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Please, Enter in Silence and Meditation



The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

This service is offered to God and to the community
that we may journey together
seeking God's Kingdom through sharing Christ's Love
one with another and with all people.

March 20, 2016

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Liturgy of the Palms

Weather permitting the congregation will gather at the Labyrinth.

The branches of palms to be carried in the procession will be distributed to the people after they are blessed.

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. *Amen.*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke *Luke 19:28-40*

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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Branches are distributed.

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.
People In the name of Christ. Amen.

During the procession, all hold palm branches in their hands and sing the processional hymn, "All glory, laud and honor," found on the next page. Please drop your palm branches in the aisle when you find a place to sit.



Processional Hymn: All glory, laud and honor.....Hymnal 154

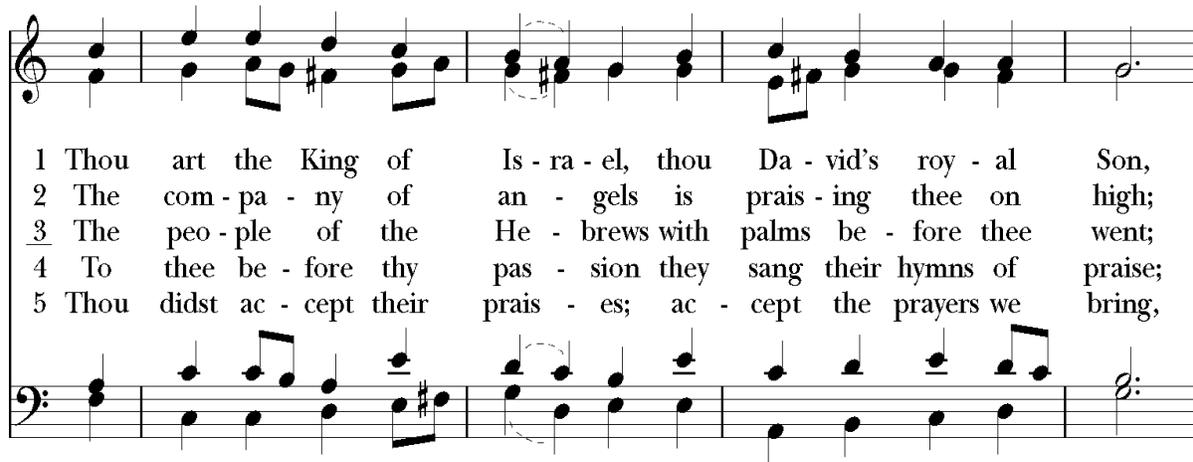
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

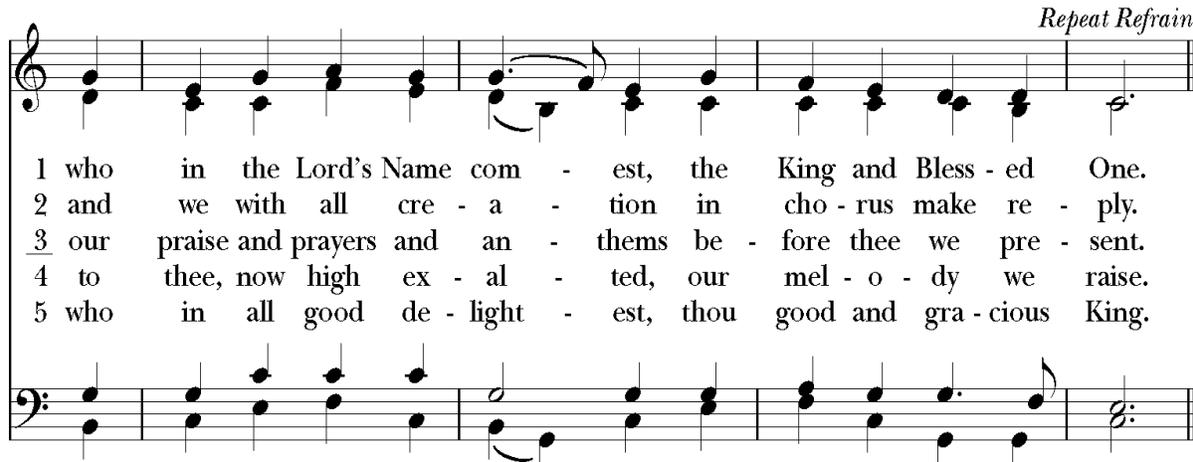


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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 stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect.....BCP 219

