

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Sunday of the Passion ~ Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026



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WE are a diverse community united by our commitment to Jesus Christ and our desire to live the Christian life. Our prayers and the Sacraments help us find Christ in church and in the world. Seeing Christ in each other and in the faces of strangers, we are inspired to reach out in love and service.

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WELCOM^E to all who are joining with us virtually as we celebrate *PALM SUNDAY*. We hope you feel at home with us and that you find the love, peace, inspiration, and strength to meet the challenges of your daily life.

We hope that you will take part in our worship by making the Peoples' responses as indicated and joining in the hymn-singing.

If you would like more information about Grace Church, or the Episcopal Church, please communicate with our Rector, The Rev. Rowena Kemp, or make an appointment with her to discuss any questions you have.

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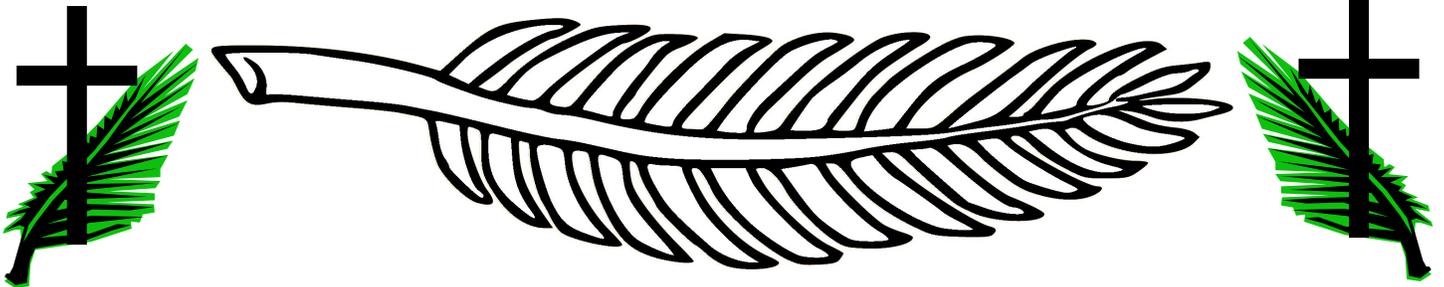
Solemn High Mass, 10:30 A.M.

Propers of Year A

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Mass Setting: *Missa Brevis No. 6 in F minor*

Healey Willan, (d. 1968)

*This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass will be sung by the choir.*  
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THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

If the weather is fair, the service begins outside the Grace Street porch entrance.

Acclamation antiphon (*choir*)

Tone VII

HOSANNA to the Son of David: blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
HO King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest!

Celebrant: Let us pray.

ASSIST us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson at the Blessing of the Palms: Matthew 21: 1-II [*NRSV*]

Reader: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

People: ✠ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation's Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, for the acts of love by which thou hast redeemed us through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who on this day didst enter 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 leadeth to eternal life; who liveth and reigneth in glory with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Distribution of the Palms (*choir*)

THE children of the Hebrews bearing branches of olive, went out to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the highest! G. P. de Palestrina (d. 1594)

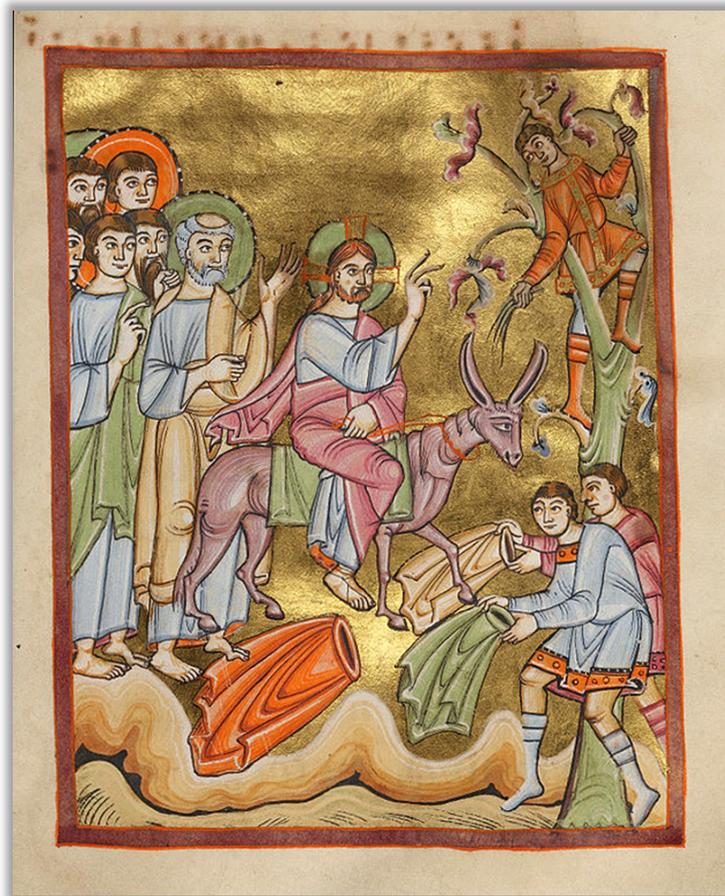
O Jerusalem, look toward the East, and behold; lift up thine eyes, O Jerusalem, and behold the power of thy King! Tone I

