

Palm Sunday

Blessed is He
who comes in
the name of the
Lord!

John 12:13

**Sunday, March 29, 2026
9:30 a.m.**

The Liturgy of the Palms

The congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession. The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service.

The following is said, the people standing

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

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

Presider 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. **Amen.**

Here a Deacon or other person reads

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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. *Amen.*

The following may then be said

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands and sing

Hymn 154 *All glory, laud and honor*

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following is said

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

Presider 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. *Amen.*

The people sit.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 50:4-9a

The 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.

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

I 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.

The 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;
he who vindicates me is near.

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

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9-16

- 9 Have 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.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to
my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For 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.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Philippi 2:5-11

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 435 (vv. 1-3) "At the name of Jesus"

Gospel: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*The congregation reads the responses of the crowd,
following the cues below.*

Pilate: "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

Congregation: "Barabbas."

Pilate: "Then what should I do with Jesus
who is called the Messiah?"

Congregation "Let him be crucified!"

Pilate: "Why, what evil has he done?"

Congregation: “Let him be crucified!”

Narrator: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate: “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”

Narrator: Then the people as a whole answered,

Congregation: “His blood be on us and on our children!”

*The Passion concludes with the following prayer.
Please kneel as you are able.*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgement and our souls, now and in the hour of death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sermon

Prayers of the People, Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, in our diocesan cycle of prayer today we especially pray for St. Anne, West Chester;

That we all may be one.

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

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

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

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

That our works may find favor in your sight.

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

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially...who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem *Father, Forgive Them*, Colin Brumby

The people's gifts of bread and wine, along with the collection, are brought to the Altar.

Doxology

*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B with Expansive Language

The people remain standing. The Presider faces them and says

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

Presider and People

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est." The score includes various musical notations such as chords, beams, and slurs.

The People stand or kneel. Then the Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Patrick and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Presider

**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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Hymn

Lamb _____ of God, you take _____ a - way the

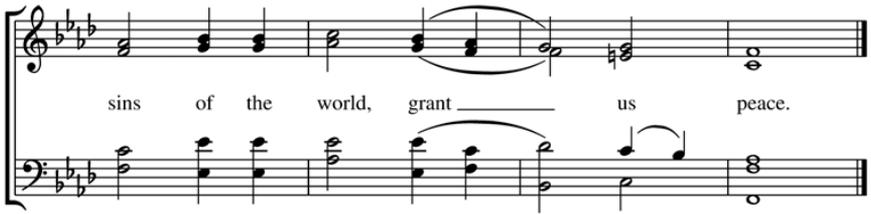
The first line of the Fraction Hymn consists of two staves of music. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. It contains a series of chords and intervals. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with a steady bass line.

sins of the world, have _____ mer - cy on us.

The second line of the Fraction Hymn continues the musical setting. It features similar chordal textures in both staves, with the vocal line in the upper staff and the accompaniment in the lower staff. The lyrics are centered under the notes.

Lamb _____ of God, you take _____ a - way the

The third line of the Fraction Hymn concludes the musical setting. It follows the same structural pattern as the previous lines, with a vocal line in the upper staff and an accompaniment in the lower staff. The lyrics are centered under the notes.



The Invitation

The Gift of God for the People of God.

All persons are invited to the Altar.

If you choose to receive communion,

you may do so in one of the following ways:

- *Consume the bread first and then sip from the cup.*
- *Intinction is strongly discouraged, however if you choose to intinct please simply leave the wafer in your hands. The chalice bearer will dip the wafer for you then hand it back to you.*
- *Communion in one kind, or both, is acceptable.*
If you prefer to not receive the wine, you may proceed to your seat after receiving the bread.
- *If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your hands over your chest as a signal to the ministers.*
- *If you want a gluten free wafer, please place your palms down when you approach the ministers.*

Communion Hymn 170 *To mock your reign, O dearest Lord*

Post Communion Prayer

All stand or kneel.

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 158 *Ah, holy Jesus*

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *All Glory, Laud and Honor*, Paul Manz

*Thank you for joining with us in worship this morning!
We invite you to continue your Sunday morning experience,
with fellowship and refreshments in the Parish Hall.
All are welcome!*

Holy Week & Easter at St. Patrick's

Maundy Thursday: April 2nd

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Good Friday: April 3rd

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Solemn Collects*

Holy Saturday: April 4th

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

6:30 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter*

Easter Sunday: April 5th

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist*

11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist*

**Nursery Available*

Today's Ministry Team

Presider: The Rev. Catherine Duffy

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jason Emerson

Deacon: The Rev. Vahagn Azizyan

Music Director: Jennifer Bell

Streaming: Evelyn Emerson

Lay Reader: Kenyra Glasgow

Lectors: Mary Lu Leininger, Becci Shields

Crucifer: Angel Cinco

Acolytes: Ayla Stains, Rosie Moore

Ushers: Charlie Horton, Becky Stains, Leif Carlson, Tom Jones

Greeters: Fran & John Montgomery

Children's Chapel Helper: Eryn Kindelin

Coffee Hour: The Redman & Darrah Families

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Dick Gehman, Doug Langenfeld

Altar Guild: Mary Horton, Sandy Wilson, Lynette Palmer

Counters: Jeff Beuter, Lisa Mayo

Hospitality Table: Leif Carlson, Tom Jones

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