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PALM SUNDAY

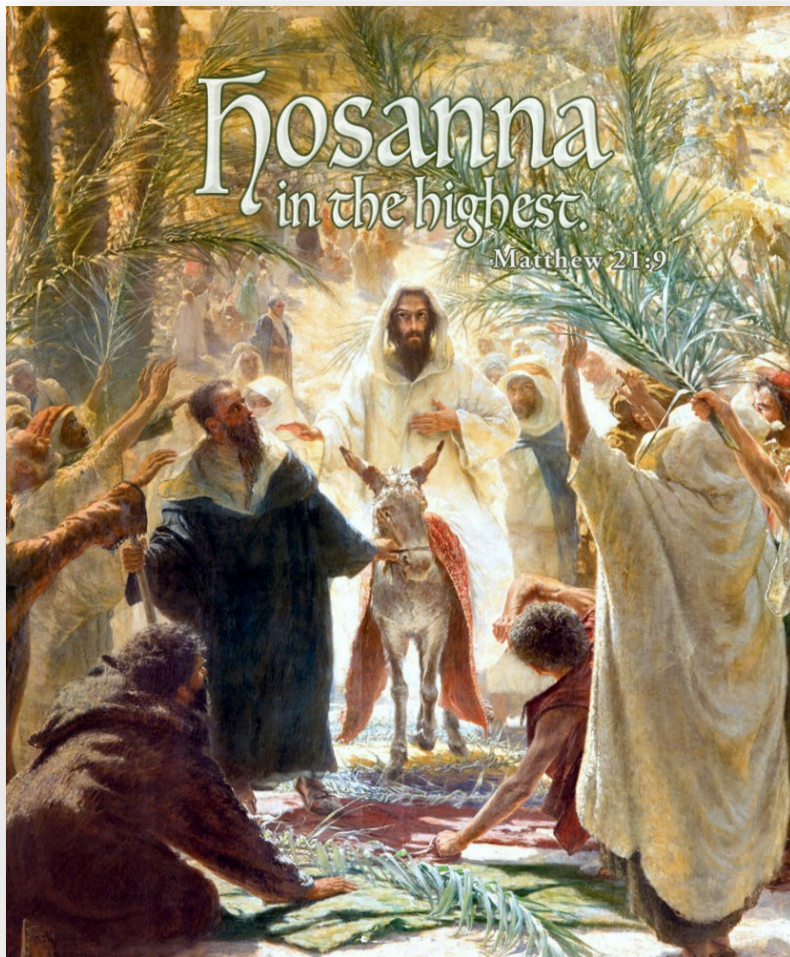
*Hosanna:*

BLESSED  
IS THE KING!

JOHN 12:13

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# BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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## **Worship Schedule:**

Holy Week—see inner back cover  
Sunday 9:00 am - Holy Mass (w/livestream)

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## **PALM SUNDAY 'C'**

### **April 13, 2025**

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**Greeter:** Rick Radzyninski

**Cantor:** Mikaela Hoefer

**Passion:** Don Dross, Dick Mossey

**Trustees:** Zofia, Justine

#### **Mass Intentions:**

Sun. April 13 - **In Memory of †Dawn Amick** (req. by Patti & Dick Mossey).

Sun. April 20 - **For Parishioners and online Participants.**

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## The Liturgy of the Palms

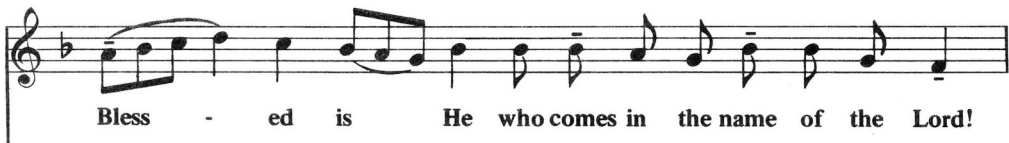
STAND

C. Dear friends in Christ,  
for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing,  
by works of charity and self-sacrifice,  
for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery.  
Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration  
in union with the whole Church throughout the world.  
Christ entered in triumph into His own city,  
to complete His work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again.  
Let us remember with devotion this entry  
which began His saving work  
and follow Him with a lively faith.  
United with Him in His suffering on the cross,  
may we share His resurrection and new Life.

*Celebrant sings:*



*Choir continues:*



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C: The Lord be with you.

