



# *Palm* SUNDAY

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!*

MATTHEW 21:9 (NIV)



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## Worship Schedule:

Saturday 5:00 pm - Vigil Holy Mass

Sunday 9:00 am - Holy Mass

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**PALM SUNDAY 'A'**  
**March 29, 2026**

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**Greeter:** Bob Novak

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**Cycle of Prayer:** Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish, Wallington NJ

**Mass Intentions:**

Sun. March 29 - **In Memory of ††Bozena Sternik and Charles Dziegiel**  
(req. by Robert and Stephanie Dominy).

Sun. April 5 - **For Parishioners and online Participants.**

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## The Liturgy of the Palms

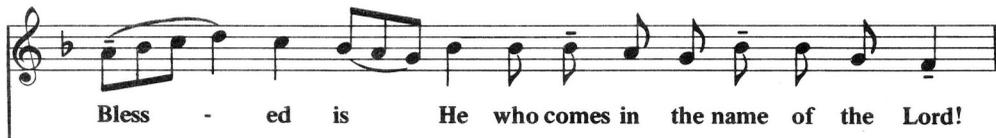
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C. Dear friends in Christ,  
for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing,  
by works of charity and self-sacrifice,  
for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery.  
Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration  
in union with the 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.**

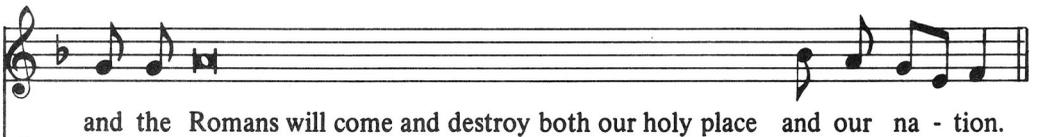
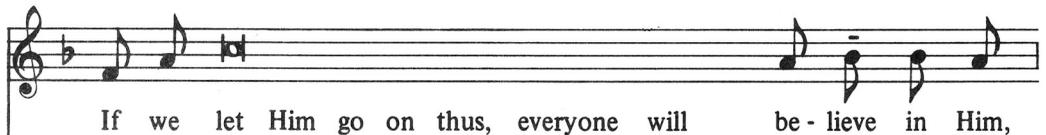
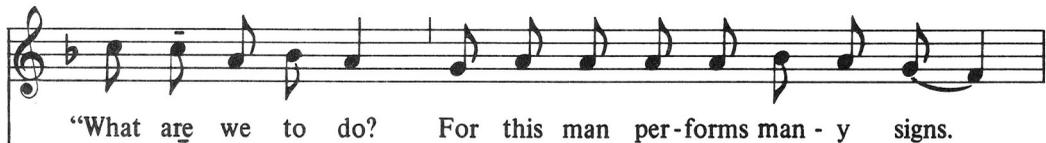
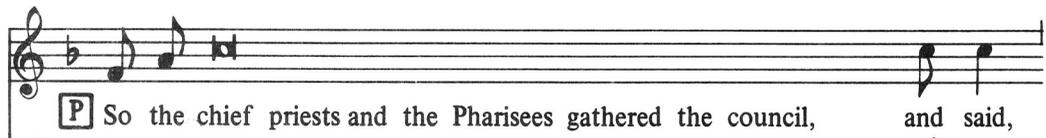
C: Let us pray:

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:*



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*Choir continues:*

STAND

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.

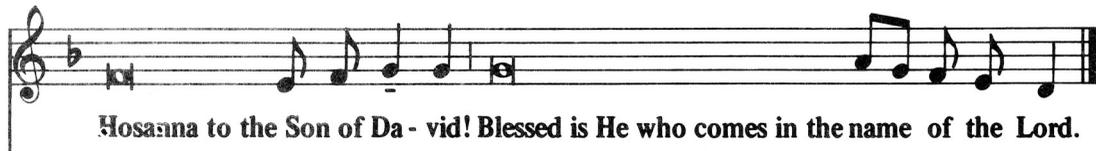
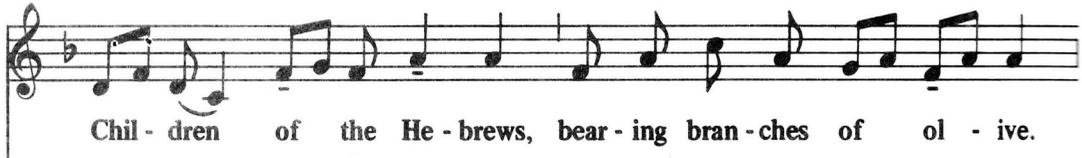
**R/. Amen.**



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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 'til 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

