



*Palm Sunday  
April 13, 2025*



## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### **Passion Sunday – Solemn Entrance**

*Ministers gather in the rear of the church – Leader of song begins with welcome then sings:  
Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.....*

### **GREETING**

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit**

**The people answer: Amen.**

The grace, the mercy, and the peace of God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior be with you. **The people answer: And with your Spirit**

### **INTRODUCTION**

### **BLESSING OF PALM**

**The priest sprinkles the branches with holy water in silence.**

**The proclamation of the Gospel of the palms**

### **At the procession with palms - Gospel**

### **Luke 19:28-40**

Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem.

As he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany

at the place called the Mount of Olives,

he sent two of his disciples.

He said, "Go into the village opposite you,

and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered

on which no one has ever sat.

Untie it and bring it here.

And if anyone should ask you,

'Why are you untying it?'

you will answer,

'The Master has need of it.'"

So those who had been sent went off

and found everything just as he had told them.  
And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them,  
"Why are you untying this colt?"  
They answered,  
"The Master has need of it."  
So they brought it to Jesus,  
threw their cloaks over the colt,  
and helped Jesus to mount.  
As he rode along,  
the people were spreading their cloaks on the road;  
and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives,  
the whole multitude of his disciples  
began to praise God aloud with joy  
for all the mighty deeds they had seen.  
They proclaimed:  
"Blessed is the king who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven  
and glory in the highest."  
Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,  
"Teacher, rebuke your disciples."  
He said in reply,  
"I tell you, if they keep silent,  
the stones will cry out!"

### Start of procession

Gathering Song:

#### The Palms (Les Rameaux)

Jean-Baptiste Fuare

Join all and sing, His name de-clare, Let ev-ry voice re-sound with

ac-cla-ma-tion. Ho-san-na! Praised be the Lord!

Bless Him who comes to bring us sal-va-tion!

**O city of hosannas, O city of the cross!**

**The hour is upon us! I have come within your walls!**

I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Jerusalem, my destiny.

Though I cannot see the end for me, I cannot turn away.

We have set our hearts for the way. This journey is our destiny.

Let no one walk alone; this journey makes us one!

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Opening Prayer

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### At the Mass - Reading I

**At the Mass – Reading I**

[Isaiah 50:4-7](#)

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.

### Psalm:

Michael Ward



### Reading II

**Phil 2:6-11**

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.

### **Gospel Acclamation**



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## PALM SUNDAY, PASSION "C"

### THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

LONGER FORM

22:14—23:56

**N** The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

**✠** "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."

**N** Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said,

**✠** "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."

**N** Then he took the bread, said the blessing,  
broke it, and gave it to them, saying,

**✠** "This is my body, which will be given for you;  
do this in memory of me."

**N** And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,

**✠** "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."

**N** 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,

**✠** **"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."**

**N** He said to him,

**V** *"Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you."*

**N** But he replied,

**✠** **"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day,  
you will deny three times that you know me."**

**N** He said to them,



- ✠ "When I sent you forth without a money bag or a sack  
or sandals,  
were you in need of anything?"
- C "No, nothing,"
- N they replied.  
He said to them,
- ✠ "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."
- N Then they said,
- C "*Lord, look, there are two swords here.*"
- N But he replied,
- ✠ "It is enough!"
- N 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,
- ✠ "Pray that you may not undergo the test."
- N After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and  
kneeling,  
he prayed, saying,
- ✠ "Father, if you are willing,  
take this cup away from me;  
still, not my will but yours be done."

