Church
Friday, March 29	12:00 pm	<i>The Triduum:</i> Liturgy of Good Friday	Church
Good Friday			
Saturday, March 30	9:00 am	<i>The Triduum:</i> Liturgy of Holy Saturday	Church
Holy Saturday	8:00 pm	<i>The Triduum:</i> The Great Vigil of Easter	Church
Sunday, March 31	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist - <i>Sunday of the Resurrection</i>	Church
Easter Day	12:15 pm	Easter Egg Hunt	Church
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.

**Save the Date:** April 21, 2024 after the 11:00 am service Annual Church Meeting

The office and church will be closed on the Monday and Tuesday following Easter.

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

*You can find more information on the back of the bulletin.*

## Our Vivid Vision

*This was created in 2022 in collaboration with the Rectors, Wardens & Vestry and is intended to describe where we will be in 3 years.*

The church is bursting with life. Outside the building, people are talking, resting, and enjoying the weather. Inside, people are coming and going – staff and volunteers connecting and welcoming. Families, students, working professionals, retirees and neighbors mingle with each other, finding resources they need: safety and support, education, and creative outlets. Visitors and members alike find a place to make a difference and share their gifts with each other. The smell of delicious food wafts through the air as the chefs prepare the community meal for the day. Visitors from all over the world are marveling at the beautiful interior of the sanctuary. Worshippers are laughing, singing, praising, and just enjoying being together. The delicate sounds of violin mingle with the robust organ and the echoes of voices. We are more than just a place on the Square. We are an integral part of the neighborhood.

## Core Values

### **Inclusion/Welcome**

We believe that no one should feel left out or alone. We embrace our differences and respect each person within our community. This allows everyone to bring their unique and authentic gifts to further the mission of the church.

### **Innovation**

We are not afraid of trying new things or changing when necessary. If things do not work out, we are open to re-evaluate, learn from our mistakes, and try again.

### **Collaboration**

We listen to and support one another, working and evolving together. We build upon each other's strengths and lift up each other's gifts.

### **Community Mindedness**

Church is not an individual endeavor, but a community experience. We believe that we cannot each succeed or be whole, unless everyone finds success and wholeness.

## Culture

### **Joyful**

We are hopeful, optimistic, and have fun together. Being part of this community gives us joy, and our joy spreads to others and makes us want to share joy with them.

### **Fearless**

We are innovative, purposeful and adaptable. We believe that with God all things are possible and that with prayer and connection to God we will always have enough. We are not afraid of trying new things or of failing. We learn from our mistakes. We reach out to others drawing them in, not waiting for them to find us.

### **Embracing**

We love others, because God loves us. This means that we are accepting, welcoming, open, genuine, and empathetic. We speak the truth in love.

### **Engaged**

Our connection to this organization is full of energy. We give without expectation of return. We continuously learn about the community and our neighbors and adapt our connections as needed. We all contribute our time, money and skills to make our community better.

*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 Passion 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.*

## SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

### *Palm Sunday*

*The service begins outside the front doors 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 heartily singing the Entrance Hymn.

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

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### 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

*Mike O'Bryan*

*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     **H**ave 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

*Veronica Aplenc*

*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.



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

**The Gospel: Mark 11:1-11**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

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.

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

*Following the return of the Gospel Procession, the People are seated.*

### **The Sermon**

*The Rev. John 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.

### **Prayers of the People: Palm Sunday**

*Sally Griffith*

*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 Linda, Don, Ruth & Barry, John, Marie, Catherine, Julia, Matthew, Jamie, Diana, Steve, David, Doris, Judy, Alex & Nolan, Brian, Paula, Jon, Bob, Ramona, Jim & Joann, The Harty Family, Gwynette, Lauren, Zach & JP. 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.**

## The Confession of Sin

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.

*A brief period of silence is kept.*

*All* God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

## The Absolution

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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* 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...and humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. *Philippians 2*

### Anthem

*Pueri Hebraeorum*

Tomás Luis de Victoria

*Pueri Hebraeorum vestimenta prosternebant  
in via et clamabant dicentes:  
Hosanna Filio David,  
benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.*

*The Hebrew children spread their garments  
in the way, and cried out, saying:  
Hosanna to the Son of David:  
blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.*

All stand.

