



A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING

PALM SUNDAY

8:00 & 10:00 A.M. SERVICE

MARCH 20, 2016

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We're glad you're with us! If you are new to Trinity, please introduce yourself to the clergy and the greeters and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the church.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

If you join us this morning with a particular joy or concern in your heart, you are invited to share that – either anonymously or including your name – by writing it down on the paper provided at either entrance to the church. Your intentions will be included in our prayers during the service.

COMMUNION

If you require a gluten-free communion wafer, please advise the priest or minister of communion and we will provide one for you. At communion, if you prefer consecrated grape juice rather than wine, after receiving the bread, proceed to the designated minister holding a ceramic chalice at the end of the Communion rail near the Chapel. If you do not feel prepared to receive Communion today, you are invited to come to the rail to receive a blessing, indicating your wish by crossing your hands over your chest.

HEARING ASSISTIVE DEVICES

If you'd like to borrow a hearing assistive device, please speak to an usher.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

We invite you to be a full participant in our worship of God. This service may include parts of the Order for the Holy Eucharist from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), Enriching Our Worship (EOW), A New Zealand Prayer Book (NZPB) and music from The Hymnal 1982, Lift Every Voice and Sing and Wonder, Love and Praise hymnals. We stand, if able, for the hymns, and stand or kneel, according to one's personal tradition and ability, for prayer.

COVER ART WORK

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Lenten Message from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Clarence Jorden of the Koinonia Movement many years ago wrote this:

Jesus founded the most revolutionary movement in human history, a movement built on the unconditional love of God for the world, and the mandate to those who follow to live that love.

The season of Lent is upon us. It is a season of making a renewed commitment to participate and be a part of the movement of Jesus in this world. You can see some of that in the Gospel lesson for the first Sunday of Lent where Luke says that after the Baptism of Jesus he went into the wilderness, there to be tempted of Satan.

After the Baptism. Baptism is the sacrament of commitment to the Jesus Movement. It is to be washed, if you will, in the love and the reality of God, and to emerge from that great washing as one whose life is dedicated to living that love in the world.

In this season of Lent, we take some time to focus on what that means for our lives, whether it is as simple as giving up chocolate candy or as profound as taking on a commitment to serve the poor or to serve others in some new way. Whatever it is, let that something be something that helps you participate in the movement of God's love in this world following in the footsteps of Jesus.

And the truth is, the fact that Jesus was baptized and began that movement in the world and immediately found himself tempted by the devil is an ever-present reminder that this movement is not without struggle. It is not easy. The truth is, this movement is difficult. It's hard work. It's work of following Jesus to the cross. And it's work of following Jesus through the cross to the Resurrection. To new life. And new possibility. That is our calling. That is the work of the movement. To help this world move from what is often the nightmare of the world itself into the dream that God intends.

So I pray that this Lent, as they used to say many years ago, might be the first day of the rest of your life. It might be a new day for this world.

God love you. God bless you. Have a blessed Lent, a glorious Easter, and you keep the faith.

The Most Rev. Michael Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING +

Lay Leader Hosts:

10:00 a.m. Clement Mogor
Jake Troiano

Verger:

10:00 a.m. Ray Wilson
Roy McAlpine

Acolytes:

10:00 a.m. Kachi Onoh
Justin Ude
Jonathan Ude
Kaylee Troiano
Zechariah Stephens
Malik Allen-Thomas
Jordan Moore-Thomas
Shquia Moore-Thomas

Altar Guild:

8:00 a.m. Marion Pereira
10:00 a.m. Carmen Belgrave
Claire Blissett

Ministers of Communion:

8:00 a.m. Basil Bennett
10:00 a.m. April Alford-Harkey
Kate Rousseau
Al Shuckra
Jake Troiano

Readers:

8:00 a.m. Kevin Chick
10:00 a.m. Helen Hart
Mark MacGougan

Intercessors:

8:00 a.m. Kevin Chick
10:00 a.m. Emily Estes

Hospitality:

George Chien
Bill Kofalk
Dianne Bowens-Waller,
fruit

Ushers:

10:00 a.m. Claire Blissett
Walton Foster
Destini Troiano
Davonte Griffith

Duncaster:

George Chien

Chapel Prayers:

Peter Vreeland

Eucharistic Visitor:

Valerie Pogue

Flowers:

Percy Williamson

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

8:00 & 10:00 A.M.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*At the 8:00 a.m. service:**The congregation gathers in the back of the church for the blessing and procession of the palms.**At the 10:00 a.m. service:**Weather permitting, the congregation gathers on the front steps of the Church on Sigourney Street for the blessing and procession of the palms.**The ushers will provide palms to those who do not participate in the procession.***Celebrant** Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.**People** Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**Celebrant** Let us pray.