**N** 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,

**✠ "Why are you sleeping?  
Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test."**

**N** 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.

Jesus said to him,

**✠ "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"**

**N** His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked,

**C** *"Lord, shall we strike with a sword?"*

**N** And one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear.

But Jesus said in reply,

**✠ "Stop, no more of this!"**

**N** 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,

**✠ "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."**



**N** 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,

**C** *"This man too was with him."*

**N** But he denied it saying,

**V** *"Woman, I do not know him."*

**N** A short while later someone else saw him and said,

**C** *"You too are one of them";*

**N** but Peter answered,

**V** *"My friend, I am not."*

**N** About an hour later, still another insisted,

**C** *"Assuredly, this man too was with him,  
for he also is a Galilean."*

**N** But Peter said,

**V** *"My friend, I do not know what you are talking about."*

**N** 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,

**C** *"Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"*

**N** 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,

**C** *"If you are the Christ, tell us,"*

**N** but he replied to them,

**✠** **"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."**

**N** They all asked,

**C** *"Are you then the Son of God?"*

**N** He replied to them,

**✠** **"You say that I am."**

**N** Then they said,

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

**N** Then the whole assembly of them arose and brought him before Pilate.

They brought charges against him, saying,

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

**N** Pilate asked him,

**V** *"Are you the king of the Jews?"*

**N** He said to him in reply,

**✠** **"You say so."**

**N** Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds,

**V** *"I find this man not guilty."*

**N** But they were adamant and said,

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

**N** 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 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,

**V** *"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."*



**N** But all together they shouted out,

**C** *"Away with this man!  
Release Barabbas to us."*

**N** —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,

**C** *"Crucify him! Crucify him!"*

**N** Pilate addressed them a third time,

**V** *"What evil has this man done?  
I found him guilty of no capital crime.  
Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him."*

**N** 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.

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,

- ✠ "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?"
- N 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,
- ✠ "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."
- N They divided his garments by casting lots.  
The people stood by and watched;  
the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said,
- C "*He saved others, let him save himself  
if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.*"
- N Even the soldiers jeered at him.  
As they approached to offer him wine they called out,
- C "*If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.*"
- N 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,
- V "*Are you not the Christ?  
Save yourself and us.*"



**N** The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,

**V** *"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."*

**N** Then he said,

**V** *"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."*

**N** He replied to him,

**✠** **"Amen, I say to you,  
today you will be with me in Paradise."**

**N** 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,

**✠** **"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit";**

**N** and when he had said this he breathed his last.

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

**N** The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified  
God and said,

**V** *"This man was innocent beyond doubt."*

**N** 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 com-  
mandment.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Homily

## **The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of Heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord,  
*At the words that follow, up to and including "the virgin Mary" all bow*  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God,  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.  
Amen.

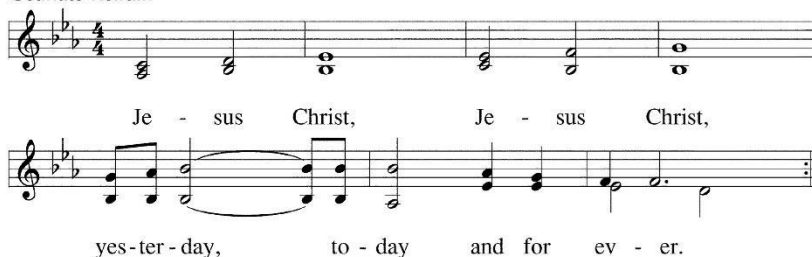
## **Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)**

Please respond: Lord, Have Mercy

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### **Preparation Song: Jesus Christ, Yesterday, Today and For Ever**

Ostinato Refrain



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O radiant light, O Sun divine, of our God's deathless face.  
You are Alpha and Omega, you are Savior and Friend.  
Image of Light Sublime that fills the heavenly dwelling place.

## Invitation to Pray

Pray brothers and sisters ...

Response: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.

## Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

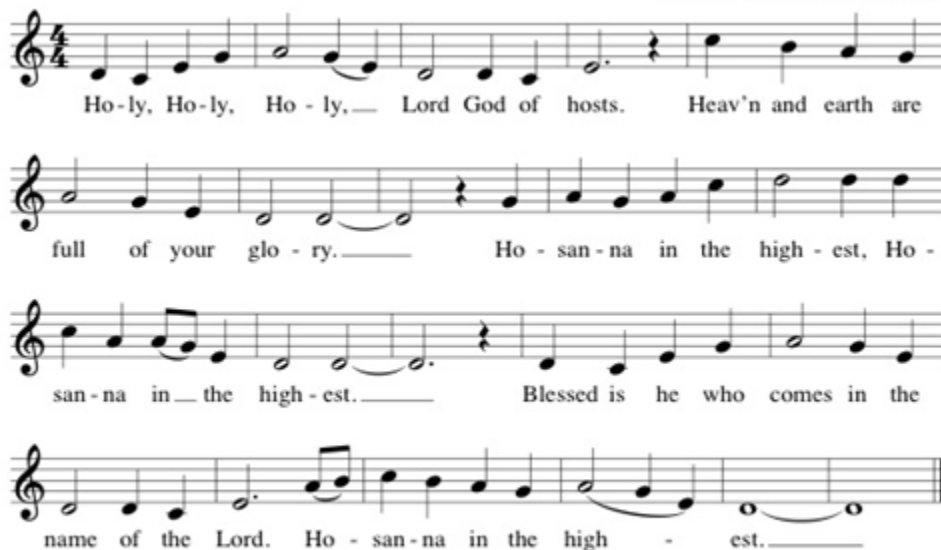
Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right and just.

## Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Wondrous Love

### Holy – Mass of Wondrous Love



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## Memorial Acclamation

*Wondrous Love Mass*  
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Amen

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The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

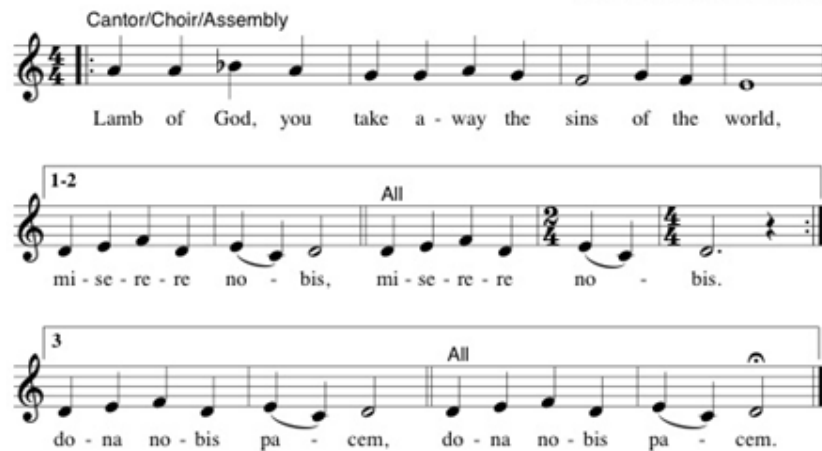
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Response: And with your Spirit

Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God

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## Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God,  
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Response: Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## Communion Song:

### BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

Bob Dufford, SJ

Verse 1

Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the  
Lamb of God who car - ries our bur - den, who  
knows our pain, who bears the sins of the world.

Refrain

Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the  
Lamb of God; Je - sus,  
Je - sus is the Lamb of God.

to Verses 2-4  
Fine

#### Verses 2-4

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| 2. Surely he has borne our grief<br>and carried the sorrows of us all.<br>Struck down in our stead,<br>rejected and scorned,<br>and by his wounds we are healed. | 4. The kingdom of this world<br>has become the kingdom of Christ,<br>and he shall reign for endless days.<br>Worthy is the Lamb. |
| 3. Father, forgive them,<br>they do not understand,<br>they do not understand what they do.  |  |

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## Post Communion Prayer

## CONCLUDING RITES

## Announcements

Final Blessing

Dismissal

Sending Song:

## WERE YOU THERE

WERE YOU THERE



1. Were you there when they cru - ci-fied my Lord? Were you  
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you



1. there when they cru - ci-fied my Lord? Oh!  
2. there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!  
3. there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!



- 1-3. Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



1. Were you there when they cru - ci-fied my Lord?  
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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