

Holy Week 2017

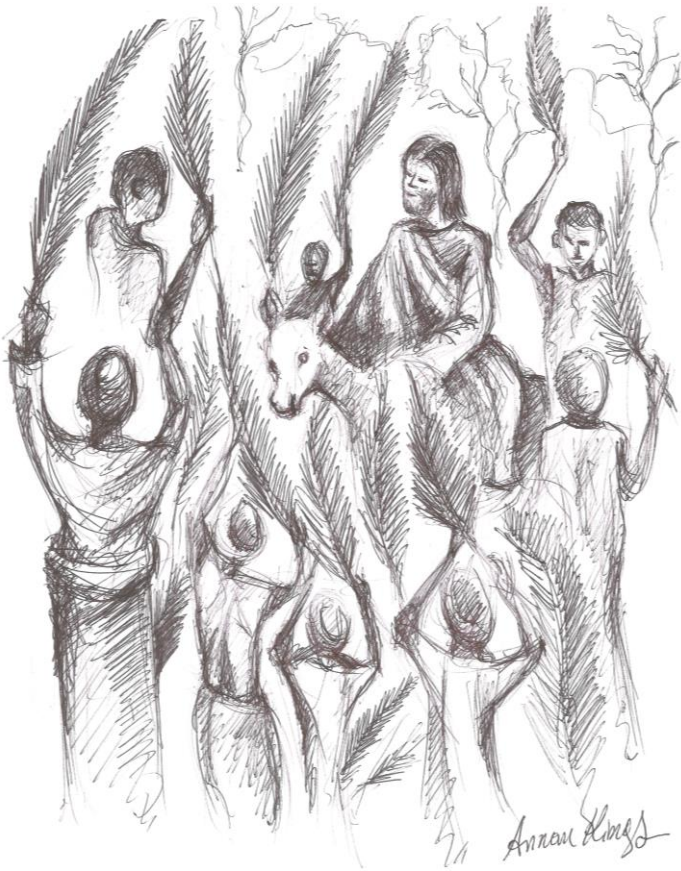
This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations. . . Genesis 9:12

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 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, so we may join the Risen Christ when we celebrate His resurrection on Easter Day.

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



Artwork: Georges Kingsley

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING +

Vergers:

10:00 a.m. Ray Wilson
Roy McAlpine

Acolytes:

10:00 a.m. Shquia Thomas
Kachi Onoh
Jordan Thomas
Malik Thomas
Tro Moo
Elizabeth Rousseau, Thurifer

Altar Guild:

8:00 a.m. Diane Bowens-Waller
10:00 a.m. Kitty Peterson
Louisa Cummings

Ministers of Communion:

8:00 a.m. Basil Bennett
10:00 a.m. Fred Bohlen
Jake Troiano
Marcus Clark
Shakeem Williams

Flowers:

Percy Williamson

Readers:

8:00 a.m. Cecelia Timothy
10:00 a.m. Anne Green
Percy Williamson

Intercessors:

8:00 a.m. Cecelia Timothy
10:00 a.m. Peter Vreeland

Lay Leader Host:

10:00 a.m. Kitty Peterson
Clement Mogor

Ushers:

10:00 a.m. Carla Griffith
Marcia Lee
Jordan Thomas
Malik Thomas

Duncaster & Eucharistic Visitor:

Al Shuckra

Hospitality:

Claire Blissett
Fred Bohlen
Emily Bohlen
Penny Pearson, fruit



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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 & HEALING PRAYERS

Those desiring personal intercessory prayers are invited to go to the chapel after receiving Communion at the 10:00 a.m. service, where a member of the Chapel Prayer Team will pray with you. Also at the 10:00 a.m. service, those wishing prayers for healing of body, mind or spirit are invited to pray with members of our healing team stationed in the south aisle in front of the baptistery.

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.

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 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

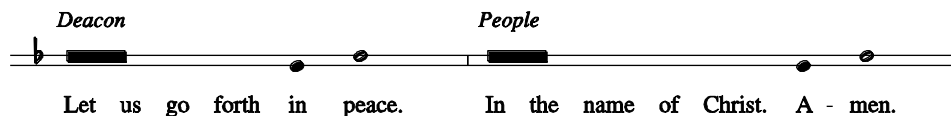
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

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



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: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection.

Please stand for the Psalm.

PSALM: 24

Samuel Wesley



- 1 The earth is the LORD'S and / all that is / in it, *
the world and / all who / dwell there/in.
- 2 For it is he who founded it up/on the / seas *
and made it firm upon the / rivers / of the / deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the / hill of the / LORD? *
and who can / stand in his / holy / place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a / pure / heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, ✓
nor / sworn by / what is a / fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a / blessing from the / Lord *
and a just reward from the / God of / their sal/vation."
- 6 Such is the generation of / those who / seek him, *
of those who seek your / face, O / God of / Jacob.



- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; ✓
lift them high, O ever/lasting / doors; *
and the King of / glory / shall come / in.
- 8 “Who is this / King of / glory?” *
“The LORD, strong and mighty, ✓
the / Lord, / mighty in / battle.”
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; ✓
lift them high, O ever/ lasting / doors; *
and the King of / glory / shall come / in.
- 10 “Who is he, this / King of / glory?” *
“The LORD of hosts, / he is the / King of / glory.”

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: *The Holy City*

Stephen Adams

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.

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: Matthew 21:1-11

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick

Silence for reflection.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form II

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Members of the congregation are asked to observe the periods of silence following each petition. All are invited to offer their own petitions and thanksgivings following the prayers for those who have died.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishops Ian and Laura; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

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

Silence

Intercessor 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

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

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the repose of souls of Christine Green, and for Hartford's 2017 homicide victims especially Oscar Salgado, Keon Huff, Stephen Payne, William Prieto, Desmond Wright, and their families We also pray for those who will die this week, that they may meet their Lord in faith and hope.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation are invited to ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

People (optional) I ask your prayers for _____.

I ask your thanksgiving for _____.

Silence

Intercessor 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 offers a concluding prayer.

THE PEACE

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **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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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

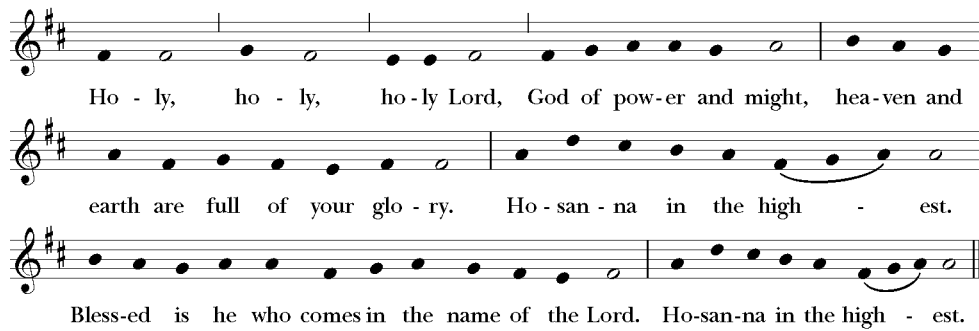
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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. *(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:



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."

All 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 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.
AMEN.

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

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

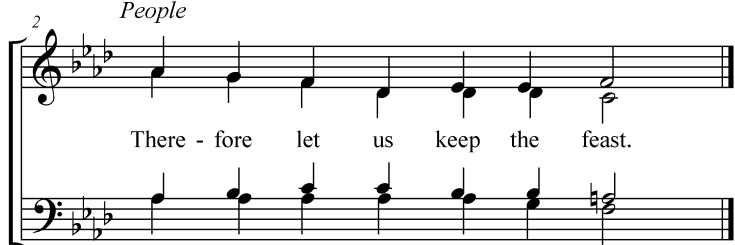
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Celebrant



Christ our Passover is sac - ri - ficed for us

People

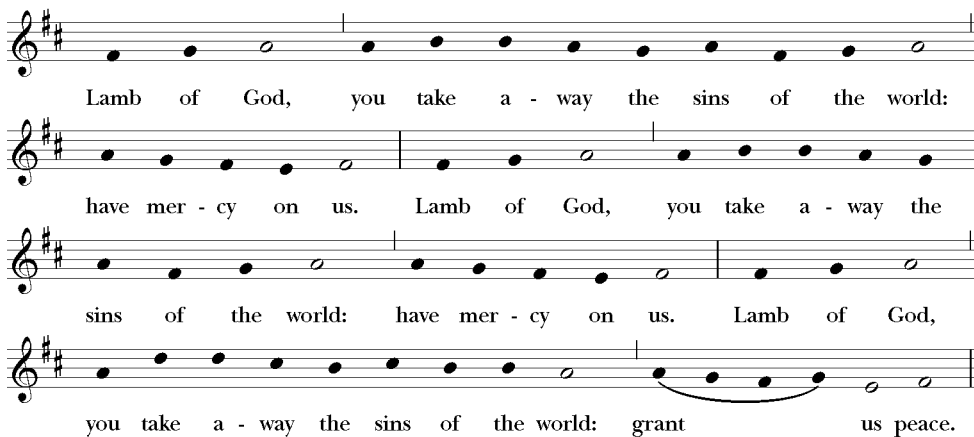


There - fore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant Behold what you are.
All May be become what we receive.