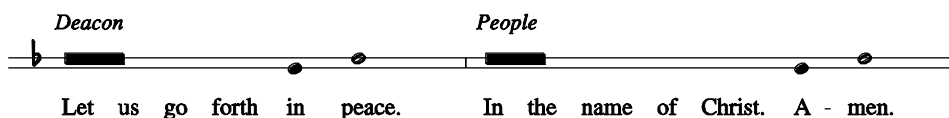
Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

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 God 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.**People** Amen.

THE PROCESSION

*At the 8:00 a.m. service, follow the clergy up the center aisle to find your seat during the singing of the Entrance hymn.**At the 10:00 a.m. service, please follow the choirs and Chancel party into the church and find your seats from the center aisle while singing the hymn.*

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, through the incarnate Word you have caused us to be born anew of an imperishable and eternal seed: Look with compassion upon those who are being prepared for Holy Baptism, and grant that they may be built as living stones into a spiritual temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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.

Silence for reflection.

Please stand for the Psalm.

PSALM: 31:9-16

Samuel Wesley



- 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 con/sumed.





- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, ✓
 a dismay to those of / my ac/quaintance; *
 when they see me in the / street / they a/void 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 a/round; *
 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 up-on your / servant, *
 and in your / loving-/kindness / save me."

Please be seated

THE EPISTLE: Philippians 2:5-11

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.

Silence for reflection.

ANTHEM: *Hosanna to the Son of David*

Thomas Weelkes

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.

Please stand for the Gospel

THE GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Ms. April Alford-Harkey, M. Div.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form II

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Following each petition will be a period of silence which will conclude with a chime.

Leader I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Ian and Laura, our Diocesan Bishops and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

Leader I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

Leader I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

Leader I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God. *Silence*

Leader I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Lillian Sandford, Kristin Peterson Harms and those who will die this week, that they may meet their Lord in faith and hope. Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

Leader I ask your prayers for those have requested our prayers or for whom prayers have been requested. *Silence*

Leader I ask your prayers of thanksgiving. *Silence*

Leader Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.



THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet one another in the peace of Christ.

Please be seated for the announcements.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY: #156 stanzas 1, 2, & 4 at 8:00 a.m. service

The King's Majesty

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Please remain standing.

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(The Celebrant adds a Proper Preface.)*

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 124 (at 8:00 a.m. Service, refer to Service Music insert)

David Hurd

SANCTUS: from the Trinity Service (at 10:00 a.m. Service)

Landman

Congregation

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

Cong.

Lord, God of pow - er and might,
Lord, God of pow - er and might,
Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Lord, God of pow'r, and pow'r and might,
Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Cong. ⁶

heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Cong. ¹⁰

Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.
 Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.
 Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.
 Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Cong. ¹³

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Cong. ¹⁷

Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.
 Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.
 Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.
 Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.



The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 Lord 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 he 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."

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

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

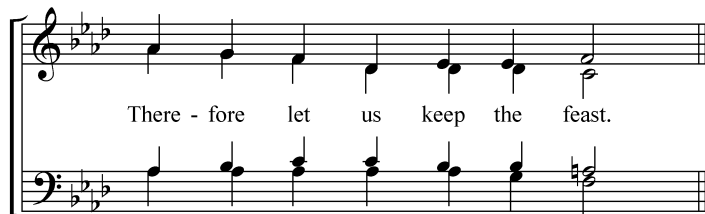
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Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be 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.

Celebrant

Christ our Passover is sac - ri - ficed for us

People

There - fore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant

Behold what you are.

People

May we become what we receive.

ANTHEM: *Agnus Dei* from the *Trinity Service*

Landman

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, 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, 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, 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.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.



THE COMMUNION

Please be seated. If for whatever reason you do not wish to receive communion today, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by the priest, indicating this by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS:

My Spirit Longs for Thee

Philip Godfrey

My spirit longs for thee within my troubled breast,
though I unworthy be of so divine a guest.
Of so divine a guest unworthy though I be,
yet has my heart no rest unless it come from thee.
Unless it come from thee, in vain I look around;
in all that I can see no rest is to be found.
No rest is to be found but in thy blessed love:
O let my wish be crowned, and send it from above.