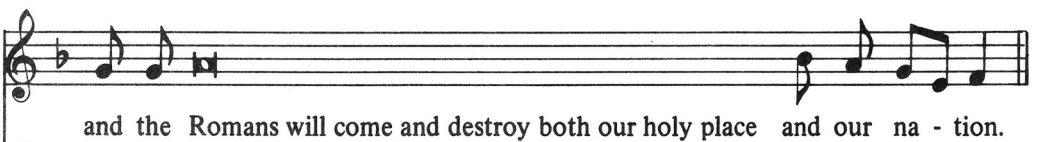
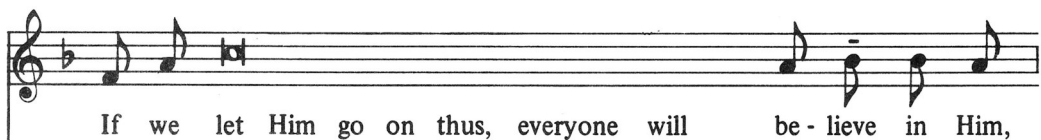
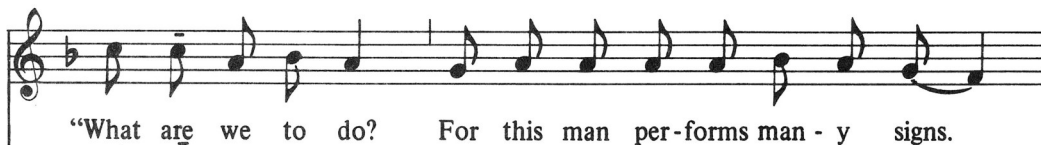
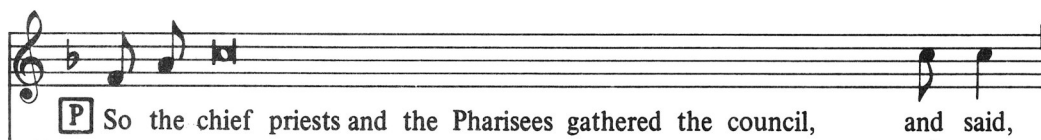
R/. **And also with you.**

C: Let us pray:

O God, Whom to honor and love perfectly is righteousness,  
increase in us Your holy grace;  
so that this sacred ceremony  
may remind us of the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ  
into earthly Jerusalem,  
and most of all serve towards our own sanctification and eventual entry  
into Your heavenly Jerusalem.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.

R/. **Amen.**

*Celebrant sings:*



But one of them, Caiaphas,  
who was high priest that year, said to them,  
"You know nothing at all; you do not understand  
that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people  
and that the whole nation should not perish."  
So from that day on they took counsel how to put Him to death,  
for as they said:  
"The Romans will come and destroy our holy place and our nation."

*Celebrant blesses the palm branches:*

C. Let us pray.

O God,  
Who did ordain that the multitude of Israel's believing people  
should honor with a tumultuous joy the Savior before His sacred passion,  
and did inspire the crowd  
to spread branches of olive trees and palms in the way,  
and to sing "Hosanna" in His praise;  
grant that we, bearing these palms, the symbol of victory over evil,  
and the gifts of the Holy Spirit within our hearts,  
may go forth to wage incessant war  
against the forces of evil, depravity, and falsehood;  
and so guided through life in the way of light, truth, and justice,  
we may enter into everlasting glory.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with You,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.

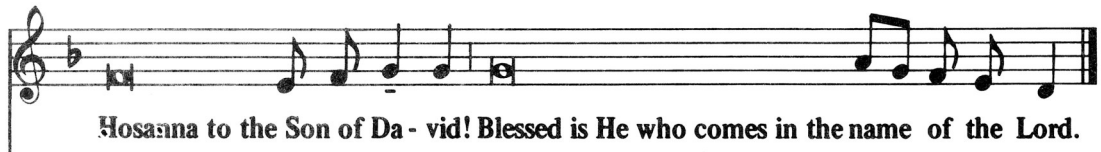
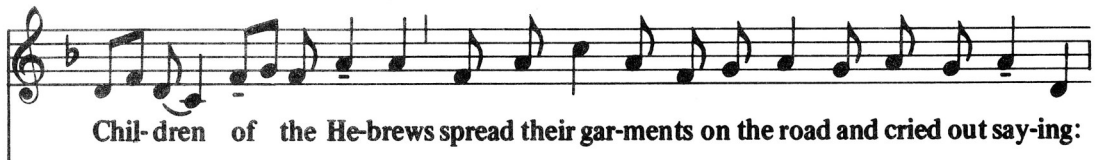
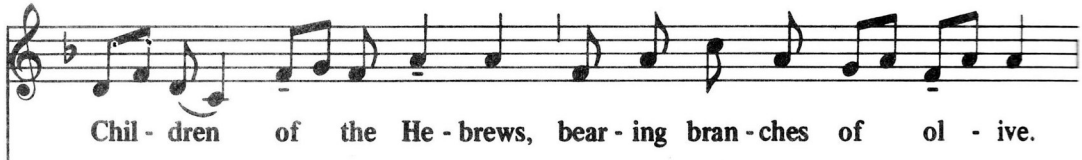
**R/. Amen.**



