

PALMSUNDAY

OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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St. Michael Catholic Church

Introit
Matthew 21:9

Ho-sanna to the Son of Da-vid; ble-
sed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord, the King of Is-ra-el. Ho-san-
na in the highest.

Greeting
Blessing of Palms
Gospel

The Lord was with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew.
Glorify to you, O Lord.

Matthew 21:1-11
When Jesus and the disciples drew near
Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of
Olives,
Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,
"Go into the village opposite you,
and immediately you will find an ass
tethered, and a colt with her.
Untie them and bring them here to me.
And if anyone should say anything to
you, reply,
"The master has need of them."
Then he will send them at once."
This happened to what had been
spoken through the prophet
might be fulfilled:
Say to daughter Zion,
"*Behold, your king comes to you,
meek and riding on an ass,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of
burden.*"
The disciples went and did as Jesus had
ordered them.
They brought the ass and the colt and
laid their cloaks over them,
and he sat upon them.
The very large crowd spread their cloaks
on the road,
and strewed them on the road.
The crowds preceding him and those
following kept crying out and saying:
"Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord;
hosanna in the highest."
And when he entered Jerusalem
and the whole city was shaken and asked,
"Who is this?"
And the crowds replied,
"This is Jesus the prophet, from
Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Entrance Hymn

REFRAIN
All glory, laud, and honor
To you, Redeemer, King!
To you the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
1. Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comes,
The King and Blessed One.
REFRAIN
2. The company of angels
Are praising thee on high;
And mortal men, and all things
Created, make reply.
REFRAIN
3. The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went:
Our praises and prayers and anthems
Before thee we present.
REFRAIN
4. To thee before thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.
REFRAIN
5. Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delights,
Thou good and gracious King.
REFRAIN

Penitential Act
Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Gospel Acclamation
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:8-9
Christ became 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.

