

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Palm Sunday

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN

MARCH 29, 2026 - 9:00AM & 11:00AM

GATHERING

*Today we begin with a Palm Sunday procession outdoors, on the East Ave. side of the church.
You may leave your belongings safely inside; they will be watched over by the ushers.
Please bring your coat if the weather is brisk or wet.*

If you prefer, you may remain indoors during the procession and gather near the window to participate.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND BLESSING

The Celebrant welcomes all, gives instructions for the procession, teaches the call and response:

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

Hosanna in the highest!

(The meaning of the Hebrew word "Hosanna!" is "Save us!")

When invited, hold up your palms for the blessing.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

On this day of rejoicing,
we welcome you, Jesus, as the Christ.
You entered the holy city in triumph,
and the people spread garments and branches along your way.

Bless these branches we hold before you,
that they may be signs of your victory.

Strengthen our faith this day,
so that when we are called to carry our cross,
we may cry out to you with heartfelt praise and confidence
following you from death to resurrection,
from darkness into the fullness of light.

The Celebrant blesses the palms, then

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

Hosanna in the highest!

THE PROCESSION

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Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - nah in the high - est. Ho -
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - nah in the high - est.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. A measure rest of 5 is indicated at the start of the second line.

Jake Street

THE PALMS GOSPEL

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."

Following the Gospel reading, process into the church and find your seat while we sing:

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.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818/1866), alt.
 Music: Valet will ich dir geben, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says the Collect, concluding with

O God of eternal glory, you anointed Jesus your servant to bear our sins, to encourage the weary, to raise up and restore the fallen. Keep before our eyes the splendor of the paschal mystery of Christ, and by sharing in the passion and resurrection, seal our lives with the victorious sign of his obedience and exaltation. We ask this through Christ, our liberator from sin, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God,

now and for ever.

Amen.

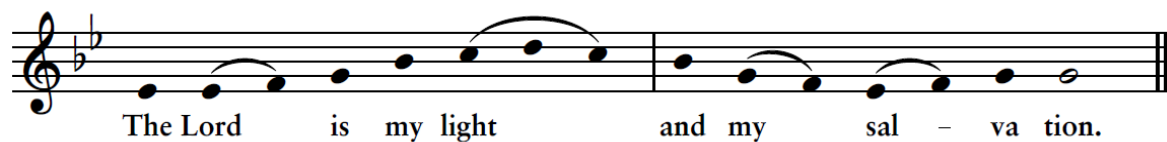
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION *standing, all turn toward the Gospel as it brought among the People*

The Cantor sings the Refrain, and the People repeat it.



The Choir or Cantor sings

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

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

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.

All sing the Refrain

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O God. *
I have said, "You are my God.

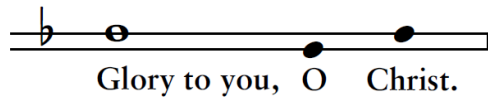
My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

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

All sing the Refrain

Refrain: Will Doreza Psalm 31:9-10, 13-16
Psalm Tone: harm. Thomas Stolzer (1480-1526)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

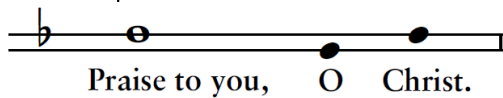


Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, "It is written,

'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a den of robbers."

The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?" And he left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON *seated*

The Rev. Daniel Simons

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(The meaning of the Hebrew word "Hosanna!" is "Save us!")

The response to the prayers is:

O Holy One, to you we cry:

Save us, O God, Hosanna!

We pray for world leaders: that they may make wise decisions for the common good. O Holy One, to you we cry: Save us, O God, Hosanna!

We pray for people who are poor, or displaced, or facing any kind of difficulty: that they may find the help and support they need to build a future of hope. O Holy One, to you we cry:

Save us, O God, Hosanna!

We pray for our parish, our families, and our friends: that we may always stand with one another no matter how difficult our path may be. O Holy One, to you we cry:

Save us, O God, Hosanna!

We pray for all the individual needs and thanksgivings of our lives.

Please call out your own prayers and thanksgivings when invited.

The Celebrant concludes

Save us, we pray, O God. Lead us in your paths of peace, forsaking all violence and walking with Jesus, your beloved, in his way of Love; forgive us all our betrayals, empower us with your Spirit, and guide us through the shadow of death

...to the fullness of Christ's risen life, we pray.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Christus factus est *sung by choir*

Felice Anerio (1560 – 1614)

*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens
usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum
et dedit illi nomen,
quod est super omne nomen.*

Christ became obedient for us unto death,
even to the death, death on the cross.
Therefore God exalted him
and gave him a name
which is above all names.

Unison or harmony

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
 *3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

*6 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heaven was his home;
 but mine the tomb
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine:
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine,
 This is my friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 could gladly spend.