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## DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS

*During the distribution,  
the antiphon "Children of the Hebrews" is sung by the choir and people*



*Then, the hymn 'Sent from High Heaven' (verses 1-5, see next page) is repeated  
until all of the palms have been distributed.*





## Sent From High Heaven



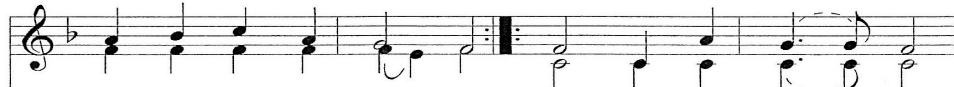
1. Sent from high heav-en Christ ful-fills His mis-sion,  
 2. "Two hence to vil-lage, hur-ry do not fal-ter;  
 3. The two dis-ci-ples did as Christ had bid-den.



T'ward Je-ru-sa-lem strides with pre-mo-ni-tion,  
 There find a don-key har-nessed and with hal-ter.  
 They placed the Lord on colt 'till now un-rid-den.



Star-tles Dis-ci-ples when at Beth-phage's bor-der,  
 Un-tie the an-i-mal and her colt un-teth-er;  
 Ex-ci-ted crowds climb trees, palms and branch-es hew-ing,



Is-sues this strange or-der: 4. Stirred by the Spir-it,  
 Bring them here to-geth-er." 5. We bid Thee wel-come,  
 These be-fore Him strew-ing. 6. With joy-ful tri-umph  
 7. Be-fore God's heav'nly throne



chil-dren raise glad voi-ces: "Christ", "King", "Ho-san-na",  
 God's own Son and Sav-ior, Prom-ised by proph-ets,  
 join we Christ's pro-ces-sion. "Hail, roy-al Vic-tor",  
 our hearts out-pour-ing, Where choirs of an-gels



Is-ra-el re-joy-ces, From sin and might of sin,  
 man-kind's Lib-er-a-tor. Thou whose re-demp-tive task  
 give we loud ex-pres-sion, Our mor-tal voi-ces,  
 nev-er cease a-dor-ing, Thou, Who in Sac-ra-ment,



man's e-man-ci-pa-tion, Heav-en-sent sal-va-tion.  
 con-quer'd man's en-slav-er, Re-stored him God's fa-vor.  
 now t'wards heav-en blend-ing, Sing-ing praise un-end-ing.  
 day and night a-bid-est, To Thy death now rid-est.

*When the distribution of palms is completed, holding the adorned palm branch,  
the celebrant stands at the foot of the altar and faces the people*

C. Let us go forth in peace.

STAND

R/. In the name of Christ. Amen.

- The procession forms behind the crucifer through the nave of the church while Verses 6 & 7 of the hymn "**Sent From High Heaven**" (middle of page 5) are sung.*

**DURING THE PROCESSION ALL REMAIN STANDING**

- The crucifer leads the priest to the vestibule and the doors are closed,  
with the Celebrant behind the doors.*

*The celebrant and choir/people alternately sing the antiphon*

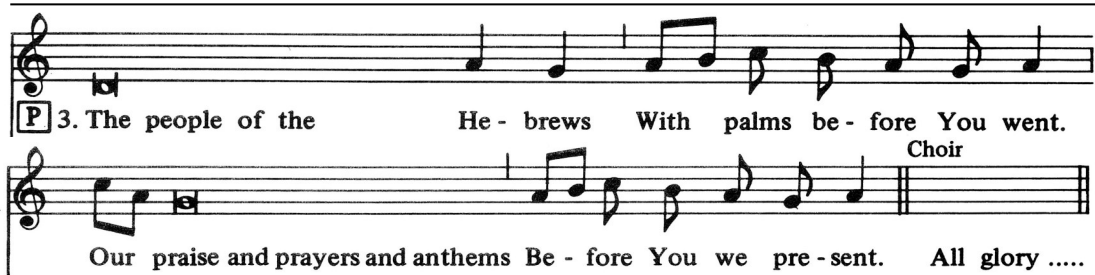
**"All Glory, Laud, and Honor".**

STAND

[P] All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, To You, Re-deem - er, King!  
(Choir repeats)  
To Whom the lips of chil - dren Madesweet ho - san - nas ring.

[P] 1. You are the King of Is - ra - el, And Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
Choir:  
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Bles - sed One. All glory .....

