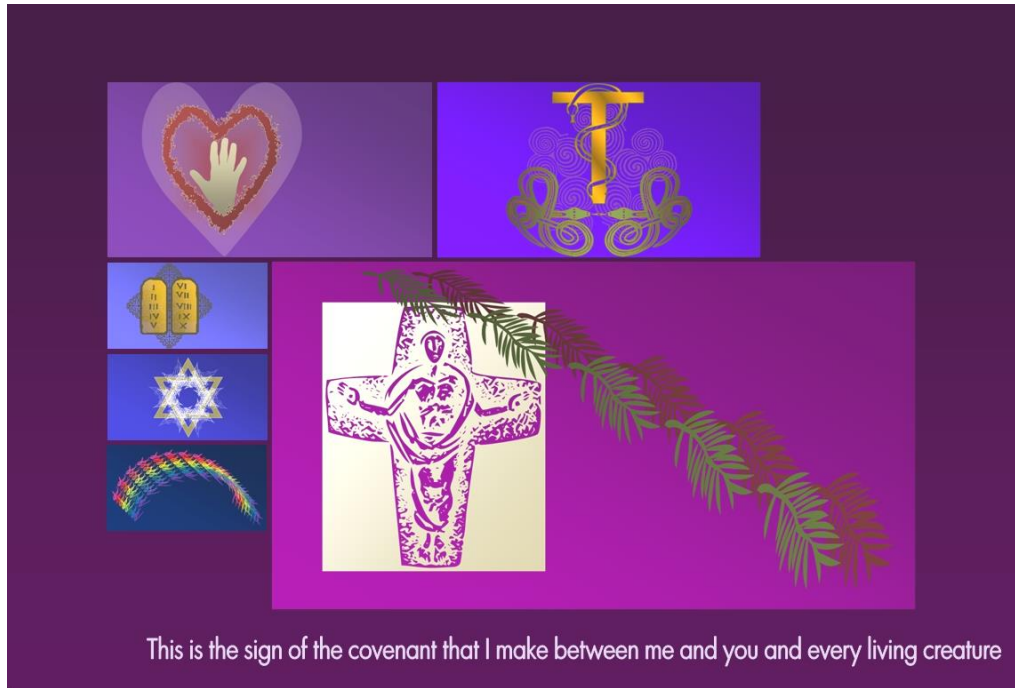


TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY / RITE OF CONFIRMATION

9:30 A.M. SERVICE

MARCH 25, 2018



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Holy Week 2018

This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations. . . Genesis 9:12

During this season of Lent we have reflected on the ways in which God has demonstrated God's faithfulness to all of God's creatures, despite our human failures in that covenant relationship. God's faithfulness is unconditional, demonstrated most perfectly in the total self-giving of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As we enter Holy Week, we recall the joy and expectation with which the crowds welcomed Jesus in the streets of Jerusalem. But alas, the political and religious powers of the day turned the crowds against him, leading to a mock trial, his torture and cruel execution on a cross. But we know that was not the end of the story.

As we walk with Jesus this week, we are reminded that the social and political conditions are in many ways unchanged: they continue to turn us away from the message of Jesus. Just as His Body was broken by the crowds and the Roman soldiers, we repeat that act symbolically each time we turn away from Him. May this Holy Week be a time for you to walk with Jesus through His passion, to more fully rejoice in the Risen Christ on Easter Day.

Your brother in Christ,
The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Hamer, Rector

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WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We are glad you are with us! If you are new to Trinity, we hope you will introduce yourself to the clergy and a greeter and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the church. Following the service, you are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in Goodwin Hall.

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHO YOU ARE

Please pick up your name tag from the trays in Goodwin Hall or at the Sigourney Street entrance. If you do not have a name tag, simply fill out a blank and leave it in the basket after the service; a printed name tag will be made for you. It is part of our ministry of hospitality to let people know who we are.

COMMUNION

If you prefer to receive consecrated grape juice rather than consecrated wine at the 10:00 a.m. service, after receiving the bread, proceed to the Minister holding a ceramic chalice in the north aisle in front of the chapel. Gluten free wafers are available from the priest serving communion on the lectern (right) side of the altar rail. If you are not prepared to receive Communion today, you are invited to receive a blessing from the priest, indicating your desire to do so by crossing your hands over your chest.

CHILDREN AT WORSHIP

Children infant-3 years are offered care in the Nursery during the 10:00 a.m. service. Children between the age of 3 years and second grade are welcome to worship in the church and are encouraged to participate in Godly Play when it is in session during the Liturgy of the Word. If children become restless, need to talk or need a break, there is a table along with coloring materials and children's books in the Parents' Room next to the bathrooms in the Narthex (hallway at the Sigourney Street entrance to the church.) Parents are reminded that children should not be allowed to leave the worship area on their own but should be accompanied by a parent.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Those desiring personal intercessory prayers are invited to go to the south aisle after receiving Communion, where a member of the Intercessory Prayer Team will be available to pray with you.

