# The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday Year C

April 10, 2022

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The people gather in the parish hall so that all may process into the church.

## **Announcements**

# **Liturgy of the Palms**

The people standing as they are able, the Presider says

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

The Presider then continues

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**.

# 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 one 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."

The Presider then says the following blessing

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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**.

*Presider* Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

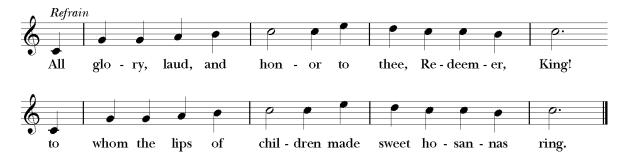
The people will process as they are able, from the parish hall into the church, all holding palm branches in their hands.

# **Processional Hymn**

Hymnal 154

All Glory Laud and Honor

All halt after v.3 for the Collect on p.3 to be prayed.





All halt while this Collect is prayed.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The procession then continues and the people may go to their places in the pews.

# **Collect of the Day**

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

Presider Let us pray.

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

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

Remain seated.

#### Psalm 31:9-16

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \* my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly. <sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \* my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \* I am as useless as a broken pot. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \* I have said, "You are my God.

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; \* rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>Make your face to shine upon your servant, \* and in your loving-kindness save me."

## **Second Reading**

Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

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.

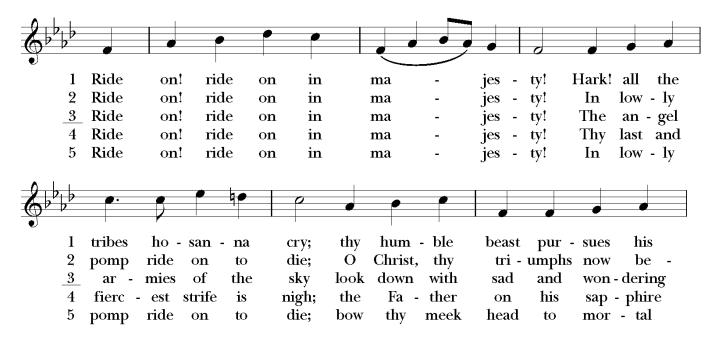
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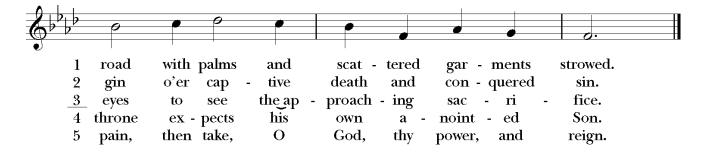
All stand as they are able.

## **Sequence Hymn**

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

Hymnal 156





All may then be seated for the reading of the Passion Gospel.

# The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. vv.22:39-23:56

Jesus 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, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." 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, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

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, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" 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, "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!"

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, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" 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, "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" 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, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "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." All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

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

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 him, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see Jesus 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, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (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, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "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." 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, "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?"

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, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 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, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "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." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath, they rested according to the commandment.

## **Homily**

#### **Nicene Creed**

Presider Let us proclaim the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed.

Presider and People

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

Remain standing as you are able.

Presider Sisters and brothers, are we not wholly reliant on God's tender love and mercy? So let us cry out to our Lord, saying, "Look upon us in mercy; and with compassion remember us."

Intercessor Have mercy on your Church, O Lord, for the times and the ways we have denied you. We have not been humble as you are humble. We are too often quick to speak, and slow to love. Look with kindness on our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. Bless all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at St Paul's, Lansing, and St John the Baptist, Bonao, in the Dominican Republic; those in The Church of North India United, and for all the members of Christ's body. Look upon us in mercy; and with compassion remember us.

Silence is kept.

*Intercessor* Have mercy on those who hold authority in the all the nations of the world, O Lord, especially those who are threatened by your message of love and mercy. Forgive us for our silence and complicity. Look upon us in mercy; **and with compassion remember us.** 

Silence is kept.

*Intercessor* Have mercy on all who are called to be stewards of your creation, O Lord. We have exploited and mistreated your masterpiece. Teach us to love what you have called good. Look upon us in mercy; **and with compassion remember us.** 

Silence is kept.