Gospel
Matthew 26:14-27:66

Narrator: One of the Twelve, who was
called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief
priests and said,
Voice: "What are you willing to give me
if I hand him over to you?"
N: They paid him thirty pieces of silver,
and from that time on he looked for an
opportunity to hand him over.
On the first day of the Feast of
Unleavened Bread, the disciples
approached Jesus and said,
V: "Where do you want us to prepare
for you to eat the Passover?"
N: He said,
V: "Go into the city to a certain man and
tell him, 'The teacher says, 'My
appointed time draws near; in your
house I shall celebrate the Passover with
my disciples.'"
N: The disciples then did as Jesus had
ordered, and prepared the Passover.
When it was evening, he reclined at
table with the Twelve. And while they
were eating, he said,
V: "Amen, I say to you, one of you will
betray me."
N: Deeply distressed at this, they began
to say to him one after another,
V: "Surely it is not I, Lord?"
N: He said in reply,
V: "He who has dipped his hand into the
dish with me is the one who will betray
me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is
written of him, but woe to that man by
whom the Son of Man is betrayed.
It would be better for that man if he had
never been born."
N: Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply,
V: "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?"
N: He answered,
V: "You have said so."
N: While they were eating, Jesus took
bread, said the blessing, broke it, and
giving it to his disciples said,
V: "Take and eat; this is my body."
N: Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and
gave it to them, saying,
V: "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my
blood of the covenant, which will be
shed on behalf of many for the
forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now
on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine
until the kingdom of my Father."
N: Then, after singing a hymn, they went
out to the Mount of Olives.
Then Jesus said to them,
V: "This night all of you will have your
faith in me shaken, for it is written: I
will strike the shepherd, and the sheep
of the flock will be dispersed; but after I
have been raised up, I shall go before
you to Galilee."
N: Peter said to him in reply,
V: "Though all may have their faith in
you shaken, mine will never be."
N: Jesus said to him,
V: "Amen, I say to you, this very night
before the cock crows, you will deny me
three times."
N: Peter said to him,
V: "Even though I should have to die
with you, I will not deny you."
N: And all the disciples spoke likewise.
Then Jesus came with them to a place
called Gethsemane, and he said to his
disciples,
V: "Sit here while I go over there and
pray."
N: He took along Peter and the two sons
of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow
and distress. Then he said to them,
V: "My soul is sorrowful even to death.
Remain here and keep watch with me."
N: He advanced a little and fell prostrate
in prayer, saying,
V: "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup
pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as
you will."
N: When he returned to his disciples he
found them asleep. He said to Peter,
V: "So, you could not keep watch with me
for one hour? Watch and pray that you
may not undergo the test. The spirit is
willing, but the flesh is weak."
N: Withdrawing a second time, he prayed
again,
V: "My Father, if it is not possible that this
cup pass without my drinking it, your
will be done!"
N: Then he returned once more and
found them asleep, for they could not
keep their eyes open. He left them and
withdrew again and prayed a third time,
saying the same thing again. Then he
returned to his disciples and said to
them,
V: "Are you still sleeping and taking your
rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the
Son of Man is to be handed over to
sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, my
betrayer is at hand."
N: While he was still speaking, Judas, one
of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by
a large crowd, with swords and clubs,
who had come from the chief priests
and the elders of the people. His
betrayer had arranged a sign with them,
saying,
V: "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest
him."
N: Immediately he went over to Jesus and
said,
V: "Hail, Rabbi!"
N: and he kissed him. Jesus answered
him,
V: "Friend, do what you have come for."
N: Then stepping forward they laid hands
on Jesus and arrested him. And behold,
one of those who accompanied Jesus put
his hand to his sword, drew it, and
struck the high priest's servant, cutting
off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,
V: "Put your sword back into its sheath,
for all who take the sword will perish by
the sword. Do you think that I cannot
call upon my Father and he will not
provide me at this moment with more
than twelve legions of angels? But then
how would the Scriptures be fulfilled
which say that it must come to pass in
this way?"
N: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,
V: "Have you come out as against a
robber, with swords and clubs to seize
me? Day after day I sat teaching in the
temple area, yet you did not arrest me.
But all this has come to pass that the
writings of the prophets may be
fulfilled."
N: Then all the disciples left him and fled.
Those who had arrested Jesus led him
away to Caiaphas the high priest, where
the scribes and the elders were
assembled. Peter was following him at a
distance as far as the high priest's
courtyard, and going inside he sat down
with the servants to see the outcome.
The chief priests and the entire
Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false
testimony against Jesus in order to put
him to death, but they found none,
though many false witnesses came
forward. Finally two came forward who
stated,
**Crowd: "This man said, 'I can destroy
the temple of God and within three
days rebuild it.'"**
N: The high priest rose and addressed
him,
V: "Have you no answer? What are these
men testifying against you?"
N: But Jesus was silent. Then the high
priest said to him,
V: "I order you to tell us under oath
before the living God whether you are
the Christ, the Son of God."
N: Jesus said to him in reply,
V: "You have said so. But I tell you: From
now on you will see 'the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of the Power'
and 'coming on the clouds of heaven.'"
N: Then the high priest tore his robes and
said,
V: "He has blasphemed! What further
need have we of witnesses? You have
now heard the blasphemy; what is your
opinion?"
N: They said in reply,
C: "**He deserves to die!**"
N: Then they spat in his face and struck
him, while some slapped him, saying,
C: "**Prophesy for us, Christ: who is it
that struck you?**"
N: Now Peter was sitting outside in the
courtyard. One of the maids came over
to him and said,
C: "**You too were with Jesus the
Galilean.**"
N: But he denied it in front of everyone,
saying,
V: "I do not know what you are talking
about!"
N: As he went out to the gate, another
girl saw him and said to those who were
there,
C: "**This man was with Jesus the
Nazorean.**"
N: Again he denied it with an oath,
V: "I do not know the man!"
N: A little later the bystanders came over
and said to Peter,
C: "**Surely you too are one of them;
even your speech gives you away.**"
N: At that he began to curse and to swear,
V: "I do not know the man."
N: And immediately a cock crowed. Then
Peter remembered the word that Jesus
had spoken: "Before the cock crows you
will deny me three times." He went out
and began to weep bitterly.
When it was morning, all the chief
priests and the elders of the people took
counsel against Jesus to put him to
death. They bound him, led him away,
and handed him over to Pilate, the
governor.
Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that
Jesus had been condemned, deeply
regretted what he had done. He
returned the thirty pieces of silver to the
chief priests and elders, saying,
V: "I have sinned in betraying innocent
blood."
N: They said,
C: "**What is that to us? Look to it
yourself!**"
N: Flinging the money into the temple,
he departed and went off and hanged
himself. The chief priests gathered up
the money, but said,
C: "**It is not lawful to deposit this in the
temple treasury, for it is the price of
blood.**"
N: After consultation, they used it to buy
the potter's field as a burial place for
foreigners. That is why that field even
today is called the Field of Blood. Then
was fulfilled what had been said
through Jeremiah the prophet,
And they took the thirty pieces of silver,
the value of a man with price on his
head, a price set by some of the
Israelites, and they paid it out for the
potter's field just as the Lord had
commanded me.
Now Jesus stood before the governor,
and he questioned him,
V: "Are you the king of the Jews?"
N: Jesus said,
V: "You say so."
N: And when he was accused by the chief
priests and elders, he made no answer.
Then Pilate said to him,
V: "Do you not hear how many things
they are testifying against you?"
N: But he did not answer him one word,
so that the governor was greatly
amazed.
Now on the occasion of the feast the
governor was accustomed to release to
the crowd one prisoner whom they
wished. And at that time they had a
notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So
when they had assembled, Pilate said to
them,
V: "Which one do you want me to release
to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called
Christ?"
N: For he knew that it was out of envy
that he had handed him over. While
he was still seated on the bench, his wife
sent him a message, "Have nothing to
do with that righteous man. I suffered
much in a dream today because of him."
The chief priests and the elders
persuaded the crowds to ask for
Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The
governor said to them in reply,
V: "Which of the two do you want me to
release to you?"
N: They answered,
C: "**Barabbas!**"
N: Pilate said to them,
V: "Then what shall I do with Jesus called
Christ?"
N: They all said,
C: "**Let him be crucified!**"
N: But he said,
V: "Why? What evil has he done?"
N: They only shouted the louder,
C: "**Let him be crucified!**"
N: When Pilate saw that he was not
succeeding at all, but that a riot was
breaking out instead, he took water and
washed his hands in the sight of the
crowd, saying,
V: "I am innocent of this man's blood.
Look to it yourselves."
N: And the whole people said in reply,
C: "**His blood be upon us and upon our
children.**"
N: Then he released Barabbas to them,
but after he had Jesus scourged, he
handed him over to be crucified.
Then the soldiers of the governor took
Jesus inside the praetorium and
gathered the whole cohort around him.
They stripped off his clothes and threw a
scarlet military cloak about him.
Weaving a crown out of thorns, they
placed it on his head, and a reed in his
right hand. And kneeling before him,
they mocked him, saying,
C: "**Hail, King of the Jews!**"
N: They spat upon him and took the reed
and kept striking him on the head. And
when they had mocked him, they
stripped him of the cloak, dressed him
in his own clothes, and led him off to
crucify him.
As they were going out, they met a
Cyrenian named Simon; this man they
pressed into service to carry his cross.
