



# PALM SUNDAY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
MARCH 24, 2024 - 10AM

*Welcome! We're so glad to have you joining us for worship today.*

saint mark's episcopal church, palo alto

# Welcome to Saint Mark's

We are a community dedicated to deepening our relationship with God and embodying the Spirit of Christ through faithful expressions of love, service, compassion, and justice.

*All are welcome to join in worship. During this time we ask everyone to be mindful of others' varying degrees of caution and safety needs. This service is livestreamed and recorded.*

*Newcomers and visitors are encouraged to fill in a Welcome Card or sign the visitor book, which will be on the welcome table. If there are things about our worship that are new to you or do not make sense, try to embrace the unfamiliarity. Consider that you are entering a conversation with God and the faithful which began centuries before we were here and will continue after we are gone. Just join in as you are, and bear with us as we are, and we will all be transformed as we go.*

*Please see instructions for receiving Communion on p. 14. **All who seek to draw near to Christ are invited.***

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## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*The service begins outside on the Labyrinth Patio.*

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

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

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.**

## A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK

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.

#### BLESSING OF THE PALMS

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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 for ever. **Amen.**

ANTHEM Hosanna in the highest!

*David Ogden (b. 1966)*

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Children of Jerusalem welcome Christ the King.

Waving olive branches, praising God as they sing.

Please hold up your palm fronds for the blessing.

Please join in the anthem as directed.



# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

*Please be seated.*

## A READING FROM THE LETTER OF 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,

The Collect of the Day thematically gathers our prayers and readings for the day.

This passage is from Paul's epistle (letter) to the Christians in the Greek city of Philippi. Widely regarded as the earliest surviving Christian hymn, the text explores the unique nature of Christ.



“You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I / will exalt you.”

Give thanks to God who is good; \*  
God’s mercy en-/dures for ever.

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

### THE GOSPEL

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

*People*

Glorify to you, O Christ, You are the Word of God!

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!” Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

Praise to you, O Christ, You are the Word of God!

*Please be seated.*

### THE SERMON The Reverend Nick Roosevelt

*A period of silent reflection follows.*

This passage from John’s Gospel [12:12-16] describes the disciples’ understanding of the triumphal entry in the context of Christ’s resurrection.

The sermon helps us to reflect on the Scriptures we have heard and to connect them to the Good News present in our lives now.

## THE NICENE CREED

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

The Nicene Creed comes to us from the Councils of Nicea (325) and Constantinople (381, where they edited it). It is, therefore, an ancient statement of faith that we hold in common with many Christian denominations. As a statement of belief, that is, of communal trust (not an intellectual assertion of how these things could be), we recite it collectively as a prayer, ending with "Amen."

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

### *Silence*

Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. As we grieve the sins of colonialism, we remember especially the Church of the Province of West Africa, and the dioceses of Cyanguu (Rwanda), Cyprus and the Gulf (Jerusalem and the Middle East), Daejeon (Korea), and North Dakota, South Dakota, and Dallas (The Episcopal Church). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Renew your good creation and protect all life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Shepherd the Ohlone, Muwekma, and Ramaytush tribes on whose land we meet. Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring war and separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bless those who are homebound, lonely, grieving, ill, or in any kind of distress. We pray especially for: Meredith; Talia; Will; Lee, Pam, Terry, and the Heller Family; Mary Jane; Matthew John and

The Anglican communion consists of 41 autonomous provinces each with its own bishop and governing structure. These provinces may take the form of national churches (such as in Canada, Uganda, or Japan) or a collection of nations (such as the West Indies, Central Africa, or Southeast Asia).

Richard; Channing; Carrie; Kevin; Yo; Vassar; Chung-Ling; Eric and Lillie; Barbara; Christopher; Joanie; Paul; the Knickerbocker family; Jackie Ray; Lisa; Emily; Paul; Theresa; Sharon; Emily; Nyna; Bill; Justin; Katie; John, Debie, Alex, and the Thomas family; Mary; Brian; Abby; Peter Jon; Howard; Claudio; and those we now name ... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Blessed One, our times are in your hand. We remember our departed loved ones, especially: Mary; Annis; Paul; Marcina; and those we now name ... Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Hosanna filio David *Tomás Luis de Victoria (1540-1611)*

Hosanna to the son of David:  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand in body or spirit. We invite your thanksgivings, aloud, held silently in your heart, or via the chat.*

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
May God be with you. And al-so with you.