The children of the Hebrews spread in the way their clothes and garments, and cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Tone I

The Procession

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.



Refrain

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.

*The Celebrant knocks three times at the church door
(symbolizing Christ's knocking at the gates of Jerusalem).
The door is opened by a person inside.*

The Collect at the Door

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant: O God, who by the Passion of thy blessed Son didst make an instrument of shameful death to be unto us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



1 Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! Hark!
 2 Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! In
 3 Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! The
 4 Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! Thy
 5 Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! In

1 all the tribes ho - sa - nna cry; Thy hum - ble beast pur -
 2 low - ly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs
 3 an - gel ar - mies of the sky; look down with sad and
 4 last and fier - cest strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his
 5 low - ly pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

1 sues his road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 2 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 3 won - dering eyes to see the approa - ching sa - cri - fice.
 4 sap - phire throne ex - pects his own an - noin - ted Son.
 5 mor - tal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

The Collect at the Altar

Celebrant: Let us pray.

ALMMIGHTY 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 the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: (monotoned) And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 50: 4-9a [NRSV]

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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?

The Word of the Lord.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.



Antiphon: Cantor first time, then all



- 10 HAVE MERCY UPON ME O LORD, for | I am ^ in trouble,
 * *and mine eye is consum'd for very heaviness; yea my soul | and my bödy.*
- 11 *For my life is waxen | old with heavi^ness,*
 * *and my | years with möurning.*
- 12 My strength faileth me, because of | mine iniqui^ty,
 * and | my bones äre con^sumed.
- 13 *I became a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially a- / mong my neighbours;*
 * *and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me;*
and they that did see me without, con- / veyed themsëlves from me.
- 14 I am clean forgotten as a | dead man out of ^ mind;
 * I am become like | a brokën ves^sel.
- 15 *For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude†, and | fear is ^ on ev'ry ^ side;*
 * *while they conspire together against me,*
and take their counsel to | take awäy my ^ life.
- 16 But my hope hath | been in thee O ^ LORD;
 * I have said, | Thou art my God.
- 17 *My times are in thy hand; deliver me from the | hand of ^ mine ene^mies,*
 * *and from them that | persecüte me.*
- 18 Show thy servant the | light of ^ thy counte^nance,
 * *and save me | for thy mörcy's ^ sake.*

[Repeat Antiphon]



The Epistle: Philippians 2: 5-II [NRSV]