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A reading from the book of Isaiah 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?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16

Choir sings Antiphon first, then Congregation repeats Antiphon.

Cantor sings verses, with Choir and Congregation singing Antiphon.

Have _____ mer - cy on _____ me, _____ O _____ God.

A B

- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed. [ANT.]
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and
even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot. [ANT.]
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God." [ANT.]
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me." [ANT.]

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A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.....*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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

We all stand.

Sequence Hymn: *Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended* Hymnal 158

The Gospel.....*Luke 22:14-23:56*

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion; at the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand. The Passion Gospel will be read by different persons; the congregation is encouraged to take the part of the crowd.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Luke 22.14

- Luke: When the hour came, Jesus 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.
- Luke: 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.
- Luke: 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.
- Luke: 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!
- Luke: 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.
- Luke: And Simon Peter said to Jesus,
Peter: Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!
Luke: Jesus said,
Jesus: I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.
- Luke: Jesus said to them,
Jesus: When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?
Luke: They said,
Disciples: No, not a thing.
Luke: 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.

Luke: They said,

Disciples: Lord, look, here are two swords.

Luke: He replied,

Jesus: It is enough.

Luke: 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.

Luke: 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.

Luke: 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.

Luke: 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?

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

Disciples: Lord, should we strike with the sword?

Luke: 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!

Luke: 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!

Luke: 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 Girl: This man also was with him.

Luke: But he denied it, saying,

Peter: Woman, I do not know him.

Luke: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Servant 2: You also are one of them.

Luke: But Peter said,

Peter: Man, I am not!

Luke: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Servant 3: Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

Luke: But Peter said,
Peter: Man, I do not know what you are talking about!
Luke: 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,
Soldiers: Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?
Luke: 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,
Priests: If you are the Messiah, tell us.
Luke: Jesus 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.
Luke: All of them asked,
Priests: Are you, then, the Son of God?
Luke: He said to them,
Jesus: You say that I am.
Luke: Then they said,
Priests: What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!

Luke 23.1

Luke: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,
Priests: 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.
Luke: Then Pilate asked him,
Pilate: Are you the king of the Jews?
Luke: He answered,
Jesus: You say so.
Luke: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,
Pilate: I find no basis for an accusation against this man.
Luke: But they were insistent and said,
Priests: He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.
Luke: 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 then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: 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.

Luke: Then they all shouted out together,

Crowd: Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!

Luke: (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,

Crowd: Crucify, crucify him!

Luke: 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.

Luke: 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?

All Stand

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

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

Priests: He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

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

Soldiers: If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

Luke: 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,

Criminal 1: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Luke: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2: 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.

Luke: Then he said,

Criminal 2: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Luke: Jesus replied,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Luke: 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.

Luke: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: Certainly this man was innocent.

Luke: 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.

Luke 23.49

Luke: 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.

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The Sermon..... The Rev. Preston Weatherly

Moment of Quiet

Prayers of the People: Form II Prayer Book 385

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

Silence

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

Silence

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

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.

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

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

Collect

Confession and Absolution BCP 360

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant

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

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Offertory

We offer in gratitude what God has given us to spread the Good News and support our common life.

Offertory Hymn: *And now, O Father*.....Hymnal 337

You are invited to stand as our gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought to the altar.

The Great Thanksgiving.....Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

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, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

SanctusS-114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel, then the Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.