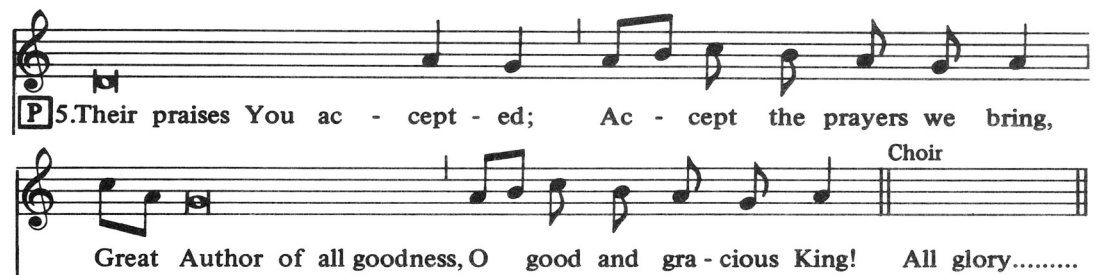
[P] 2. The company of an - gels Are prais - ing you on high;  
Choir  
Cre - a - tion and all mortals In chor - us make re - ply. All glory ..



**P** 3. The people of the He - brews With palms be - fore You went.  
 Our praise and prayers and anthems Be - fore You we pre - sent. All glory .....



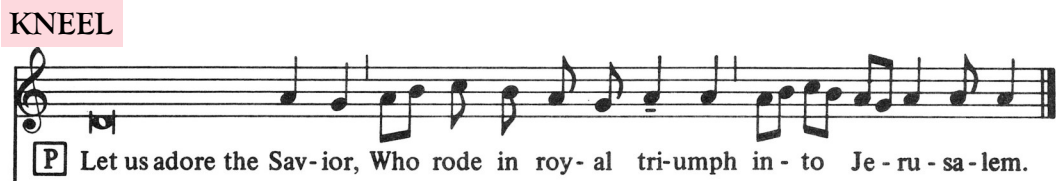
**P** 4. To You, before Your Pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise.  
 To You, now high exalted, Our mel - o - dy we raise. All glory .....



**P** 5. Their praises You ac - cept - ed; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,  
 Great Author of all goodness, O good and gra - cious King! All glory.....

- STAND**
- The celebrant knocks on the door three times with the shaft of the cross. It is opened and the celebrant enters the body of the church.
  - When the celebrant reaches the center of the aisle, the procession kneels and the celebrant sings:

**KNEEL**



**P** Let us adore the Sav - ior, Who rode in roy - al tri - umph in - to Je - ru - sa - lem.

The choir repeats the Opening Antiphon.

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*The celebrant and the procession rise and proceed to the altar step area.  
The celebrant places the Crucifix with a palm branch on a pillow and sings three times:*

## KNEEL

- C. “It is written: ‘They shall strike the Shepherd  
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.  
But after I am resurrected I will go before you to Galilee .  
There you shall see Me,’ says the Lord.” (Mt 26:31-32)



**P** “It is writ - ten: They shall strike the Shep - herd  
and the sheep of the flock will be scat - tered.  
But after I am resurrected I will go be - fore you to Gal - i - lee.  
There you shall see Me,’ says the Lord.”

**This concludes the Procession of Palm Sunday.**

*Holy Mass now begins with the **Opening Hymn** (see next page).*





## OPENING HYMN

STAND

### ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

ST. THEODULPH



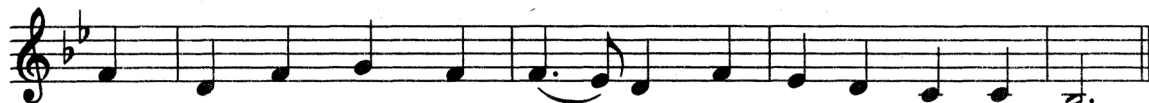
1-5. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem-er King!



1-5. To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho-san-nas ring.



1. You are the King of Is - ra - el, And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing you on high;
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore you went:
4. To you be - fore your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise:
5. Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



1. Now in the Lord's Name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
2. And mor - tals, joined with all things Cre - a - ted, make re - ply.
3. Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
4. To you, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
5. Great source of love and good - ness, Our Sav - ior and our King.

Text: 76 76 D; Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 760–821; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt., *Hymnal Noted*, 1854.

Music: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635.



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**STAND****INTRODUCTORY RITE**

- C. In the name of the Father + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
R/. Amen.
- C. Lord, bless us with the wisdom to praise You in spirit and in truth,  
so that by following Your holy will we may gain eternal salvation.  
R/. Amen.

**KNEEL****The Penitential Rite**

*The celebrant invites the congregation to join in the prayer of Confession.  
Those who wish to receive communion examine their consciences  
during a moment of silent reflection and evoke a spirit of contrition.  
Silently they confess their sins to God.  
Then properly disposed, they join the celebrant in acknowledging their sins:*

I confess to almighty God,  
in the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
all the saints  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have sinned through my own fault  
*- striking the breast and continuing -*  
in my thoughts, in my words,  
in what I have done or failed to do.  
I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
all the saints and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord, our God .