HEARING ASSISTIVE DEVICES

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

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

This service uses parts of the Order for the Holy Eucharist from *The Book of Common Prayer 1979*, and *Enriching Our Worship I* and music from *The Hymnal 1982* and the *Lift Every Voice and Sing* hymnal. The prayer book and hymnal may be found on the shelf under the chair directly in front of your seat. We stand, if able, for the hymns, and stand or kneel, according to one's personal tradition, for prayer.

9:30 A.M.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The congregation gathers in Goodwin Hall for the blessing of the palms.

The ushers will also provide palms to those who do not participate in the procession.



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

All 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.

All Amen.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

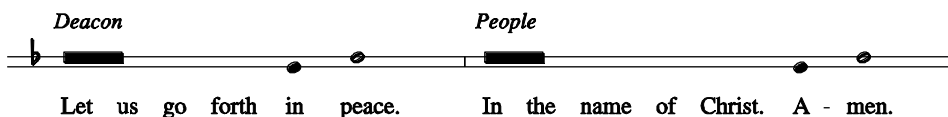
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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.

All Amen.

THE PROCESSION



Please follow the choirs and Chancel party out the Goodwin Hall doors to the parking lot, down the sidewalk to Farmington Avenue. Turn right on Farmington Avenue toward Sigourney Street, making a right onto Sigourney Street. The procession will proceed up the steps to the entrance to the church. As the hymn begins, please enter 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.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
All There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.
All One God and father of all.

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.
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.
All 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.
All Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection.

ANTHEM: Hosanna to the Son of David

Last night I lay a-sleeping
There came a dream so fair,
I stood in old Jerusalem
Beside the temple there.
I heard the children singing,
And ever as they sang
Methought the voice of angels
From heaven in answer rang.
Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
Lift up your gates and sing,
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna to your King!
And then methought my dream was changed,
The streets no longer rang.
Hushed were the glad Hosannas
The little children sang.

Tomas Luis de Victoria

The sun grew dark with mystery,
The morn was cold and chill,
As the shadow of a cross arose
Upon a lonely hill.
And once again the scene was changed,
New earth there seemed to be.
I saw the Holy City
Beside the tideless sea.
The light of God was on its streets,
The gates were open wide,
And all who would might enter,
And no one was denied.
No need of moon or stars by night,
Or sun to shine by day;
It was the new Jerusalem
That would not pass away.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 11: 1-11

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
All 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.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Laura J. Ahrens

Silence for reflection.

CONFIRMATION HYMN: # 297 "Descend O Spirit, Purging Flame"

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PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation.

or I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

or I present these persons who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

All We will.

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

All I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

All I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their *hearts* to your grace and truth.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

FOR CONFIRMATION: Davonte Shared Griffith, Dinaka Nneka Onoh, Jordan Fletcher Moore Thomas, Jonathan Osinachi Ude

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says:

Bishop Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life.

All Amen.

FOR RECEPTION: Suzanne Lee Nichols Blancaflor, Bruce William Wazorko BCP P. 418

Bishop *N.*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you.

All Amen.

FOR REAFFIRMATION: George Alan Chien, Nancy Crandall, Deborah Metzger Hamer, Barbara Dean Morton

Bishop *N.*, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom.

All Amen.

Bishop Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY: #516 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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. 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: S124

David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven 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 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

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.

All

AMEN.

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: from the *Trinity Service*

Landman

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sac - ri - ficed for us

People There - fore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. We are called to be the Body of Christ in the world: Behold what you are.
All May be become what we receive.

SECOND FRACTION ANTHEM: #S-170

adapted by Mason Martens

Antiphon
Cantor; then All

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

Cantor

1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven
 and gives life to the world. [Ant.] 2. Who - ev - er
 believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread
 which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

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 or bishop, indicating this by crossing your arms over your chest.

AGNUS DEI

William Byrd

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: # 168 "O Sacred Head"

Passion Chorale

CHORALE: Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

Johann Cruger

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered.
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.

Narrator When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

Judas “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

Narrator But they said,

Chief Priests “What is that to us? See to it yourself.”

Narrator Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

Chief Priests “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.”

Narrator After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.” 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,

People “Barabbas.”

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

Narrator All of them said,

People “Let him be crucified!”

Narrator Then he asked,
Pilate “Why, what evil has he done?”
Narrator But they shouted all the more,
People **“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,
People **“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,
Soldiers “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.
Members of the Congregation rise, as able, 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,
People **“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,
Chief Priests “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,
People **“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,
People **“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”**
Narrator Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. *(Pause.)*

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,

Chief Priests “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 BLESSING

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

All Amen.

Please depart in silence.
You are invited to take one of the nail necklaces as you leave
as a tangible reminder of Jesus’ passion during the week.
You are invited to bring that nail with you to the
7:30 p.m. Good Friday service when it will bear witness to our own sinfulness.

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