And when they came to a place called
Golgotha—which means Place of the
Skull—they gave Jesus wine to drink
mixed with gall. But when he had tasted
it, he refused to drink. After they had
crucified him, they divided his garments
by casting lots; then they sat down
and kept watch over him there. And they
placed over his head the written charge
against him: This is Jesus, the King of
the Jews. Two revolutionaries were
crucified with him, one on his right
and the other on his left. Those passing
by reviled him, shaking their heads and
saying,
C: "**You who would destroy the temple
and rebuild it in three days, save
yourself, if you are the Son of God,
and come down from the cross!**"
N: Likewise the chief priests with the
scribes and elders mocked him and said,
C: "**He saved others; he cannot save
himself. So he is the king of Israel,
and we will believe in him. He trusted
in God; let him deliver him now if the
Son of God.**"
N: The revolutionaries who were
crucified with him also kept abusing
him in the same way.
From noon onward, darkness came over
the whole land until three in the
afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus
cried out in a loud voice,
V: "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?"
N: which means
V: "My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me?"
N: Some of the bystanders who heard it
said,
V: "This one is calling for Elijah."
N: Immediately one of them ran to get a
sponge; he soaked it in wine, and
putting it on a reed, gave it to him to
drink. But the other said,
V: "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to
save him."
N: But Jesus cried out again in a loud
voice, and gave up his spirit.
Here all kneel and pause for a short time.
N: And behold, the veil of the sanctuary
was torn in two from top to bottom. The
earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs
were opened, and the bodies of many
saints who had fallen asleep were raised.
And coming forth from their tombs
after his resurrection, they entered the
holy city and went to many. The
centurion and the men with him who
were keeping watch over Jesus feared
greatly when they saw the earthquake
and all that was happening, and they
said,
V: "Truly, this was the Son of God!"
N: There were many women there,
looking on from a distance, who had
followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering
to him. Among them were Mary
Magdalene, Mary the mother of
James and Joseph, and the mother of
the sons of Zebedee.
When it was evening, there came a rich
man from Arimathea named Joseph,
who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He
went to Pilate and asked for the body of
Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be
handed over. Taking the body, Joseph
wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in
his new tomb that had been in the
rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across
the entrance to the tomb and departed.
But Mary Magdalene and the other
Mary remained sitting there, facing the
tomb.
The next day, the one following the day
of preparation, the chief priests and the
Pharisees gathered before Pilate and
said,
V: "We remember that this impostor
while still alive said, 'After three days I
will be raised up.' Give orders, then,
that the grave be secured until the third
day, lest his disciples come and steal
him and say to the people, 'He has been
raised from the dead.' This last imposture
would be worse than the first."
N: Pilate said to them,
V: "The guard is yours; go, secure it as
best you can."
N: So they went and secured the tomb by
fixing a seal to the stone and setting the
guard.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(Bow)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of
the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I profess one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation

1. O Sacred Head, surrounded
By crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding Head, so wounded,
Revealed and put to corn,
Death's pallid hue comes o'er thee,
The glow of life decays,
Yet angel hosts adore thee,
And tremble as they gaze.

2. See thy strength and vigor
All fading in the strife,
And death with cruel rigor,
Bereaving thee of life;
O agony and fire!
Jesus, all grace supplying,
O turn thy face on me.

3. In this, thy bitter passion,
Grief and Sorrow, think of me,
Unworthy though I be:
Beneath thy cross abiding,
Forever would I rest,
In thy dear love confiding,
And with thy presence blest.

Preface Dialogue
(Stand)

Father, brothers and sisters... almighty
Father,
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.

Holy, Holy, Holy
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus
Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Memorial Acclamation
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and
profess your Resurrection until you
come again.

Lord's Prayer
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,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Deliver us, Lord... Savior, Jesus Christ.

Lamb of God
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem.

Communion Chant
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Matthew 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass
without my drinking it, your will be
done.

Prayer After Communion
Blessing and Dismissal

St. Michael Prayer
Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us
in battle. Be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and may the power of God, the heavenly
host, Satan and all the evil spirits, who
wander through the world seeking the
ruin of souls.
Amen.
Please dismiss in silence.

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