*Intercessor* Have mercy on our enemies, O Lord, and on those who persecute us. Teach us to walk in the love and the way of Jesus, who from the cross prayed, "Father, forgive them." Look upon us in mercy; **and with compassion remember us.** 

Silence is kept.

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Merciful Lord, you became obedient to death, even death upon a cross. Even as you have shared our mortality, mercifully grant us to share in your resurrection. We remember before

you those who have died	[especially	_].	Look upor	us	in	mercy; and	with		
compassion remember us.									

Silence is kept.

Presider Gracious God, your Son Jesus endured mockery, pain, and death in order to reveal to us your power that overcomes evil with love, and brings life out of death; guide and guard us in our earthly pilgrimage, that we may gladly share in his passion and be raised with him into your glory, who with the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, forever and ever. **Amen**.

#### **Confession of Sin**

All kneel as they are able.

The Presider says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark* 12:29-31

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Presider 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.

A Priest stands and says

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 the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

#### **Peace**

All stand as they are able.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

#### **Announcements**

# **Holy Communion**

The Presider then says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14* 

#### The People then are seated.

The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

#### **Offertory Hymn**

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The people remain standing.

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The people remain standing as they are able.

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

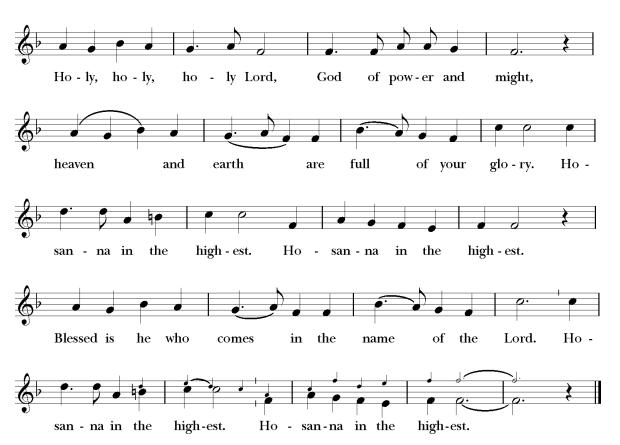
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### The Presider proceeds

It is our joy and destiny to praise you, Lord God,
for in wondrous love, you cast stars into space,
and in meek obedience, your Son surrendered to cruel nails.
With loving-kindness, you called your people in Abraham,
and in covenant with Moses, you bound up your life in theirs.
Through exile, you stayed close to them
and in Jesus, you came among them
bearing the fullness of grace and truth.
Your Son Jesus faced rejection, cruelty, and death,
yet in resurrection, you exalted him,
and in sending your Spirit, you shed glory on all people.
And so we rejoice with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
singing the song of your unending praise:

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The people stand or kneel as they are able.

The Presider continues

"Hosanna" is our cry, Blessed One.

Your Son comes on a donkey in your name.

As Jesus entered Jerusalem to bear our sorrows and suffer for our sins, enter our hearts, and confront our waywardness today.

Send your + Holy Spirit upon us,

that we may be your Son's crucified and risen body.

Send your Spirit upon this bread that it may be living bread, and upon this wine, that it may be the cup of salvation, that together they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

"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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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#### Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Humble God, your Son did not exploit his status, but emptied himself. Pour out your Spirit on all who are exploited, in world or church, on all who are humbled, by state, or employer, or family member, on all who are emptied of hope, faith, or love.

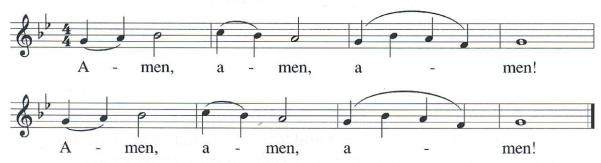
As you highly exalted your Son who had become a slave,

highly exalt your children who suffer for righteousness, or grieve those they have cherished,

or bend the knee to one who does not honor them.

Fill the earth with your justice and peace,

until every heart shall sing, and every tongue confess that you are the joy of their desiring, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God, in all ages and forevermore.



The Presider then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Presider

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.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast.** 

# **Invitation to the Table**

The Presider says

Come to this table, not because you must, but because you may, not because you are strong, but because you are weak.

Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come, but because you need mercy and help.

Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more.

Come, because he loved you, and gave himself for you.

Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

## **Post-Communion Hymn**

# Hymnal 337



 $After\ Communion,\ the\ Presider\ says$ 

## Let us pray.

Presider and People

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 Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Blessing**

A priest blesses the people, saying

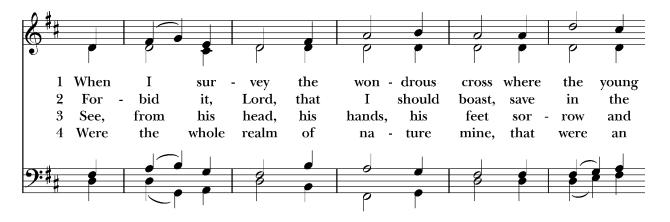
Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

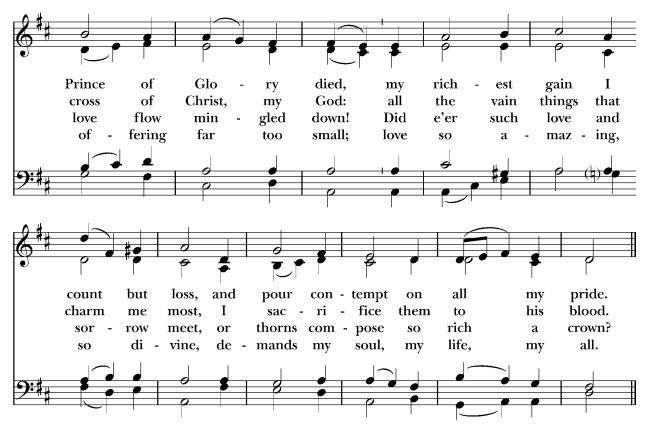
And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

# **Concluding Hymn**

Hymnal 474

When I survey the wondrous cross





#### **Dismissal**

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

April 14 Maundy Thursday: Agapé Meal and Table Eucharist 7:00 pm

- 15 Good Friday: Stations of the Cross, 12 noon; Eucharist, 7:00pm
- 17 Easter Day: the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ Holy Eucharist 10:00 am

#### **Upcoming Commemorations**

April 10 William Law, Priest, 1761; and,

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin: Scientist and Military Chaplain, 1955

- 11 George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop, 1878
- 12 Adoniram Judson: Missionary to Burma, 1850
- 14 Edward Thomas Demby, 1957, and Henry Beard Delany, 1928: Bishops

- 15 Damien, Priest, 1889 and Marianne Cope, Monastic, 1918 of Hawaii
- 16 Mary (Molly) Brant (Konwatsijayenni):

Witness to the Faith among the Mohawks, 1796



#### Palm Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion

"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."

Today is the first day of Holy Week and the last Sunday in Lent, known as Palm Sunday or the Sunday of the Passion. The day

begins by marking Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Many churches participate in the Liturgy of the Palms, first offered in The Episcopal Church in the 1960 *Book of Offices*. In this liturgy, the celebrant blesses palms or other branches, and, following a reading from the Gospels, leads the congregation in procession into their church—often singing "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" or "Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!"

This liturgy evokes the early observances of Palm Sunday. According to Armentrout and Slocum's *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church* (Church Publishing, 2000), by the year 381, the faithful would process from the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem, waving palm or olive branches. As they processed, they sang songs from Scripture – including the exultant antiphon of Psalm 118 sung at Christ's entrance into the city: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

When the Palm Sunday service includes the Eucharist, the Liturgy of the Palms is followed by the salutation and the collect of the day. Afterward, the tone of the service shifts noticeably. In contrast to the earlier song of joy, Psalm 31, appointed for today, cries, "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." The Gospel reading is likewise sorrowful, recalling the events of Jesus' Passion (that is, the events and suffering before and during his death). Still, we are reminded throughout the difficult days ahead that this is *not* the end of the story.

Despite the Savior's death on the cross, he promises to rise again. The Man of Sorrows remains the one at whose name, "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" (Philippians 2:10-11).

Collect for the Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

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 (Book of Common Prayer, p. 219).

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