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

We invite you to add your own prayers – for other people, places, and situations, and for yourself. *(Thanksgivings will be offered later in the service.)*

In the **Offertory**, we offer our lives, labors, and gifts (monetary and those elements of bread and wine to be consecrated) to God's use in the world. We no longer pass an offertory (collection) plate. Please drop your donations in the plate on your way in or out today. All cash or undesignated checks given in the plate goes directly to Outreach for the wider community. You can give online: [saint-marks.com/give](http://saint-marks.com/give) or by going directly to Tithely with the QR Code below.



The community is invited to gather around the altar. If you would prefer to keep distance, you are welcome to stay in your pew.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you, and singing,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts, hea - ven and earth are  
 full of thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord most High.  
 Bles - sed is he that com - eth in the  
 name of the Lord: Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Sanctus, "Holy," is the song of the angels (Isaiah 6 and Rev. 4). It has been an acclamation of the congregation since around the 4th century. This setting is by John Merbecke (1505-1585)

All glory be to you, O Lord our God, for that you created heaven and earth, and made us in your own image; and, of your tender mercy, gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and complete sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a

perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord, we your people do celebrate and make, with these your holy gifts which we now offer unto you, the memorial your Son has commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech you, O merciful God, to hear us, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of your dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire your goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto you, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech you, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all your whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto you, Almighty God, world without end. **AMEN.**

The Great Amen is the people's consent to and affirmation of the Eucharistic prayer.

## 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.



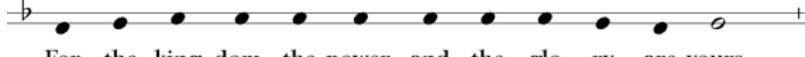
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



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,

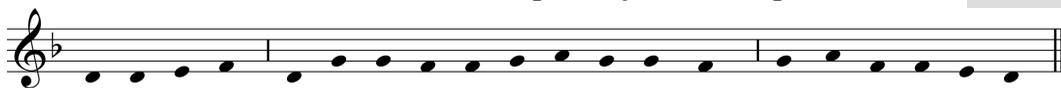


now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Gospels of both Matthew and Luke record Jesus teaching this, commonly called the "Our Father" or the "Lord's prayer," to his disciples when they asked to learn how to pray.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*



O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN 156 Ride on! ride on in majesty! THE KING'S MAJESTY



1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the  
 2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel  
 4 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and  
 5 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly



1 tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his  
 2 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be -  
 3 ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and won - dering  
 4 fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire  
 5 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal



1 road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 2 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 3 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 4 throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.  
 5 pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at this, Christ's table, to receive the bread and the wine, if desired. Gluten-free wafers are available.

In addition to the consecrated bread, wine (or grape juice in the glass chalice) is available to those who wish to receive it. Please drink directly from the cup, guiding it to your mouth, and do not intinct (dip) the bread.

Healing prayer is available in St. Nicholas chapel— all are welcome.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

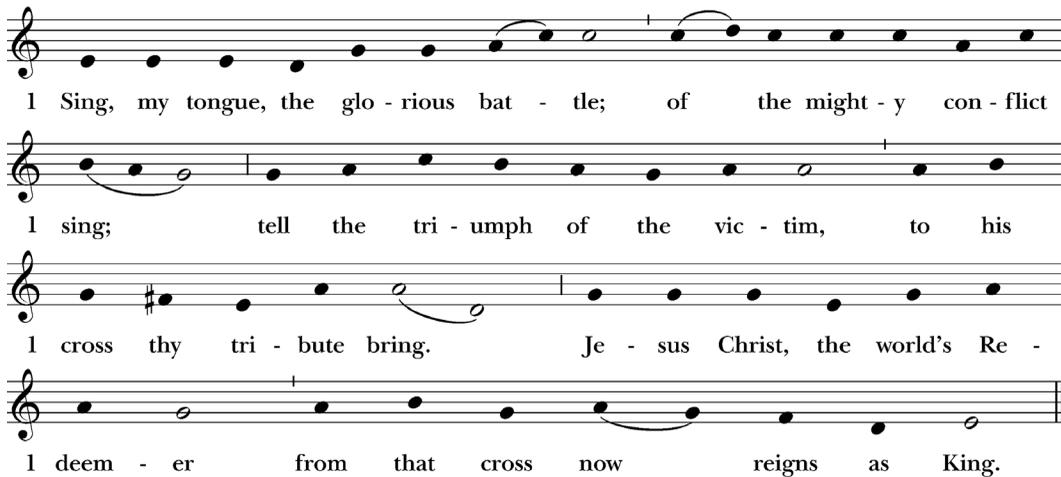
**Compassionate God,  
 you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
 Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:  
 May our fasting be hunger for justice;  
 our alms, a making of peace;  
 and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;  
 through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

*Please be seated. Children are invited to move outside to hear the Passion story and engage in a craft activity.*

A blessing recognizes and asks for God's presence with us.