Choir School of Hartford

ANTHEM: *Anima Christi*

Robert Powell

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, refresh me; water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus, hear me; within thy wounds hide me;
Suffer me not to be separated from thee;
From the malicious enemy defend me;
In the hour of my death call me, and bid me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee for ever and ever. Amen.

Trinity Choir

COMMUNION HYMN: # 458

Love Unknown

POSTCOMMUNION 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 come in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation remains seated until the arrival at Golgotha, when all stand or kneel. At the 10:00 a.m. service, a dramatic reading of the Passion is offered by the members of our Confirmation class. There may be minor variations in the text.

- Narrator* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.
Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.
Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,
- Jesus* “Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.”
- Narrator* They asked him,
- Peter* “Where do you want us to make preparations for it?”
- Jesus* “Listen,” he said to them, “when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, ‘The teacher asks you, “Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?”’ “He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.”
- Narrator* So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,
- Jesus* “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”
- Narrator* Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,
- Jesus* “Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”
- Narrator* Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,
- Jesus* “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
- Narrator* And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,
- Jesus* “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!”
- Narrator* Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,



Jesus “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

Narrator And Peter said to him,

Peter “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!”

Narrator Jesus said,

Jesus “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

Narrator He said to them,

Jesus “When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?”

Narrator They said,

All “No, not a thing.”

Narrator He said to them,

Jesus “But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was counted among the lawless’; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.”

Narrator They said,

All “Lord, look, here are two swords.”

Narrator He replied,

Jesus “It is enough.”

Narrator He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

Narrator Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Jesus “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.”

Narrator Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

Jesus “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

Narrator While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

Jesus “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?”

Narrator When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

All **“Lord, should we strike with the sword?”**

Narrator Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

Jesus “No more of this!”

Narrator And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!”

Narrator Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Servant “This man also was with him.”

Narrator But he denied it, saying,

Peter “Woman, I do not know him.”

Narrator A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Witness “You also are one of them.”

Narrator But Peter said,

Peter “Man, I am not!”

Narrator Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Witness “Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.”

Narrator But Peter said,

Peter “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!”

Narrator At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

All **“Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?”**

Narrator They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

All **“If you are the Messiah, tell us.”**

Narrator He replied,



Jesus “If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

Narrator All of them asked,

All **“Are you, then, the Son of God?”**

Narrator He said to them,

Jesus “You say that I am.”

Narrator Then they said,

All **“What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!”**

Narrator Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

All **“We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.”**

Narrator Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Narrator He answered,

Jesus “You say so.”

Narrator Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.”

Narrator But they were insistent and said,

All **“He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”**

Narrator When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.” Then they all shouted out together,

All **“Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”**

Narrator This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder. Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

All **“Crucify, crucify him!”**

Narrator A third time he said to them,

Pilate “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.”

Narrator But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Narrator Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

Narrator And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

All **“He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”**

Narrator The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Witness “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

Narrator There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

1st Criminal “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

Narrator But the other rebuked him, saying,

2nd Criminal “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”



Narrator Then he said,
2nd Criminal “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”
Narrator He replied,
Jesus “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”
Narrator It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,
Jesus “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”
Narrator Having said this, he breathed his last. (*silence*) When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,
Centurian “Certainly this man was innocent.”
Narrator And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.
On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Please remain standing until the choirs and Chancel party have processed out, then depart in silence.

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OUR WORSHIP, THROUGH SERVICE TO THE WORLD AS GOD’S PEOPLE, BEGINS ANEW.

Holy Week Schedule

**March 24 at 7:30 pm - Maundy Thursday
Holy Eucharist with Footwashing**

**March 25 at 12 pm Good Friday Asylum Hill Ecumenical Service 7 Pilgrimage
(Procession begins at Trinity)
7:30 pm - Good Friday Service
(from Book of Common Prayer)**

**March 26 at 7:30 pm - Great Vigil of Easter
(Service begins in Garden with Easter Fire)**

**March 27 at 8 am and 10 am –
Festival Eucharist of Easter
(Choral and Orchestral Prelude at 9:40 a.m.)**

***Childcare will be available for the evening service on Maundy Thursday,
The Easter Vigil, and the 10:00 a.m. services
on Palm Sunday and Easter.***

* A copy of the Holy Week Schedule can also be found in the bulletin insert,



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