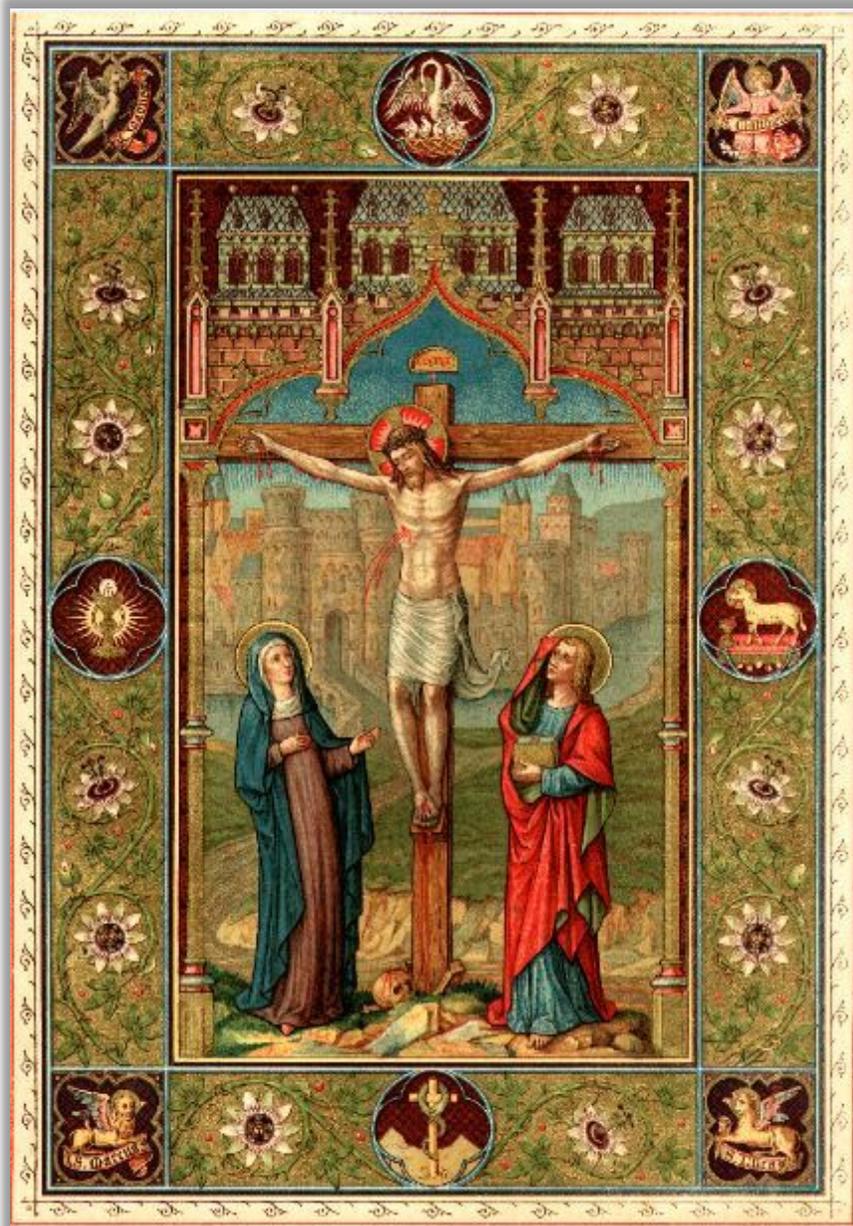
A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

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, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.

MY GOD, my God, look upon me: why hast thou forsaken me? And art so far from my health: and from the words of my complaint? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not: and in the night season also I take no rest. And thou continuest holy: O thou worship of Israel. Our fathers hoped in thee: they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them. They called upon thee, and were holpen: they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded. But as for me, I am a worm, and no man: a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people. All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying; He trusted in God, that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, if he will have him. They stand staring and looking upon me: they part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. Save me from the lion's mouth: thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns. O praise the Lord, ye that fear him: magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob. They shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation: they shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness. Unto a people that shall be born: whom the Lord hath made.



☞ THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW [27:11-54] ☞

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

At the verse that mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.

Chronista The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Synagogus Are you the king of the Jews?

Chronista Jesus said,

Christus You say so.

Chronista But when Jesus was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Synagogus Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

Chronista But Jesus gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to the crowd,

Synagogus Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Chronista For Pilate realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priest and the elders had handed Jesus over.

While Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Synagogus Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

Chronista Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.

The governor again said to them,

Synagogus Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Chronista And they said,

Synagogus Barabbas.

Chronista Pilate said to them,

Synagogus Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Chronista All of them said,

Synagogus Let him be crucified!

Chronista Then Pilate asked,

Synagogus Why, what evil has he done?

Chronista But they shouted all the more,

Synagogus Let him be crucified!

Chronista So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Synagogus I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

Chronista Then the people as a whole answered,

Synagogus His blood be on us and on our children!

Chronista So Pilate released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped Jesus and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Synagogus Hail, King of the Jews!

Chronista They spat on Jesus, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, the soldiers came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry Jesus' cross.

All stand.

Chronista And when the soldiers came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him.

Over Jesus' head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with Jesus, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Synagogus You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Chronista In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Jesus, saying,

Synagogus He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if God wants to; for this man said, "I am God's Son."

