



The Sunday of the Passion:

Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Georgian: Glorious entry into Jerusalem. Serbian icon.

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension

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*Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Ascension.  
Here “we challenge ourselves and the world to love  
like Jesus as we worship joyfully,  
serve compassionately and grow spiritually.”*

*The people may make the sign of the cross (optional) when this sign † appears throughout the order of the service.*

*Let us gather in the Parish Hall. Weather permitting after the Palms are blessed,  
we will process around and into the Church.*

## **The Liturgy of the Palms**

*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.**

### **The Gospel**

### **Luke 19: 28-40**

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

*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 him thank and praise.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*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.**

*A procession is formed. The people follow the Crucifer. During the procession, all hold branches in their hands and chant Psalm 118.*

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

*Chanted by congregation and choir*

*Confitemini Domino*



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for / he is good; \*  
his mercy endures / for ever.
- 2 Let Israel / now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures / for ever."
- 19 Open for me the gates of / righteousness; \*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks / to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the / LORD; \*  
he who is right-/eous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you / answered me \*  
and have become / my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders re-/jected \*  
has become the / chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD'S / doing, \*  
and it is marvelous / in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has / acted; \*  
we will rejoice and / be glad in it.
- 25 Hosanna, LORD, ho-/sanna! \*  
LORD, send / us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the / Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house / of the LORD.

- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined up-/on us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns / of the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and I will / thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I / will exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for / he is good; \*  
his mercy en-/dures for ever.

*At a suitable place (red doors), the procession may halt while the following Collect 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 Celebrant knocks three times using the foot of the Processional Cross.*

*Celebrant* Open in the name of the Lord.

*The doors are opened and the procession enters.*

*A fanfare is sounded as all take their places. The people stand, waving their palms.*

## **The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

### **The Word of God**

#### **The Procession**

#### **Hymn 154**

1 Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's Name comest,  
the King and Blessèd One.

*All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

2 The company of angels  
is praising thee on high;  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply.

*Refrain*

*Valet will ich dir geben*

3 The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise 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 delightest,  
thou good and gracious King.

*Refrain*

## **The Salutation**

*Celebrant* †Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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.*

## **The First Lesson**

**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?

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Response

### Psalm 31:9-16

*Chanted by congregation and choir*

*In te, Domine, speravi*



- 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 ac-/quaintance; \*  
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 per- / secute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your / servant, \*  
and in your loving-kind- / ness save me.”

## The Second Lesson

### Philippians 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.

*Lector*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**

*The congregation remain seated, as the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator who begins by saying:*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

*The full congregation responds as the Assembly (priests, scribes and leaders of the people).*

NARRATOR:    When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

JESUS:        “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

NARRATOR:    Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

JESUS:        “Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

NARRATOR:    Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

JESUS:        “This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

NARRATOR:    And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

JESUS:        “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!”

NARRATOR:    Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them.

JESUS: “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

“You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

“Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

NARRATOR: And he said to him,

PETER: “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!”

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: “When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?”

NARRATOR: They said,

DISCIPLES: “No, not a thing.”

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: “But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was counted among the lawless’; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.”

NARRATOR: They said,

DISCIPLES: “Lord, look, here are two swords.”

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: “It is enough.”

NARRATOR: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

JESUS: "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

NARRATOR: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

JESUS: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done."

NARRATOR: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

JESUS: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

NARRATOR: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

NARRATOR: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

DISCIPLES: "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

NARRATOR: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

JESUS: "No more of this!"

NARRATOR: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

JESUS: "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

NARRATOR: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

SERVANT 1: "This man also was with him."

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: "Woman, I do not know him."

NARRATOR: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

ACCUSER 1: "You also are one of them."

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: "Man, I am not!"

NARRATOR: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

ACCUSER 2: "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."

NARRATOR: But Peter said,  
PETER: “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!”