## THE PASSION GOSPEL



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; of the might - y con - flict  
1 sing; tell the tri - umph of the vic - tim, to his  
1 cross thy tri - bute bring. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re -  
1 deem - er from that cross now reigns as King.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*(The customary response is omitted.)*

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, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

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, “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.” And they scolded her. But Jesus said, “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.”

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, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “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.” 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, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?” He said to them, “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.”

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” 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, “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.”

2 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, his ap - point - ed time ful -

2 filled, born for this, he meets his pas - sion, this the

2 Sa - vior free - ly willed: on the cross the Lamb is

2 lift - ed, where his pre - cious blood is spilled.

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, “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.” Peter said to him, “Even though all become deserters, I will not.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” But he said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” 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, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.” He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “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.” 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, “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.”

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, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” 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, “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.” 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, “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.” But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” Jesus said, “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.’”

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?” All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” The guards also took him over and beat him.

3 He en - dures the nails, the spit - ting, vin - e - gar, and spear, and  
 3 reed; from that ho - ly bo - dy bro - ken blood and  
 3 wa - ter forth pro - ceed: earth, and stars, and sky, and  
 3 o - cean, by that flood from stain are freed.

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, “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.” But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.” 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, “This man is

one of them.” But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.” But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.” At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

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, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” 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, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” 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, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” They shouted back, “Crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.



4 tree! None in fo - liage, none in blos - som, none in  
 4 fruit thy peer may be: sweet - est wood and sweet - est  
 4 i - ron! sweet - est weight is hung on thee.

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, “Hail, King of the Jews!” 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. 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.

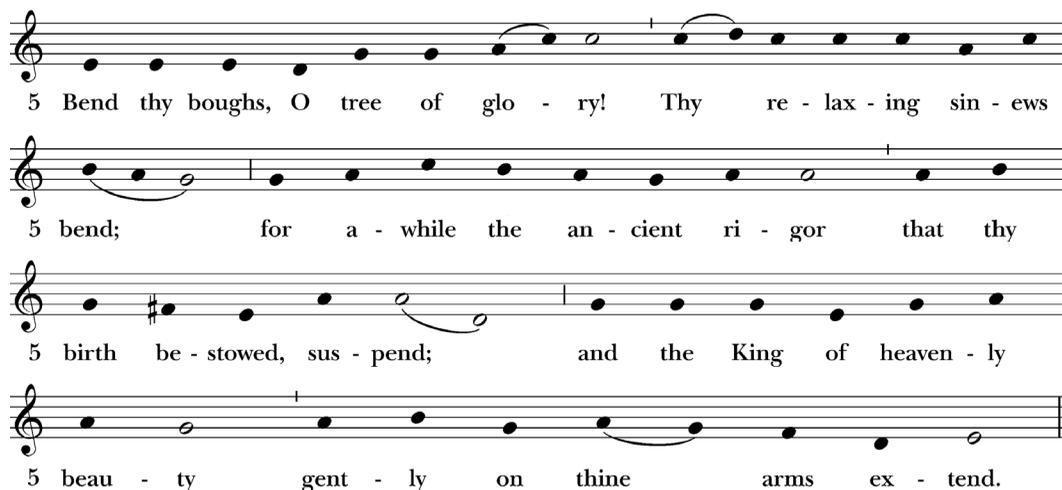
Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!” In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes,

were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “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.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.



5 Bend thy boughs, O tree of glo - ry! Thy re - lax - ing sin - ews  
5 bend; for a - while the an - cient ri - gor that thy  
5 birth be - stowed, sus - pend; and the King of heaven - ly  
5 beau - ty gent - ly on thine arms ex - tend.

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, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.” And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

*Silence is kept.*

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, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

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 customary conclusion and response are omitted.)*

6 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or to the  
6 Son, praise and hon - or to the Spi - rit, ev - er  
6 Three and ev - er One: one in might and one in  
6 glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

*Please depart in silence. There is no agape (coffee hour) this day, but a forum is offered in the Kennedy Room entitled "The Mystery of the Cross."*

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