The musical score is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). It consists of four systems of music with lyrics underneath. The first system begins with a repeat sign and a piano (P) dynamic marking. The lyrics are: "All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, To You, Re-deem - er, King! (Choir repeats)". The second system continues the melody and lyrics: "To Whom the lips of chil - dren Madesweet ho - san - nas ring." The third system starts with a piano (P) dynamic marking and includes a "Choir:" section. The lyrics are: "1. You are the King of Is - ra - el, And Da - vid's roy - al Son, Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Bles - sed One. All glory ..". The fourth system also starts with a piano (P) dynamic marking and includes a "Choir:" section. The lyrics are: "2. The company of an - gels Are prais - ing you on high; 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)



The musical score is written on four staves in G minor (one flat). The first staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'P' for 'Piano'. The lyrics are: "It is writ - ten: They shall strike the Shep - herd". The second staff continues the lyrics: "and the sheep of the flock will be scat - tered." The third staff continues: "But after I am resurrected I will go be - fore you to Gal - i - lee." The fourth staff concludes with: "There you shall see Me,' says the Lord." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final cadence.

**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.**

**THE PENITENTIAL RITE**

*The celebrant invites the faithful to join in the prayer of confession.*

C. We ask Jesus to send the Holy Spirit to open our eyes to the ways we reflect God, and to give us the gift of true repentance. Please make an examination of your conscience.

*During a moment of silent reflection evoke spirit of contrition.*

*Silently confess your sins to God, and then join the celebrant in acknowledging your sins: **KNEEL***

**All: 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 three times 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.**

*Penance is given.*

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

**R/. Amen.**

*The celebrant imparts the absolution, saying*

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

**R/. Amen.**

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## 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.**

**\* The GLORIA is omitted during Lent \***

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.**

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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**First Reading** [Is 50:4-7](#)

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**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**

Cantor: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

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

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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 [Mt 26:14 – 27:66](#)**

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

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

Speaker: “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?”

Narrator: They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said,

Speaker: “Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?”

Narrator: He said,

Jesus: “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The teacher says, ‘My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples.’””

Narrator: The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said,

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Jesus: "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me."  
Narrator: Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another,  
Speaker: "Surely it is not I, Lord?"  
Narrator: He said in reply,  
Jesus: "He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born."  
Narrator: Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply,  
Speaker: "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?"  
Narrator: He answered,  
Jesus: "You have said so."  
Narrator: While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said,  
Jesus: "Take and eat; this is my body."  
Narrator: Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,  
Jesus: "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father."  
Narrator: Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,  
Jesus: "This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed; but after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee."  
Narrator: Peter said to him in reply,  
Speaker: "Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be."  
Narrator: Jesus said to him,  
Jesus: "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."  
Narrator: Peter said to him,  
Speaker: "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you."  
Narrator: And all the disciples spoke likewise.

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Narrator: Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,

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

Narrator: He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them,

Jesus: “My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me.”

Narrator: He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying,

Jesus: “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will.”

Narrator: When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter:

Jesus: “So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Narrator: Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again,

Jesus: “My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!”

Narrator: Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open. He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again. Then he returned to his disciples and said to them,

Jesus: “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”

Narrator: While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people. His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying,

Speaker: “The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him.”

Narrator: Immediately he went over to Jesus and said,

Speaker: “Hail, Rabbi!”

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Narrator: and he kissed him. Jesus answered him,  
Jesus: “Friend, do what you have come for.”  
Narrator: Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. And behold, one of those who accompanied Jesus put his hand to his sword, drew it, and struck the high priest’s servant, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,  
Jesus: “Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way?”  
Narrator: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,  
Jesus: “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me? Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me. But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled.”  
Narrator: Then all the disciples left him and fled.  
Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter was following him at a distance as far as the high priest’s courtyard, and going inside he sat down with the servants to see the outcome. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward who stated,  
**Chorus: “This man said, ‘I can destroy the temple of God and within three days rebuild it.’”**  
Narrator: The high priest rose and addressed him,  
Speaker: “Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?”  
Narrator: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,  
Speaker: “I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Christ, the Son of God.”

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Narrator: Jesus said to him in reply,  
Jesus: “You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see ‘the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power’ and ‘coming on the clouds of heaven.’”

Narrator: Then the high priest tore his robes and said,  
Speaker: “He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?”

Narrator: They said in reply,  
**Chorus: “He deserves to die!”**

Narrator: Then they spat in his face and struck him, while some slapped him, saying,  
**Chorus: “Prophesy for us, Christ: who is it that struck you?”**

Narrator: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said,  
Speaker: “You too were with Jesus the Galilean.”

Narrator: But he denied it in front of everyone, saying,  
Speaker: “I do not know what you are talking about!”

Narrator: As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there,  
Speaker: “This man was with Jesus the Nazorean.”