*The celebrant assigns the penance and then imparts the absolution*

- C. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
R/. Amen.

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C. May our Lord, Jesus Christ absolve you  
and with His authority vested in me  
I absolve you for all your sins:  
in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
R/. **Amen.**

### THE KYRIE

C. Lord, have mercy.  
R/. **Lord, have mercy.**  
C. Christ, have mercy.  
R/. **Christ, have mercy.**  
C. Lord, have mercy.  
R/. **Lord, have mercy.**

### STAND

### OPENING PRAYER

C. The Lord be with you.  
R/. **And also with you.**  
C. Let us pray:  
Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
You have given Your Son as the Savior of the human race  
and a model of humility.  
He fulfilled Your will by becoming man and giving His life on the cross.  
Guide our minds by His truth  
and strengthen our lives by the example of His death  
that we may live in union with You in the New Jerusalem.  
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
R/. **Amen.**

SIT

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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**First Reading** Is 50:4-7

SIT

**A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.**

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue,  
that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.  
Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear;  
and I have not rebelled, have not turned back.  
I gave my back to those who beat me,  
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;  
my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.  
The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced;  
I have set my face like flint,  
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

L. The Word of the Lord.

**R/. Thanks be to God.**



**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Choir: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**R/. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:  
“He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him.”

**R/. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;  
They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

**R/. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**



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They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.  
But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.  
**R/. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

I will proclaim your name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:  
“You who fear the LORD, praise him;  
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;  
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!”  
**R/. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**



### **Second Reading Phil 2:6-11**

#### **A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.  
Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance,  
he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.  
Because of this, God greatly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

L. The Word of the Lord.  
**R/. Thanks be to God**

C. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

**R/. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!**

C. Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted Him

and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name.

**R/. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!**



**Gospel** Lk 22:14–23:56

**Narrator:** The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

**SIT**

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at table with the apostles. He said to them,

Jesus: “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

Narrator: Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said,

Jesus: “Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you that from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

Narrator: Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: “This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.”

Narrator: And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,

Jesus: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you. “And yet behold, the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table; for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed.”

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Narrator: And they began to debate among themselves who among them would do such a deed. Then an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. He said to them,

Jesus: “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as ‘Benefactors’; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves. It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, 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, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers.”

Narrator: He said to him,

Speaker: “Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you.”

Narrator: But he replied,

Jesus: “I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.”

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: “When I sent you forth without a money bag or a sack or sandals, were you in need of anything?”

**Chorus: “No, nothing,”**

Narrator: they replied. He said to them,

Jesus: “But now one who has a money bag should take it, and likewise a sack, and one who does not have a sword should sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me, namely, He was counted among the wicked; and indeed what is written about me is coming to fulfillment.”

Narrator: Then they said,

**Chorus: “Lord, look, there are two swords here.”**

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Narrator: But he replied,  
Jesus: "It is enough!"  
Narrator: Then going out, he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived at the place he said to them,  
Jesus: "Pray that you may not undergo the test."  
Narrator: After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying,  
Jesus: "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done."  
Narrator: And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him. He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground. When he rose from prayer and returned to his disciples, he found them sleeping from grief. He said to them,  
Jesus: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test."  
Narrator: While he was still speaking, a crowd approached and in front was one of the Twelve, a man named Judas. He went up to Jesus to kiss him.  
Narrator: Jesus said to him,  
Jesus: "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"  
Narrator: His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked,  
**Chorus: "Lord, shall we strike with a sword?"**  
Narrator: And one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said in reply,  
Jesus: "Stop, no more of this!"  
Narrator: Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him. And Jesus said to the chief priests and temple guards and elders who had come for him,  
Jesus: "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? Day after day I was with you in the temple area, and you did not seize me; but this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness."



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Narrator: After arresting him they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest; Peter was following at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with them. When a maid saw him seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said,

**Chorus: “This man too was with him.”**

Narrator: But he denied it saying,

Speaker: “Woman, I do not know him.”

Narrator: A short while later someone else saw him and said,

**Chorus: “You too are one of them”;**

Narrator: but Peter answered,

Speaker: “My friend, I am not.”

Narrator: About an hour later, still another insisted,

**Chorus: “Assuredly, this man too was with him, for he also is a Galilean.”**

Narrator: But Peter said,

Speaker: “My friend, I do not know what you are talking about.”

Narrator: Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked at Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” He went out and began to weep bitterly. The men who held Jesus in custody were ridiculing and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying,

**Chorus: “Prophecy! [pronounced: 'prɑː.ˌfə.sɑɪ] Who is it that struck you?”**

Narrator: And they reviled him in saying many other things against him. When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said,

**Chorus: “If you are the Christ, tell us,”**

Narrator: but he replied to them,

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Jesus: "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

Narrator: They all asked,

**Chorus: "Are you then the Son of God?"**

Narrator: He replied to them,

Speaker: "You say that I am."