AGNUS DEI: S161

David Hurd



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

THE COMMUNION

Please be seated. If you are not prepared 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 ANTHEM: *Ride on King, Jesus*

Arr. Moses Hogan

Ride on King Jesus
Ride on the conquering king
Oh ride on King Jesus, ride on
No man no can a hinder thee
Oh ride on King Jesus

Jesus is the prince, prince of peace
No man no can a hinder thee
Oh ride on king Jesus-
Ride on just ride on Jesus
Ride on King Jesus Ride on

Ride on the conquering king
Ooh ride on King Jesus, ride on
No man no can a hinder thee.
He's the king, lord of all
No man no can a hinder thee Jesus is the
first and he's the last
Jesus is the Lord, Lord of Lords

No man no can a hinder thee
Oh ride on King Jesus
Ride on just ride on Jesus
Ride on King Jesus
Ride on just ride on Jesus
Ride on King Jesus ride on
Ride on Jesus-

COMMUNION HYMN: # 458 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

Love Unknown

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 PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 26:14-27:66

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 One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

Judas "What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?"

Narrator They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

Disciples "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

Narrator He said,

Jesus “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’”

Narrator So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

Jesus “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

Narrator And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

Disciples “Surely not I, Lord?”

Narrator He answered,

Jesus “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

Narrator Judas, who betrayed him, said,

Judas “Surely not I, Rabbi?”

Narrator He replied,

Jesus “You have said so.”

Narrator While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

Jesus “Take, eat; this is my body.”

Narrator Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

Jesus “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

Narrator When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”

Narrator Peter said to him,

Peter “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.”

Narrator Jesus said to him,

Jesus “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

Narrator Peter said to him,

Peter “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

Narrator And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

Narrator He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

Jesus “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.”

Narrator And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,
Jesus “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.”

Narrator Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,
Jesus “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Narrator Again he went away for the second time and prayed,
Jesus “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”

Narrator Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,
Jesus “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Narrator While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,
Judas “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.”

Narrator At once he came up to Jesus and said,
Judas “Greetings, Rabbi!”

Narrator and kissed him. Jesus said to him,
Jesus “Friend, do what you are here to do.”

Narrator Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,
Jesus “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?”

Narrator At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,
Jesus “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.”

Narrator Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.
Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,
People “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’”

Narrator The high priest stood up and said,
High Priest “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

Narrator But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

High Priest "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

Narrator Jesus said to him,

Jesus "You have said so. But I tell you,
From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Narrator Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?"

Narrator They answered,

People "He deserves death."

Narrator Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

Chief Priests "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

Narrator Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

Servant Girl "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

Narrator But he denied it before all of them, saying,

Peter "I do not know what you are talking about."

Narrator When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

Servant Girl This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

Narrator Again he denied it with an oath,

Peter "I do not know the man."

Narrator After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

Bystander Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."

Narrator Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter "I do not know the man!"

Narrator At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said

Jesus "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

Narrator And he went out and wept bitterly.

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 People rise, as they are 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 nails as you leave as a tangible reminder of Jesus’ passion during the week. You are also invited to bring that nail with you to the Good Friday services when we will bear witness to our own sinfulness.

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HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, April 9

8:00 a.m. Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, with choir

Preaching at both services: The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, April 12

12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

We encourage parishioners to fully participate in the Triduum, which is considered a single service walking with Jesus from the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday through his passion and death on Good Friday, and celebrating the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 13

6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with agape meal and foot washing

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Donald Hamer, Rector

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14

12:00-3:00 p.m. Asylum Hill Churches Ecumenical Service

This annual service includes eight of the Asylum Hill churches, beginning at Trinity Church at noon. Congregants can join the service at any point.

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy with Choir

This traditional service from the Book of Common Prayer includes the Liturgy of the Word, the Solemn Collects and bidding prayers, veneration of the cross, and optional reception of Communion from the reserved Sacrament.

Preaching: The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith

EASTER EVE, April 15

7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter, with choirs

Weather permitting, this service will begin in the Memorial Garden. We will be joined by our brothers and sisters from Grace Lutheran Church, Hartford. The Vigil will include the lighting of the Easter Fire and dramatic readings of scripture.

Preaching: The Rev. George A. Chien

EASTER DAY, April 16

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with sermon and hymns

9:30 a.m. Musical Prelude with the choirs

10:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist with sermon

Music for this service will be offered by the Trinity choirs, with brass, strings and timpani.

Preaching at both services: The Rev. Dr. Donald Hamer, Rector

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 Day.