Chronista The bandits who were crucified with Jesus also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Christus Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Chronista that is,

Christus My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Chronista When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Synagogus This man is calling for Elijah.

Chronista At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Synagogus Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

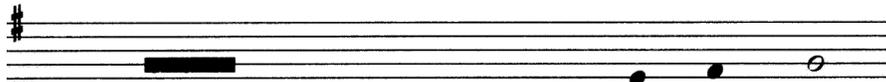
Chronista Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Silence may be kept.

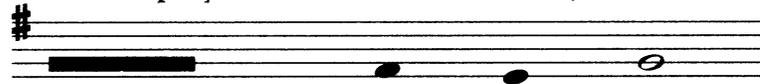
At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.

Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

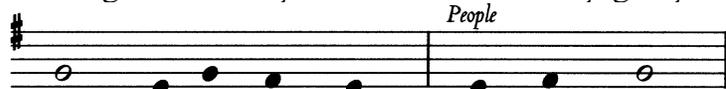
Synagogus Truly this man was God's Son!



Leader: Let us pray for the Church and | for the world.



Grant almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory / in the world. (*Silence*)



Lord, in thy mer - cy *hear our prayer.* (*Sung after every intercession*)

Leader: 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. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thy hon-/or and glory. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

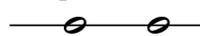
Leader: We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish; that we may have the hands and hearts to carry / out thy will. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

Leader: We commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad [*especially N.*]. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of thine abiding presence wherever / they may be. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*pause*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of / thy salvation. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

Leader: We commend to thy mercy all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled (*pause*); and we pray that we may share with all thy saints in thine e-/ternal kingdom. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. People*



A - men.

The Peace



Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spi - rit.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50: 14*

Offertory (*choir*) *Improperium expectavit*

Mode VIII

THY REBUKE hath broken my heart, I am full of heaviness: I looked for some to have pity upon me, but there was no man: neither found I any to comfort me: for they gave me gall to eat, and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

Hymn I68; vv. 1-3 (*sung by all*) "O Sacred Head Sore Wounded" *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.

Presentation of the alms and oblations

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Orate

Celebrant: Pray that this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Sursum corda

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi- rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un- to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant says,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, 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 thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus (*choir*)

H. Willan

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. ✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.



The Canon of the Mass

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender Amercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." ✠

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, ✠ be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

BY whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be Bunto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People

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The Lord's Prayer

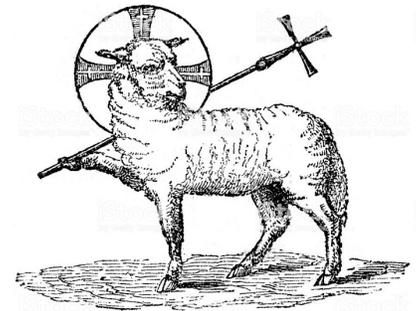
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,



The Fraction

Celebrant: Christ our Pass-ov-er is sac-ri-fic'd for us.

People: There-fore let us keep the feast.



Agnus Dei (*choir*)

H. Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access (*said by all*)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

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.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion (*choir*) *Pater, si non potest*

Mode VIII

FATHER, IF THIS CUP MAY NOT PASS AWAY from me, except I drink it: thy will be done.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion (*said by those worshipping virtually*)

IN UNION, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.



Motet (*choir*)

Felice Anerio (d. 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 for us obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a Name which is above every name.] Philippians 2: 5

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these Holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical Body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

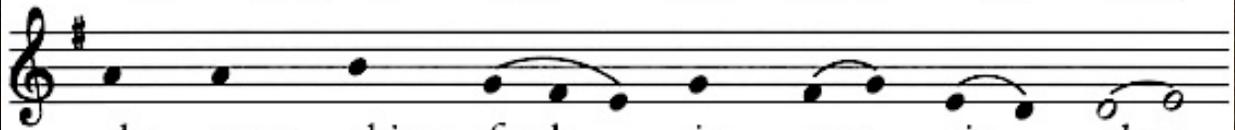
The Dismissal

Celebrant:  *People* 

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God.