Narrator: Then they said,

**Chorus: "What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from his own mouth."**

Narrator: Then the whole assembly of them arose and brought him before Pilate. They brought charges against him, saying,

**Chorus: "We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Christ, a king."**

Narrator: Pilate asked him,

Speaker: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Narrator: He said to him in reply,

Jesus: "You say so."

Narrator: Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds,

Speaker: "I find this man not guilty."

Narrator: But they were adamant and said,

**Chorus: "He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to here."**

Narrator: On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; and upon learning that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated

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him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly. Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them,

Speaker: “You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.”

Narrator: But all together they shouted out,

**Chorus: “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us.”**

Narrator: Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for murder. —Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting,

**Chorus: “Crucify him! Crucify him!”**

Narrator: Pilate addressed them a third time,

Speaker: “What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.”

Narrator: With loud shouts, however, they persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices prevailed. The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted. So he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished.

## STAND

As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said,

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Jesus: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?"

Narrator: Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

Narrator: They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said,

**Chorus: "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God."**

Narrator: Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out,

**Chorus: "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself."**

Narrator: Above him there was an inscription that read. "This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,

Speaker: "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and is."

Narrator: the other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,

Speaker: "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal."

Narrator: Then he said,

Speaker: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Narrator: He replied to him,

Jesus: "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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Narrator: It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice,  
Jesus: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”;  
Narrator: and when he had said this he breathed his last.

**(Here all kneel and pause for a short time)**

Narrator: The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said,

Speaker: “This man was innocent beyond doubt.”

Narrator: When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events.

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, had not consented to their plan of action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea and was awaiting the kingdom of God. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried. It was the day of preparation, and the sabbath was about to begin. The women who had come from Galilee with him followed behind, and when they had seen the tomb and the way in which his body was laid in it, they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils. Then they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.

Narrator: The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. **Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SIT

**+++ QUIET REFLECTION +++**





C. I believe in One God,  
All: the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
I 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
He was born of the Virgin Mary (*here genuflect*)  
AND BECAME MAN.  
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of 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.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and Giver of Life  
Who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son  
He is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the + life of the world to come.  
Amen.

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C. As forgiven sinners we have been welcomed back into the family of God and receive the help of our heavenly Father whenever we turn to Him in prayer. So, let us ask for God's help now – for ourselves, the Church and the wider world.

1. For all bishops, priests, and leaders in the Church: that they may show wisdom in finding ways of forgiveness that protect those who are innocent. We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. For those who bear the responsibilities of government: May they hear and respond to God's calling for peace and reconciliation, justice and freedom from oppression. We pray to the Lord.

**R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. For the sick and all who are lonely, anxious or troubled: That they might know the love of God surrounding them with courage, peace and hope. We pray to the Lord.

**R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

4. For the parishioners of the Resurrection Church in Brooklyn NY and for ourselves: that we may never forget that forgiveness starts with those who are closest to us. We pray to the Lord.

**R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. For Dawn Amick for whom this Holy Mass is being offered, and for all the faithful departed: May they enjoy the peace and happiness of God's presence forever. We pray to the Lord.

**R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

6. For our own intentions ..... [long pause for silent prayer] .....  
**We pray to the Lord.**

C. Father, thank You that you have listened to our prayers and will answer them – not because of our goodness, but because of your merciful love. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

**R/. Amen.**

## HE WALKED UP THE HILL CALLED CALVARY

*Music & Lyrics by John Scarchilli*

He walked up the hill called Calvary,  
He did this to set us free.  
He is the Savior of my soul  
Now and forever.  
We all know..

He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane,  
Died under Pilate for all to see.  
On the cross, He was crucified.  
Mary his Mother wept and cried,  
Wept and cried.



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## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The celebrant elevates the paten with host, saying:*

- C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May it become for us the Bread of Life.

*The celebrant pours wine and water into the chalice.*

*Then takes the chalice and elevates it above the altar, saying:*

- C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation.  
Through Your goodness, we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
May it become our Spiritual Drink.

*The celebrant places the chalice on the corporal; bowing before the altar he says:*

- C. Lord God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer You with humble and contrite hearts.

*The celebrant blesses the bread and wine with his right hand, saying:*

- C. Come, Holy Spirit, and bless + this sacrifice  
which we have prepared for the glory of Your Holy Name.

*The celebrant washes his hands, then he returns to the center of the altar and continues:*

- C. Receive this offering, most Holy Trinity,  
which we make in memory of the passion, resurrection  
and ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
and in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints.  
May they, whose memory we honor on earth, intercede for us in heaven.

