



PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024
10:30 AM
Historic Church



CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL

A JOYFUL COMMUNITY
SHARING LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

WHY WE NEED

Holy Week

Stories shape our lives in profound ways. From the whimsical bedtime stories of childhood to the significant family narratives that are shared over celebratory meals and holiday gatherings each year, these stories become part of us. The retelling of important stories satisfies a deep need to remember that which we hold dear. Whether we are remembering beloved people in our lives, deeply held beliefs, or momentous occasions, stories help us keep these things alive and fresh in our memories.

Since the 4th century, the church has set aside a week each year for profound story telling. At their core, the celebrations of Holy Week are an elaborate, theatrical, and beautiful way of retelling our most important story. The story we tell each year during Holy Week is nothing less than the most magnificent love story ever told. Each chapter of the story, while adding new dimensions and perspectives, continues to underpin the theme of God's relentless, extravagant, and boundless love for us.

Good story telling involves the careful use of drama. Nowhere else in the church's liturgical year is this more evident than Holy Week. The colorful and elaborate rituals of the Holy Week liturgies have a significant purpose. The embellishment of the liturgy, particularly during the Triduum ("The Three Days" of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday), is intended to help us enter into the story in tangible and meaningful ways. The ancient patterns of these reenactments connect us to our past as a Christian people.

The prospect of attending all or most of these Holy Week services can seem daunting and perhaps even fanatical. I can fully appreciate that sentiment. But I would also submit to you that, if we are honest with ourselves, we need to enter into this journey. Not because God needs our worship - God certainly desires and commands our worship, though God does not need our worship - but because we need to worship. We need to be assured of the forgiveness of our sins. We need to learn how to love and serve others. We need to know that death is not the end, but the beginning. We need to hear that ancient story of God's unyielding love for us. This is why we need Holy Week.

Donald W. Duncan
Director of Liturgy & Music

Welcome

In the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to Christ Church Episcopal.

Known as the “Parish in the Heart of the City,” Christ Church is blessed by the beauty of its church, chapel, and setting, which have been preserved and expanded by the energy and vision of faithful stewards, both past and present.

For more than two centuries, we have been gathering to worship God and demonstrate our faith in our daily lives. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are inspired to be *a joyful community sharing life in Jesus Christ.*

We hope you will experience God’s blessings during this service
as we have been blessed by your presence.



The Altar Greenery in the Church is given to the glory of God.

CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY

The Reverend Dr. Harrison McLeod, Rector
The Reverend Kellie Wilson, Sr. Associate Rector
The Reverend Scott Fleischer, Associate for Pastoral Care
The Reverend Lindy Bunch, Associate for Parish Life

The Reverend Wallace Adams-Riley
Christ Church Episcopal School Senior Chaplain

Order of Service

The Prelude

The Ringing of the Tower Bell

All stand at the sound of the tower bell and turn to face the West End of the church for the opening rites.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Gospel of the Triumphal Entry

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Procession of the Palms

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.
People In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Hymn in Procession, No. 154

All glory, laud and honor

The Collect for the Sunday of the Passion

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

The Epistle Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

Lector A reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

The Sequence Hymn, No. 167

There is a green hill far away

The congregation is seated following the hymn.

The Passion According to St. Mark

Mark 14:1-15:47

*The Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator who begins by saying:
The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.*

NARRATOR 1: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

NARRATOR 2: "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

NARRATOR 1: While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

NARRATOR 2: "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor."

NARRATOR 1: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

JESUS: "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

NARRATOR 1: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

NARRATOR 2: "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

NARRATOR 1: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

JESUS: "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

NARRATOR 1: So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

NARRATOR 1: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

NARRATOR 2: "Surely, not I?"

NARRATOR 1: He said to them,

JESUS: "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

NARRATOR 1: While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

JESUS: "Take; this is my body."

NARRATOR 1: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

JESUS: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

NARRATOR 1: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

JESUS: "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

NARRATOR 1: Peter said to him,

NARRATOR 2: "Even though all become deserters, I will not."

NARRATOR 1: Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR 1: But he said vehemently,

NARRATOR 2: "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

NARRATOR 1: And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

JESUS: "Sit here while I pray."

NARRATOR 1: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them,

JESUS: "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake."

NARRATOR 1: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

JESUS: "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

NARRATOR 1: He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS: "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

NARRATOR 1: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

JESUS: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

NARRATOR 1: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

NARRATOR 2: "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."

NARRATOR 1: So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

NARRATOR 2: "Rabbi!"

NARRATOR 1: and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS: "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

NARRATOR 1: All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

NARRATOR 2: "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'"

NARRATOR 1: But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

NARRATOR 2: "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

NARRATOR 1: But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

NARRATOR 2: "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

NARRATOR 1: Jesus said,

JESUS: "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

NARRATOR 1: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

NARRATOR 2: "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?"

NARRATOR 1: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

CHOIR: "Prophecy!"

NARRATOR 1: The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

NARRATOR 2: "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."

