

April 10, 2022

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday



Introduction to the day

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ACCLAMATION *(repeated 3 times)*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF PALMS *(palms held up for blessing)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God,

for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph

and was proclaimed messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,

so that, joined to his death and resurrection,

we enter into life with you;

through the same Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

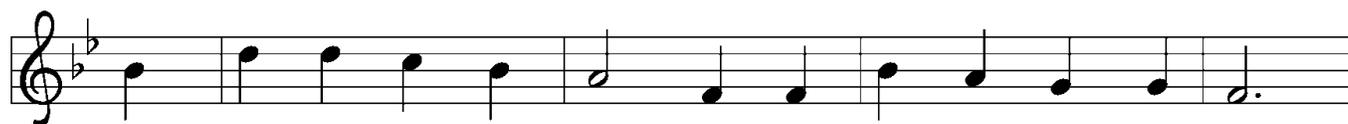
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

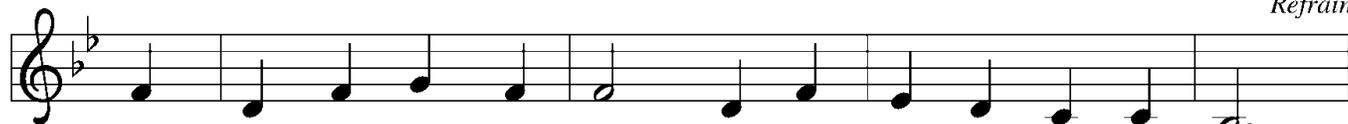


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims 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,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;**

I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.**

I have said, “You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above ev'ry
name. (Phil. 2:8-9)**

GOSPEL:

3: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

2: When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him.

1: Jesus said to them,

2: “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

3: Then Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

1: “Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

3: Then Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them.

1: “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

2: And Jesus did the same with the cup after supper.

1: “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table.

3: For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!”

2: Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

1: A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest.

3: But Jesus said to them,

2: “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors.

1: But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves.”

2: “Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

3: And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!”

1: “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

2: Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him.

1: When Jesus reached the place, he said to them,

3: “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

1: Then Jesus withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed,

3: “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.”

2: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength.

1: In his anguish Jesus prayed more earnestly and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.

2: When Jesus got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and said to them,

3: “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

2: While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them.

1: He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

3: “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?”

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

All: “Lord, should we strike with the sword?”

1: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

3: “No more of this!”

1: And Jesus touched his ear and healed him.

2: Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

3: “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me.

1: But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!”

3: Then they seized Jesus and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance.

1: When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

3: Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, “This man also was with him.”

1: But Peter denied it:

2: “Woman, I do not know him.”

3: A little later someone else, on seeing Peter, said, “You also are one of them.”

2: “Man, I am not!”

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

1: “Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.”

2: “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!”

3: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed.

1: The Lord turned and looked at Peter.

2: Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.”

3: And Peter went out and wept bitterly.

2: Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

All: “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?”

3: They kept heaping many other insults on him.

2: When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought Jesus to their council.

3: They said, “If you are the Messiah, tell us.” Jesus replied,

1: “If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question you, you will not answer.

3: But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

2: All of them asked,

All: “Are you, then, the Son of God?”

1: “You say that I am.”

3: Then they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!”

2: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

1: “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.”

3: Then Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

1: “You say so.”

2: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.”

3: But they were insistent and said,

1: “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began, even to this place.”

3: The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing Jesus.

2: Even Herod with his soldiers treated Jesus with contempt and mocked him;

1: then Herod put an elegant robe on Jesus, and sent him back to Pilate.

3: That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

1: Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

3: “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him.

2: Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us.

1: Indeed, Jesus has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

2: Then they all shouted out together,

All: “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”

1: This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.

2: Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again;

3: but they kept shouting,

All: “Crucify, crucify him!”

2: A third time Pilate said to them,

3: “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no grounds for the sentence of death;

2: I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.”

1: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that Jesus should be crucified; and their voices prevailed.

3: So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted.

2: He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder,

1: and Pilate handed Jesus over as they wished.

The assembly stands.

3: As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on Simon,

1: and made him carry it behind Jesus.

2: A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.

3: But Jesus turned to them and said,

1: “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

2: For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’

3: Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’

1: For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

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

3: When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

2: Then Jesus said,

1: “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

2: And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

3: And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at Jesus, saying,

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

2: The soldiers also mocked Jesus, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

3: There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

2: One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

3: But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?”

2: And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds,

1: but this man has done nothing wrong.”

3: Then the criminal said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

2: Jesus replied,

1: “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

1: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed;

2: and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

1: Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

3: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

1: Having said this, he breathed his last.

Silence for about fifteen seconds.

1: When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

2: "Certainly this man was innocent."

3: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.

1: But all Jesus' acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

1: Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God.

2: This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

3: Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning.

1: The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

2: On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

3: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make us unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the earth and all its inhabitants, created in love: Train us to recognize your divine goodness in the world around us. Rouse in us a reverence for creation, that we take greater care of its resources.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For those in positions of authority called to lead with integrity and compassion: Supply them with courage and vulnerability when challenged with new ideas. Deliver them from fear that limits imagination and impedes justice.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For those who suffer, waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Heal those who are ill (*especially*).

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For Christians around the world, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross: Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We remember those who have died, who were commended into your hands. Remember us when you come into your kingdom, and prepare a place for each of us with you in paradise.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.

You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With [name/s and] your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**