*Addressing the congregation with hands extended, the celebrant says:*

- C. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- R/. May the Lord accept this sacrifice from your hands,  
for the praise and glory of His name,  
for our good and for the benefit of His holy Church.**

STAND

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## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

C. Heavenly Father,  
may the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus make us pleasing to You.  
Alone we can do nothing but may this perfect sacrifice win us mercy and love.  
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ,  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**R/. Amen.**

## PREFACE OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

C. The Lord be with you.  
**R/. And also with you.**  
C. Lift up your hearts.  
**R/. We lift them up to the Lord.**  
C. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.  
**R/. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**  
  
C. Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere  
to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
  
The suffering and death of Your Son brought life to the whole world,  
moving our hearts to praise Your glory.  
  
The power of the cross  
reveals Your judgment on this world  
and the kingship of Christ crucified.  
  
Therefore, with the angels and archangels,  
with all the saints and the entire Church,  
we lift our hymn of praise to Your glory, repeating unceasingly:  
  
**R/. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed + is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II**

*The celebrant with hands extended, says:*

- C. We give thanks to You, God our Father,  
through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
Whom You have sent us as Savior, Redeemer and Messenger of Your will.  
He is Your Word, inseparable from You.  
Through Him You have made all things and in Him You were well pleased.  
You sent Him from heaven to a virgin's womb.  
There He dwelt and was made flesh.  
He was revealed as Your Son, born through the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin.  
  
When He suffered, He fulfilled Your will and gained for You a holy people.  
He stretched out His hands to free from suffering those who believed in You.  
When He was betrayed to His freely chosen suffering  
thereby to destroy death, to break the chains of darkness,  
to crush hell beneath His feet, to give light to the just,  
to make a covenant and to manifest His resurrection,  
He took bread; He gave You thanks and said:

*The celebrant takes the bread and says:*

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY  
WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.**

*The celebrant elevates the Sacred Host, then places it on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.*

*He takes the Chalice and says:*

- C. In like manner He took the cup and said:

**THIS IS MY BLOOD  
WHICH IS POURED OUT FOR YOU.  
WHENEVER YOU DO THIS,  
DO IT IN MEMORY OF ME.**

*The celebrant elevates the Chalice, then places it on the corporal and genuflects in adoration.*

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*With hands joined he says the following with the Congregation:*

**All:** Calling then His death and resurrection to mind,  
we offer You the Bread and the Cup.  
We thank You for allowing us to come before You and to serve You.

*The celebrant extends his hands over the Sacred Body and Blood, saying:*

C. We ask You to send Your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of Your holy Church to gather all in unity.  
Grant to all who partake of these Holy Mysteries  
the fullness of the Holy Spirit for the strengthening of their faith in the truth.  
So may we praise and glorify You  
through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

*Holding the Sacred Host above the chalice and elevating them the celebrant says:*

C. Through Him may glory and honor be Yours,  
with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, now and for ever and ever.  
**R/. Amen.**

## **COMMUNION RITE**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **STAND**

*The celebrant says the following introduction to the Lord's Prayer:*

C. Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy Name,  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

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*With hands extended, the celebrant says:*

- C. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil and grant us peace in our day.  
In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety,  
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*The people conclude the prayer by saying the acclamation:*

**R/. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and for ever.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

- C. The Cup of Blessing which we bless,  
is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

*The celebrant fractures the Sacred Host saying:*

- C. The Bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

**R/. Because there is one Bread, we who are many are one body,  
for we all partake of the one Bread.**

*Dropping the particle of the Host into the Chalice, the celebrant says:*

- C. May the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ  
bring us sanctification and eternal life.

**R/. Amen.**

*With hands extended the celebrant says:*

- C. Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles:  
I leave you peace, My peace I give you.  
Do not look at our sins, but on the faith of Your Church,  
and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom  
where You live for ever and ever.

**R/. Amen.**

- C. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R/. And also with you.**

- C. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*An appropriate sign of peace is made by all (in church by bowing)*

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## AGNUS DEI

*The celebrant and people say together:*

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

## COMMUNION PRAYER

C. Let us pray together:

KNEEL

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,  
by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit  
Your death brought life to the world.  
By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my sins and from every evil.  
Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.

*The celebrant takes the Sacred Host, saying:*

C. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

*The celebrant and congregation together say once:*

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive You,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

*The celebrant says:*

C. May the Body of Christ bring me to everlasting life:

*The celebrant reverently consumes the Sacred Host. Taking the Chalice, he says:*

C. May the Blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life:

*The celebrant reverently consumes the Blood of Christ.*

## THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

*Holding a Host above the ciborium, the celebrant says:*

C. This is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to the table of the Lord.

KNEEL or SIT

*Now, taking the ciborium, the celebrant distributes Holy Communion.*

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## COMMUNION HYMN

### THE UPPER ROOM

*Words by Don Besig & Nancy Price*

*Music by Don Besig*

There in a quiet upper room, they gathered together once again.  
The Master stood among the twelve He called His closest friends.  
“Soon I must leave you,” said the Lord. “My Father will call me from this place.  
Although you may not understand, my life is in His hands - I must obey.”