NARRATOR: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.  
Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,  
SOLDIERS: “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?”  
NARRATOR: They kept heaping many other insults on him.  
When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and brought him to their council. They said,  
ASSEMBLY: **“If you are the Messiah, tell us.”**  
NARRATOR: He replied,  
JESUS: “If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”  
NARRATOR: All of them asked,  
ASSEMBLY: **“Are you, then, the Son of God?”**  
NARRATOR: He said to them,  
JESUS: “You say that I am.”  
NARRATOR: Then they said,  
ASSEMBLY: **“What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!”**  
NARRATOR: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,  
ASSEMBLY: **“We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.”**  
NARRATOR: Then Pilate asked him,  
PILATE: “Are you the king of the Jews?”  
NARRATOR: He answered,  
JESUS: “You say so.”  
NARRATOR: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,  
PILATE: “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.”  
NARRATOR: But they were insistent and said,

ASSEMBLY: **“He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”**

NARRATOR: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; they put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

PILATE: “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

NARRATOR: Then they all shouted out together,

ASSEMBLY: **“Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”**

NARRATOR: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

ASSEMBLY: **“Crucify, crucify him!”**

NARRATOR: A third time he said to them,

PILATE: “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.”

NARRATOR: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

JESUS: “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are

the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hill, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

*(At the mention of the place called The Skull, all stand as able.)*

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

JESUS: “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

NARRATOR: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

ASSEMBLY: **“He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”**

NARRATOR: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

SOLDIERS: “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

NARRATOR: There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

CRIMINAL 1: “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

NARRATOR: But the other rebuked him, saying,

CRIMINAL 2: “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”

NARRATOR: Then he said,

CRIMINAL 2: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

NARRATOR: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

JESUS: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

NARRATOR: Having said this, he breathed his last.

*Silence*

NARRATOR: When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

CENTURION: “Certainly this man was innocent.”

NARRATOR: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances,

including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

## **The Homily**

**Mr. Christopher McAbee**  
**Postulant for Holy Orders**

*When the Liturgy of the Palms has preceded, the Nicene Creed and the Confession may be omitted.  
The people stand*

## **The Prayers of the People**

**Form IV, BCP**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

We pray for our veterans and their families and for those who are currently serving our country in the Armed Forces, including Stovall Knight, Chandler Celluzi, Taylor Tekesky, and Kyle Hubert.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays, including Rachael Collins, James Gnann, Meghann Humphreys, and Steve Erickson.

We give thanks for those who celebrate an anniversary this week, including Erle and Donna Marie Newton.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for those in need of healing, including Sandy Cunningham, Gordon Brown and family, Lynette Pasek, Sam Hood, Patsy Bennett, Janet Whitner, Rev. Louis Tonsmeire, Leigh Ann Cole, David Ronn, Steve King, Drew Tonsmeire, Glendy Biggs, Baby Alice Rose, Sandy Thornton, Kendall Thomas, and Sandy Rutters.

We pray for those who have long term health problems or are homebound, including Hope Cunningham, Sarah McLeod, Steve Novak, George Chesnut, Houston Suggs, Kimberly Gottardi, and John Youd.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* 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.*

## **The Offertory Anthem**

*Miserere Mei*

Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)

*English translation*

Be gracious unto me, O God  
According to your mercy,  
According to the greatness of your compassions,  
Blot out my transgressions.

## **The Presentation**

Hymn 164

*Bangor*

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|---|--|---|---|
| 1 | Alone thou goest forth, O Lord,<br>in sacrifice to die;<br>is this thy sorrow nought to us<br>who pass unheeding by?                       | 3 | This is earth's darkest hour, but thou<br>dost light and life restore;<br>then let all praise be given thee<br>who livest evermore. |
| 2 | Our sins, not thine, thou bearest, Lord;<br>make us thy sorrow feel,<br>till through our pity and our shame<br>love answers love's appeal. | 4 | Grant us with thee to suffer pain<br>that, as we share this hour,<br>thy cross may bring us to thy joy<br>and resurrection power.   |

## **The Holy Communion**

### ***A Note about Communion:***

*With our Bishop now restoring the use of the 'common cup' at Communion, we will be using two Eucharistic ministers and two chalices, one to be used for intinction and the other to be used as the common cup. We ask that you follow these simple directions:*

*Please come to the Altar rail as usual, following the Usher's directions, and kneel or stand, as is your preference.*

- If you wish to receive the blessed bread only, please consume the wafer when it is placed in your palm and then return to your pew.*
- If you wish to receive communion in the same manner as we have been doing for the past several months, please fold your hands together in a prayerful pose. That will be the signal to the Priest and the Eucharistic minister to intinct the wafer in the wine before placing it in your palm. After receiving communion, please return to your pew.*
- If you wish to receive the wine from the common cup (chalice), then consume the wafer when it is placed in your palm and wait for the Eucharistic minister who follows the Priest to offer the cup. Please gently grasp the base of the chalice to help guide it to your lips. After receiving communion, please return to your pew.*
- If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the sacraments, please cross your arms across your chest as a signal to the Priest who will offer a Trinitarian blessing.*

# The Great Thanksgiving

*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 him 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:

*Celebrant and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: *From A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

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

**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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

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

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

## The Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

*Celebrant and People*



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.