The Great Amen: S-147



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

People and Celebrant

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 BreadBCP 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: O Lamb of God S157

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

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

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Communicant Amen.]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Communicant Amen.]

The Communion of the People

All who seek God's blessing are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you are not yet baptized, or do not wish to receive for any reason, cross your arms over your chest and you will be given a blessing. All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to enroll as a candidate for Holy Baptism please contact the church office or the Rev. John Soard.

Communion Music: "The Old Rugged Cross "

Jan Harrington, Saxophone

Arr. by John Carter

Communion Anthem: "Lamb of God"St. Thomas' Choir

Words and Music by Nikolaus Decius

Arranged by Marie Pooler

Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient still and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer;
Our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!

Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient still and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer;
Our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus!
Amen, amen, amen.

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Communion Hymn: O sacred head, sore woundedHymnal 168

Postcommunion Prayer.....BCP 366

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

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.

Blessing

Final Hymn: *When I survey the wondrous cross*.....Hymnal 474

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

To continue our celebration this morning everyone is invited to the Parish Hall after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday - 10:30 am - April 14

Maundy Thursday - 6:30 pm - April 18

Good Friday - 5:00 pm - April 19

Easter Sunday - 10:30 am - April 21

Announcements

Easter Flower Dedications - Easter flower dedication envelopes are in the narthex of the church. You can give Easter lilies in honor of, in memory of, or in thanksgiving of someone or something. Please turn them in by April 17.

Lenten Series and Soup Dinners - Please join us for soup, salad, and a Bible study on Wednesday evenings 5:30 - 7:00 during Lent. We will be working through a Missional Bible Study designed to grow missional communities. Missional communities are spiritual and relational outpost and are another way for us to live out the Great Commission. We have a sign in sheet in the parish hall for soup, salad, and bread.

Team Rubicon Meal Train - There is a signup sheet in the parish hall to provide meals for Team Rubicon. If you can help out, please sign up. For more information contact Amber Barbee.

Episcopal Church Women - If you are interested in joining the Episcopal Church Women's group of St. Thomas' see the signup sheet in the parish hall. For more information contact Amber Barbee.

Stations of the Cross - We will have the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 19, at 12 noon, led by Mary Agnes Grissom. The church will be open until 3:00 pm for those who wish to do Stations of the Cross on their own. Copies of the readings will be in the Narthex.

Easter Special Coffee Hour - Everyone is invited to bring something special to share for the Easter Coffee Hour on April 21.

Flowering of the Cross - Children will be invited to put flowers on the cross on the altar during the Easter Sunday service. Feel free to bring flowers to decorate the cross.

Easter Egg Hunt - We will have our traditional Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday after coffee hour. Volunteers are needed to stuff plastic Easter eggs with candy, coins, and/or toys/trinkets/stickers. BE CREATIVE! Please turn in your stuffed eggs by 10:30 am on Easter Sunday morning at the Parish hall. Also, please don't forget your Easter baskets for the hunt. Contact: Amber Barbee

Maundy Thursday Vigil in the Chapel - Signup sheets are in the parish hall for the Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil. There are hourly shifts beginning at 8:00 pm and ending at 11:00 am on Good Friday.

Donations for Sierra Leone - If anyone has anything to donate to Fr. George for a container going to Africa, please bring it to St. Thomas' youth room by Holy Week. Fr. George will be with us that week. Thank you!

Prayer List

Lopez Family- Pray for comfort and peace on the loss of our father Daimus Lopez.

Kyle Reid - Pray for healing.

Kay Bollom - Pray for successful treatment and healing.

Sara Lopez - Pray for complete healing from hip surgery.

Alan Wilbeck - Pray for comfort and peace during terminal cancer.

Marcial Sorrel - Pray for complete healing from stroke.

Cheryl Webster - Pray for healing from spine surgery and walking again.

Barbara Grosser - Pray for healing and comfort from cancer.