Narrator: Again he denied it with an oath,  
Speaker: “I do not know the man!”

Narrator: A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter,  
Speaker: “Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away.”

Narrator: At that he began to curse and to swear,  
Speaker: “I do not know the man.”

Narrator: And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: “Before the cock crows you will deny me three times.” He went out and began to weep bitterly.

When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate, the governor. Then Judas,

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his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying,

Speaker: "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood."

Narrator: They said,

**Chorus: "What is that to us? Look to it yourself."**

Narrator: Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself. The chief priests gathered up the money, but said,

**Chorus: "It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood."**

Narrator: After consultation, they used it to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet,

*And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head, a price set by some of the Israelites, and they paid it out for the potter's field just as the Lord had commanded me.*

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and he questioned him,

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

Narrator: Jesus said,

Jesus: "You say so."

Narrator: And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Speaker: "Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?"

Narrator: But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them,

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Speaker: “Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?”

Narrator: For he knew, that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him.” The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply,

Speaker: “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”

Narrator: They answered,

**Chorus: “Barabbas!”**

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Speaker: “Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?” They all said,

**Chorus: “Let him be crucified!”**

Narrator: But he said,

Speaker: “Why? What evil has he done?” They only shouted the louder,

**Chorus: “Let him be crucified!”**

Narrator: When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying,

Speaker: “I am innocent of this man’s blood. Look to it yourselves.”

Narrator: And the whole people said in reply,

**Chorus: “His blood be upon us and upon our children.”**

Narrator: Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

**STAND** Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,

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**Chorus:** “Hail, King of the Jews!”

**Narrator:** They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him. As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha —which means Place of the Skull —, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when He had tasted it, he refused to drink. After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,

**Chorus:** “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!”

**Narrator:** Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said,

**Chorus:** “He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

**Narrator:** The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way.

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

And about three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

**Jesus:** “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”

**Narrator:** which means,

**Jesus:** “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

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Narrator: Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

**Chorus: “This one is calling for Elijah.”**

Narrator: Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said,

**Chorus: “Wait; let us see if Elijah comes to save him.”**

Narrator: But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

**- Here all kneel and pause for a short time. -**

Narrator: And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said,

**Chorus: “Truly, this was the Son of God!”**

Narrator: There were many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb.

Narrator: The next day, the one following the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

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Speaker: “Sir, we remember that this impostor while still alive said, ‘After three days I will be raised up.’ Give orders, then, that the grave be secured until the third day, lest his disciples come and steal him and say to the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead.’ This last imposture would be worse than the first.”

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Speaker: “The guard is yours; go, secure it as best you can.”

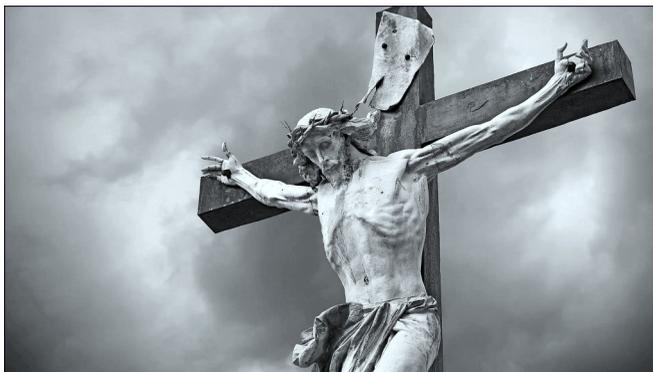
Narrator: So they went and secured the tomb by fixing a seal to the stone and setting the guard.

Narrator: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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+++ 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.

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, especially Denis Mills, and for 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 Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish in Wallington, New Jersey, 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 Bozena Sternik and Charles Dziegiel, for whom this Holy Mass is being offered, and for our own family members and friends: 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.**

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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**

*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.”

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## POST COMMUNION HYMN

### Behold the Man

Words & Music by *Robyn Lensh*

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]*

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!

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. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.



RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Old Rugged Cross

G Gdim G C Cdim C A

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\_\_\_\_

D7 G Gdim G

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

C Cdim C A D7 Refrain: D7

dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain. So I'll che - rish 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.

G G/B C G G C

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

G/D D7 G

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 (7:00 pm)**, 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.**

**HOLY WEEK**



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**PASCHAL TRIDUUM 2026**  
April 2 - 5

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**HOLY THURSDAY**  
**6:30 PM** - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**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**  
**10:00 AM** - Liturgy of Light, the Word of God & Baptismal Water  
**10:45 AM** - Easter Food Baskets' Blessing

**EASTER SUNDAY** (also livestream on Facebook)  
**9:00 AM** - Solemn Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord



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