*Celebrant* 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.

## Hymns during Communion

Hymn 458

*Love Unknown*

1 My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me;  
love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.  
O who am I,  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh and die?

2 He came from his blest throne  
salvation to bestow;  
but men made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.  
But O, my Friend,  
my Friend indeed,  
who at my need  
his life did spend!

3 Sometimes they strew His way,  
and His sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then 'Crucify!'  
is all their breath,  
and for His death  
they thirst and cry.

4 Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.

Sweet injuries!  
yet they at these  
themselves displease,  
and 'gainst him rise.

5 They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He  
to suffering goes,  
that He His foes  
from thence might free.

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?  
Heav'n 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.

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| 1 | Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,<br>where the blood of Christ was shed,<br>perfect Man on thee did suffer,<br>perfect God on thee has bled! | 3 | O mysterious condescending!<br>O abandonment sublime!<br>Very God himself is bearing<br>all the sufferings of time!                         |
| 2 | Here the King of all the ages,<br>throned in light ere worlds could be,<br>robed in mortal flesh is dying,<br>crucified by sin for me.      | 4 | Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,<br>where the blood of Christ was shed,<br>perfect Man on thee did suffer,<br>perfect God on thee has bled! |

*If you are worshiping with us virtually, please pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping at home, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart.

†I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant 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 Solemn Prayer for Lent**

*All kneel.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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 sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Hymn in Procession

Hymn 168

- 1 O sacred head, sore wounded,  
defiled and put to scorn;  
O kingly head, surrounded  
with mocking crown of thorn:  
what sorrow mars thy grandeur?  
Can death thy bloom deflower?  
O countenance whose splendor  
the hosts of heaven adore!
- 2 Thy beauty, long-desirèd,  
hath vanished from our sight;  
thy power is all expirèd,  
and quenched the light of light.  
Ah me! for whom thou diest,  
hide not so far thy grace:  
show me, O Love most highest,  
the brightness of thy face.
- 3 In thy most bitter passion  
my heart to share doth cry,  
with thee for my salvation  
upon the cross to die.

*Herzlich tut mich verlangen [Passion Chorale]*

- Ah, keep my heart thus movèd  
to stand thy cross beneath,  
to mourn thee, well-belovèd,  
yet thank thee for thy death.
- 4 What language shall I borrow  
to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever!  
and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never,  
outlive my love for thee.
- 5 My days are few, O fail not,  
with thine immortal power,  
to hold me that I quail not  
in death's most fearful hour;  
that I may fight befriended,  
and see in my last strife  
to me thine arms extended  
upon the cross of life.

## The Dismissal

*The people are dismissed to follow the cross into the world.*

*The people respond, saying*

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Closing Voluntary

*Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The order of service from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979  
according to the use of the Episcopal Church.

If you are not receiving emails from us,  
 please call the church office at 770-382-2626  
 to sign up. Also, be sure to follow us on  
 Facebook and Instagram.

## **You are called to ministry!**

There is a place for you in one of the following ministries. Please contact the ministry leaders listed for more information about where your gifts may fit to strengthen our efforts to bring God's mission for the Church of the Ascension to full measure. If not sure where to start call the church office.

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## Calendar of Events

April 13, 2022 – Wednesday of Holy Week

12:15pm Healing and Holy Eucharist

April 14, 2022 – Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing

9:00pm – 12:00am Prayer Vigil

April 15, 2022 – Good Friday

12:15pm Holy Eucharist

7:00pm Holy Eucharist with Veneration of the Cross

April 16, 2022 – Holy Saturday

7:00pm The Great Vigil of Easter, reception to follow

April 17, 2022 – Easter Day

9:00am Holy Eucharist, reception to follow

10:00am Children's Easter Egg Hunt

11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir, reception to follow

April 24, 2022 – The Second Sunday of Easter (Rev. Terri's last Sunday)

9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist

10:00am Christian Formation for all ages

11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir

May 1, 2022 – The Third Sunday of Easter

9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist

10:00am Christian Formation for all ages

11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir

May 8, 2022 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)

9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist

10:00am Christian Formation for all ages

11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir

May 13, 2022 – Ascension Coffee House, 7 – 9pm