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 1

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

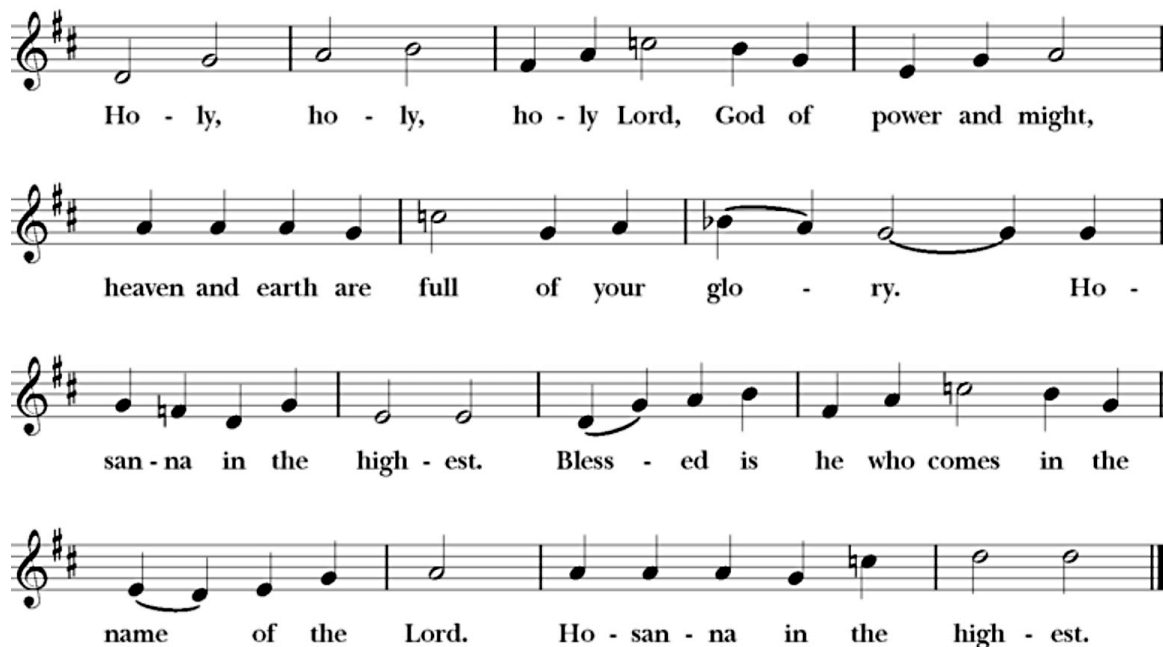
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*People* **It is right to give God 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:

## Sanctus: S-131



The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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."

*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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **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.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## 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-166



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on  
us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

*Celebrant* The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*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

## Distribution of Communion

*To receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers to the rail at the front of the church. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you prefer a blessing, let us know! We will bring communion to anyone unable or uncomfortable coming to the rail.*

## The Communion Motet

## O Mortal Man

trad. English Carol

arranged by John Scott

O mortal man, remember well When Christ our Lord was born' He was crucified between two thieves And crowned with the thorn. And crowned with the thorn.	O mortal man, remember well When Christ died on the rood; 'Twas for our sins and wicked ways Christ shed His precious blood. Christ shed His precious blood.
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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* **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Blessing

*Celebrant* Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The People are seated for the reading of the Passion.*

## THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MARK

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*Narrator:* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark:

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

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

*Narrator:* He answered him,

*Jesus:* "You say so."

*Narrator:* Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again

*Pilate:* "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

*Narrator:* But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

*Pilate:* "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Judeans?"

*Narrator:* 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,

*Pilate:* "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Judeans?"

*Narrator:* They shouted back,

**ALL:** "Crucify him!"

*Narrator:* Pilate asked them,

*Pilate:* "Why, what evil has he done?"

*Narrator:* But they shouted all the more,



**ALL:** "Crucify him!"

*Narrator:* So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

**ALL:** "Hail, King of the Judeans!"

*Narrator:* 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 for the reading of Christ's crucifixion.*

*Narrator:* They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Judeans." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

**ALL:** "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

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

**ALL:** "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

*Narrator:* Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

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

*Narrator:* which means,

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

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

**ALL:** "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

*Narrator:* And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

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

*Narrator:* Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

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

*Narrator:* There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. 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 Joses saw where the body was laid.

## 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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# Holy Week & Easter Schedule

March 28	Maundy Thursday	6:00 pm
March 29	Good Friday	12:00 pm
March 30	Holy Saturday	9:00 am
March 30	Great Vigil of Easter	8:00 pm
March 31	Easter Day	11:00 am

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## Easter Flowers

We invite you to give a gift to our flower fund, in thanksgiving of those you love or in memorial of those we love and see no longer. We are asking for all contributions to be made by **Monday, March 25th**. Please look for the envelopes in the back of the church or ask an usher. You can also give through REALM. Please write the reason for gifts of thanksgiving or those names you wish to be remembered if you wish for your donation to be listed in the Easter bulletins. **Thank you!**

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