NARRATOR 1: But he denied it, saying,

NARRATOR 2: "I do not know or understand what you are talking about."

NARRATOR 1: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

NARRATOR 2: "This man is one of them."

NARRATOR 1: But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

CHOIR: "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."

NARRATOR 1: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

NARRATOR 2: "I do not know this man you are talking about."

NARRATOR 1: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

JESUS: "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR 1: And he broke down and wept.

NARRATOR 1: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

NARRATOR 2: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR 1: He answered him,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR 1: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

NARRATOR 2: "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

NARRATOR 1: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

NARRATOR 2: "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR 1: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

NARRATOR 2: "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR 1: They shouted back,

ALL: "Crucify him!"

NARRATOR 1: Pilate asked them,

NARRATOR 2: "Why, what evil has he done?"

NARRATOR 1: But they shouted all the more,

ALL: "Crucify him!"

NARRATOR 1: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

ALL: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

NARRATOR 1: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

(All now stand.)

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

CHOIR: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

NARRATOR 1: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

CHOIR: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

NARRATOR 1: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

JESUS: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

NARRATOR 1: which means,

JESUS: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

CHOIR: "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

NARRATOR 1: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

CHOIR: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

NARRATOR 1: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

(Silence is kept.)

NARRATOR 1: And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

NARRATOR 2: "Truly this man was God's Son!"

NARRATOR 1: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

The congregation is seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Kellie Wilson

Following the sermon the congregation kneels for the prayers.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Additional intercessions and thanksgivings are offered.

Celebrant Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The congregation remains kneeling for the Confession.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart,
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People greet each other in the name of the Lord. Following the exchanging of the peace, the congregation is seated.

The Words of Welcome

The Anthem at the Offertory

When I survey the wondrous cross
arr. Gilbert Martin

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did ever such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen.*

The Presentation Hymn

O saving victim

O saving Victim, opening wide
the gate of heaven to us below,
our foes press on from every side,
thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend
for evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end
in our true native land with thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

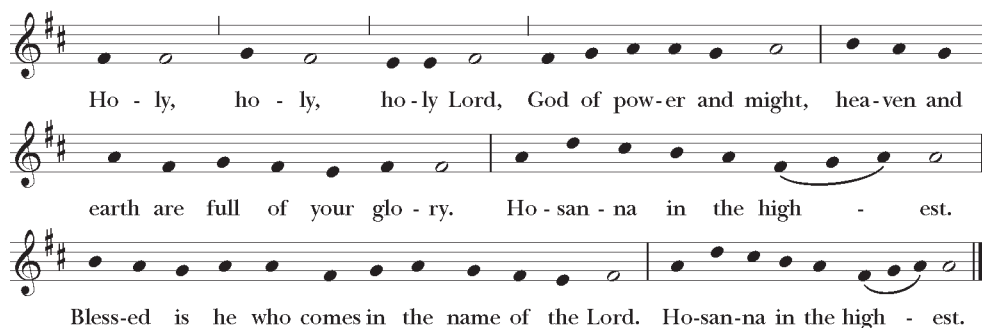
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus et Benedictus, S-124

NEW PLAINSONG MASS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei, S-161

NEW PLAINSONG MASS

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation to Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this Church. If you are receiving communion, you are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers and receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hands. (For those with special dietary needs, gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the priest at the altar rail.) The wine which follows may be received either by drinking from the chalice as it is extended to you, or by retaining the wafer and dipping it lightly into the chalice. You are also welcome to receive the bread only. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing.

The Communion Music

Communion Anthem | *O Saviour of the World*, John Goss (1800–1880)

*O Saviour of the World, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us;
save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.*

Hymn No. 160 | *Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow*

Hymn No. 474 | *When I survey the wondrous cross*

The congregation kneels for the Postcommunion Prayer.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Solemn Prayer Over the People

Celebrant Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The Hymn in Procession, No. 156

(sung to the tune *Winchester New*)

Ride on, ride on in majesty

The Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A closing organ voluntary is not played today.

A note about the Blessing of Palms in today's liturgy

The palm crosses that are distributed to the congregation as you entered today are blessed during the liturgy for the Blessing of Palms and are then considered sacramentals. A sacramental is a "material object or action that is ritually blessed by a priest to signify its association with the sacraments and so to incite reverence during acts of worship." The Biblical basis for the use of sacramentals can be traced back to Jesus' healing of the blind man. Before the man was told to go and wash in the pool at Siloam, Jesus made a paste of mud and placed it on his eyes as a sign of the healing he was about to receive. The Christian Church has long used sacramentals to point to and highlight the means of grace imparted by the sacraments. Some of the most common sacramentals used in Anglicanism are holy water, ashes imposed on Ash Wednesday, holy oils, crosses and crucifixes, wedding rings, the sign of the cross, among many others. You are encouraged to keep your blessed palm crosses as a reminder of today's liturgy and to treat them with reverence when disposing of them.



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