They sat in the silence, tears in their eyes.  
He spoke once again to ease their minds:  
“Be not afraid, do not despair. When you need me I will always be there.”

“Come, sit beside me,” said the Lord. “For here at this table, we are one.  
Come share this simple meal with me, and show that you believe I am God’s Son.  
This bread is my body broken for you. This cup is my blood which is shed for you.  
Take, now and eat. Take, now and drink. Do this always in remembrance of me.”

“Walk in my footsteps,” said the Lord. “Be steadfast in everything you do.  
And keep me always in your heart, though we may be apart, I am with you.”

## POST COMMUNION HYMN

*Words & Music by Robyn Lensch*

### Behold the Man

See them all mocking, calling Him names, some even hitting His face.  
Wearing a crown of thorns on His head, standing alone in disgrace.  
Knowing the moment had finally come to drink the cup and die.  
People were stirring, shouting aloud, “We want Him crucified!”

*Behold the Man, like a silent lamb, bearing all our shame, waiting to be slain.*  
*Behold the Man, see His side, His hands.*  
*He was crucified, for our sins He died that we might be born again.*

We like sheep have all gone astray, going our own way.  
Bound by sin and chains within, hopeless disarray.  
So the Father laid on Him our iniquity.  
Surely He has borne our grief and by His stripes we’re free! *[Refrain]*

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People still mocking, laughing at Him, some take His name in vain.  
If only they know that someday soon they'll see Him face to face.  
Every knee shall bow to Him, every tongue confess,  
"Worthy, Worthy, the Son of Righteousness."

Behold the Man! Behold the Man! Behold the Man!  
Behold the Man, now a reigning lamb, He has overcome, our salvation won.  
Behold the Man, see His side, His hands, He was crucified, and now glorified,  
That we might be born again.

Behold! Behold the Lamb glorified! Behold the Man!

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- C. Let us pray.  
All-Loving Father,  
You have satisfied our hunger with this Sacred Banquet.  
The death of Your Son gives us hope and strengthens our faith.  
May His resurrection give us perseverance and lead us to salvation.  
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ,  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
R/. **Amen.**

### FINAL BLESSING

- C. The Lord be with you.  
R/. **And also with you.**  
C. May Almighty God bless you,  
the Father + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
R/. **Amen.**  
C. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
R/. **Thanks be to God.**

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

## The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross, the a  
 2. O that old rug - ged cross, so des - pised by the world, has  
 3. In that old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine, a\_\_\_\_  
 4. To that old rug - ged cross I will e - ver be true, its\_\_\_\_

em - blem of suf - fering and shame; and I love that old cross where the  
 won - drous at - trac - tion for me; for the dear Lamb of God left his  
 won - and drous beau - ty I see, for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus  
 shame re - proach glad - ly bear; then he'll call me some day to my

dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain. So I'll che - risht the old rug - ged  
 glo - ry a - bove to his bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.  
 suf - fered and died, to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
 home far a - way, where glo - ry for - e - ver I'll share.

cross, till my tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged cross, and ex -

change it some day for a crown.



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## Announcements

*Requests for all announcements must be received by noon Wednesday each week.*

*Please contact Justine Fazziola (jfazziola@gmail.com)*

- **Thank you** to all who helped with the **Easter Food Sale** this weekend and to all those who visited us and made a purchase.
- **After Tenebrae Service on Good Friday**, the church will remain open. You are encouraged to keep Vigil for one hour in church during **the overnight watch and adoration at the Tomb**. Jesus sacrificed His life for us - can we spare some time to be with Him on this holy night? **The sign-up has been sent to all parishioners via email.**



### **SACRED TRIDUUM**

**April 17-20, 2025**

#### **HOLY THURSDAY (in person only)**

**7:00 PM** - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### **GOOD FRIDAY (in person only)**

**2:00 PM** - Stations of the Cross

**2:30 PM** - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**7:00 PM** - Tenebrae

**8:00 PM-7:00 AM** - Overnight Vigil at the Tomb

#### **HOLY SATURDAY (in person only)**

**10:00 AM** - Liturgy of Light, the Word of God & Baptismal Water

**10:45 AM** - Easter Food Baskets' Blessing

#### **EASTER SUNDAY (also live stream on FB)**

**9:00 AM** - Solemn Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord



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