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt.
 Music: *Love Unknown*, John Ireland (1879-1962)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

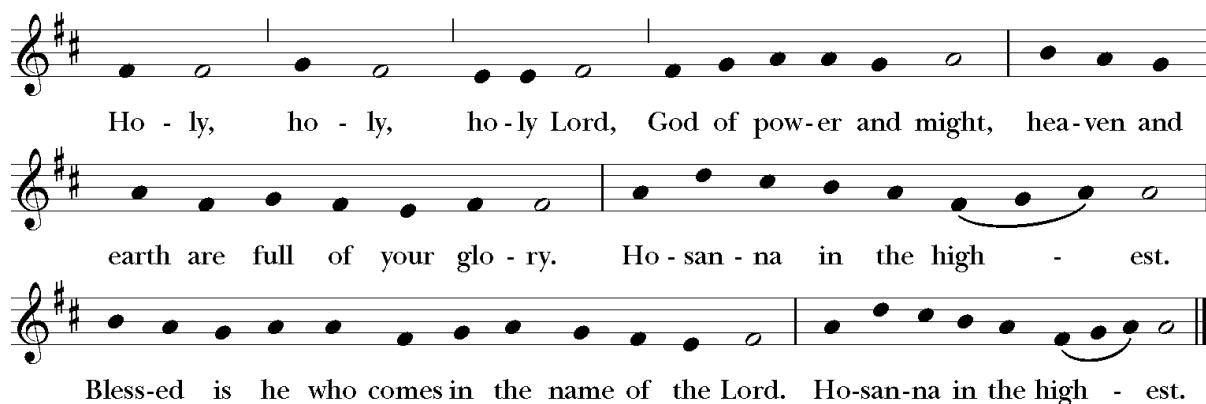
It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

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 Celebrant continues the prayer until

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS



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.

Setting: David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Celebrant continues the prayer until

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 for the life of 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.

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks to you,
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.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues until

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.

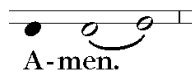
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit
to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son,
the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

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 whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honor and glory is yours,

... Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People



A-men.

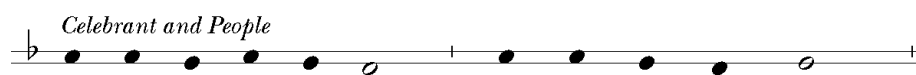
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant



As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

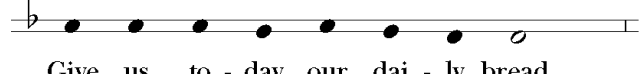
Celebrant and People



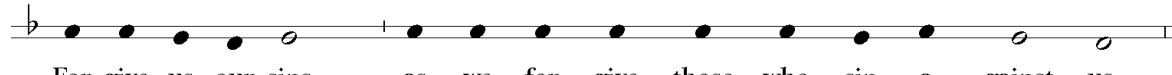
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



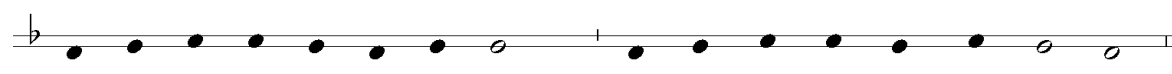
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Ambrosian Chant, adapt. Mason Martens

THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the bread and bids the People to Communion.

Come to the Table, you who are hungry, it is Christ who meets us here.

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available upon request; non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups at the side altars. If you don't wish to drink from the chalice, you may simply touch its base when it is brought to you. (For the health of all, we are no longer dipping the bread into the chalice wine by hand.)

All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:

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.

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Drop, drop slow tears *sung by the Adult Choir at 11am*

Philip W.J. Stopford (b. 1977)

Drop, drop, slow tears;
and bathe those beautiful feet
which brought from heav'n the news
and Prince of Peace:

In your deep floods,
drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin,
but through my tears.

Cease not, wet eyes,
his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION

Today, we will sing the final hymn kneeling (or seated).

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 *4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 *5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3, 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt.
 Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); adapt. And harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Priest alone stands and prays over the People.

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 the violent, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns

...for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Following the final prayer, all depart quietly. You are also welcome to remain for reflection as long as you wish.

There is no coffee hour scheduled today following the liturgy.

UPCOMING HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

HOLY WEEK EVENING PRAYER – MONDAY, MARCH 30 & TUESDAY, MARCH 31 – 7:30 PM

Join this simple brief prayer service for the first part of Holy Week.

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 – 7:30 PM

Join this ancient, reflective, candlelight-only service of readings and chant, preparing us for the great three days of the Triduum.

MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING EUCHARIST – THURSDAY, APRIL 2 - 7:30 PM

The solemn Maundy Thursday liturgy, focused on the marks of service in the ritual of foot-washing, and the institution of the Eucharist.

Remain and keep watch with the **Maundy Thursday Night Watch** - prayerful time of reflection during the night. (Sign up for a watch, or drop in 9pm – 12am or 4am – 7am. Online option available.)

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES – FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Stations of the Cross – 12:00 pm

Pray with the St. Paul's stations in a service of readings and music.

Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday – 7:30 pm

Service includes the Passion sung by the St. Paul's Adult Choir

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER – SATURDAY, APRIL 4 – 7:30 PM

Celebrate the principal liturgy of the church year. This service is an extended reflection on the salvation story, culminating in Holy Baptism and the joyous first Eucharist of Easter Day.

EASTER DAY – SUNDAY, APRIL 5 – 9:00 AND 11:00 AM

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Celebrate Easter at St. Paul's on the Green with Holy Eucharist with festive music led by the Adults and Choristers.

EASTER EGG HUNT – SUNDAY, APRIL 5 – 10AM

Kids of all ages are invited to gather on the labyrinth after church for an Easter Egg Hunt.

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