# SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY



HOLY EUCHARIST

# **LITURGY OF THE PALMS**

## **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.

Amen.

Reading Matthew 21:1-11

# Blessing of the Palms

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

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 our 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 forever. **Amen.** 

# The Procession

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

People Hosanna in the highest.

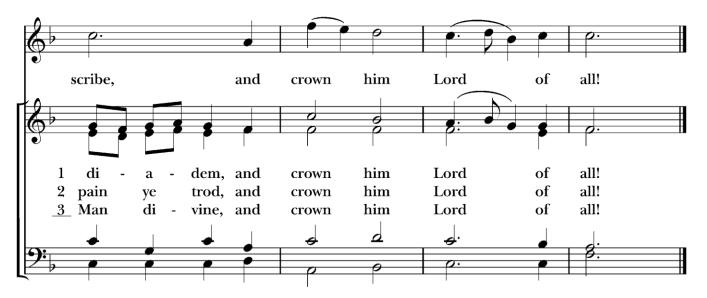
Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

Singing the processional hymn, the congregation enters into the sanctuary

# **Processional Hymn**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Hymnal 450 6 Let kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, this ev - ery onter - res - trial All hail the power Name! Let an - gels of Je - sus' pros-trate 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs oſ our God, who from his al - tar the Heir Da - vid's line, whom <u>3</u> Hail him, of Da - vid Lord did ball, him scribe, and to a 1 fall; bring forth the  $\mathbf{al}$ di dem, and roy a whose pain 2 call: praise him way of trod, and ye  $_{
m in}$ <u>3</u> call, the Godcar - nate, Man di vine, and of all! him Lord him crown to a him Lord of all! bring forth 1 crown the roy al 2 crown him Lord oſ all! praise him whose way him Lord of the God 3 crown all! in car - nate,



6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

# **GATHER**

#### **Passion Collect**

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 thew way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

## **Opening Hymn**

Thou art the king of Israel (Glory, Laud & Honor)

Hymnal 154

# **WORD**

Each Sunday includes four Bible readings, usually:

- Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament- the stories of God's people, Israel)
- Psalm (one of 150 ancient poems expressing the human experience of God)
- Epistle (one of a series of letters written by Jesus' apostles to early Christian churches)
- The Gospels (stories about Jesus' life)

# Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

# **Hebrew Scripture**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 31:9-16

Epistle Philippians 2:5-11

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel Sequence Hymn

All stand

What Wondrous Love is This Hymnal 439

Holy Gospel Mark 12:1-12

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### Sermon

#### Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

After each petition, the response is: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer** *Prayer is offered with intercessions for*:

The universal Church, its members and mission 
The concerns of the local community

The nation and all in authority
The welfare of the world

Those who suffer and those in any trouble Those who have died

#### Confession

The confession is a time where we place before God our true selves, and acknowledge the ways in which we do not live up to being the people we were created to be. It is not meant to induce guilt about our failings but to remind us that we are the beloved people of God, created for a purpose whose lives have meaning and value to God that we might be inspired in our resolve to live out our baptismal promises

#### The Celebrant says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 *John 1:8*, 9

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence.

Minister and People

## God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest stands and announces God's absolution

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. **Amen.** 

#### **Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### **Announcements**

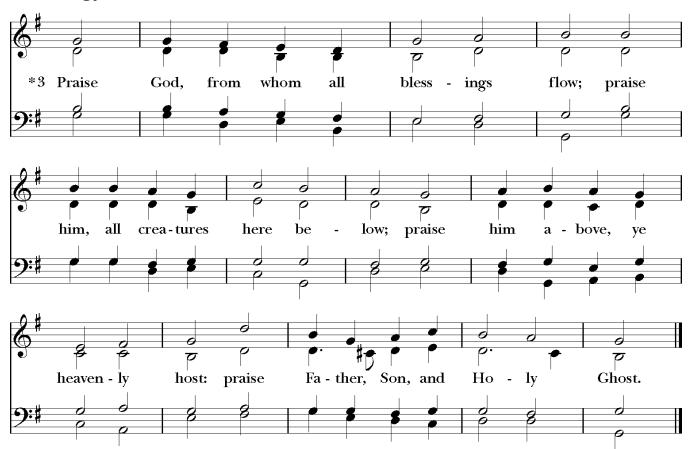
# **MEAL**

The Meal, or Holy Communion, is the centerpiece of the Eucharist, in it the congregation's offerings of bread and wine, of money and of themselves are laid upon Christ's altar. Through the Eucharistic Prayer, the people's faith in Christ's presence is made manifest and shared, with Christ's own words in our hearts - "do this for the remembrance of me."

## Offertory

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

# Doxology



# **Great Thanksgiving**

The people remain standing.

*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.

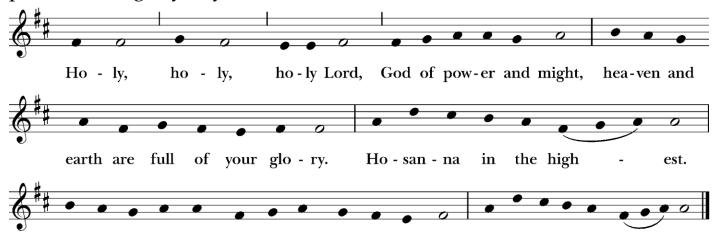
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### The Celebrant proceeds

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:

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Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Eucharist Prayer A

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

#### The Celebrant continues

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. **AMEN!** 

The Celebrant then continues

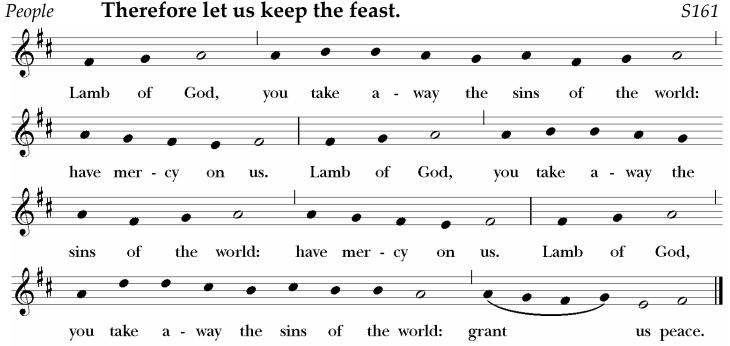
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, *People and Celebrant* 

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.

## Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;



The Celebrant invites the congregation to communion with these words

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that
Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with
thanksgiving.

#### **Distribution of Communion**

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All persons are invited forward to receive a blessing in lieu of communion, please cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing

## **SENDING**

Emboldened and empowered by Christ's eternal presence, the congregation departs to carry out the Church's mission in the world

# **Sending Hymn**

When I survey the wondrous cross

Hymnal 474

# **THE PASSION OF CHRIST**

Matthew 27:11-54