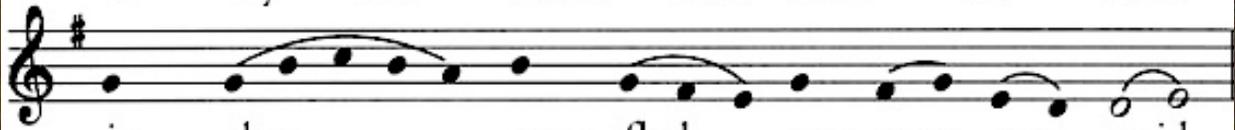
The roy- al ban- ners for- ward go,
 Ful- filled is all that Da- vid told
 O tree of beau- ty, tree most fair,
 Blest tree, whose cho- sen branch- es bore
 O cross, our one re- li- ance, hail!
 To thee, e- ter- nal Three in One,



the cross shines forth in mys- tic glow
 in true pro- phe- tic song of old;
 or- dained those ho- ly limbs to bear,
 the wealth that did the world re- store,
 Still may thy power with us a- vail
 let hom- age meet by all be done;



where he through whom our flesh was made,
 how God the na- tions' King should be,
 gone is thy shame, each crim- soned bough
 the price which none but he could pay
 to save us sin- ners from our sin,
 as by the cross thou dost re- store



in that same flesh our ran- som paid.
 for God is reign- ing from the tree.
 pro- claims the King of glo- ry now.
 to spoil the spoil- er of his prey.
 God's right- eous- ness for all to win.
 so rule and guide us ev- er- more.

GRACE NOTES

Sunday, March 29 *Palm Sunday ~ Sunday of the Passion*

FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

THE REV. ROWENA KEMP welcomes hearing from you. While she is away on medical leave, please don't hesitate to contact our Curate, The Rev. Marta Rivera Monclova (203-493-1066; marta@havenreligious.org) if there's something you'd like to discuss, and please contact her immediately should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that she should know about.

PEOPLE AND PLACES TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

A reminder: Tori Burns manages this list for us, and prayer requests need to be renewed after 2 weeks. Please communicate all prayer requests & updates with her (860-539-8790); (tburns@gracehartford.org).

- *Bishops and Clergy:* Sarah, *Archbishop of Canterbury*; Sean, *Presiding Bishop*; Jeffrey and Laura, *Bishops of ECCT*; Rowena, Jerry, Annika, and Joseph, our priests, and Marta, our curate.
- *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* **We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish, that we may have the hands and hearts to carry out thy will;** for the Episcopal Church in CT & the Anglican Communion; St. Michael's, Litchfield; St. Andrew's, Madison; St. Andrew's, Marble Dale; Regions & Region Leadership Teams; and Holy Landers Ministry Network. *The Anglican Church of Melanesia.*
- *World & Community Concerns:* For peace throughout the world, especially in the Middle East between the US, Iran, Israel, and Gaza, and in Nigeria, Sudan, the Congo and Somalia; and between Russia and Ukraine; for Christians being persecuted around the world, particularly in China and Palestine; for those who are suffering because of extreme climate; for the hungry and poor in our midst; and the volunteers who serve *A Place of Grace* food pantry.
- *Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church):* Brian, Spencer, Bradley, Curtis, Jordan, John, William, Noel, James, Ryan, Michael, Karl, Alec, Jeff, David, Tom, Michael, and Charles.
- *Thanksgiving and Celebrations:* We give thanks and ask for thy blessings upon Halsted James (12 on Wed.), whose birthday we celebrate this week.
- *Sick or in need:* Rowena; Margy; Larry; Ken T; Walter & Claudia; Stephen & Ratana; Peter; Veronica & the Rovetti Family; Lucy; Paulo Junior; Felix & Carmen; Mark; Jerry; Tom & Elaine; Ellen; Sally; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig & Deidre; Mary; Josephine, Melissa, Jaden, Tay, Soraya & Rapael; Linda, Tiffany & the Galarza Family; Tom; Kristen & Quintin; Julia, Mike, André & Maria; Soncia; Tom; Gail; Camden; Joan; David; Neil; Lea; Megin; Kathy; Patti; Delores; Nancy; Marcolina; Sr. Linda; Leonard; Joy; Cori and the Mackey Family; Judy; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; McJohn; Doreen; Ted; Kanata; Betty & John; Mary & Lou; Nelda Sue; Diane; Michael; Mark & Diane; Jean; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters.
- *The Deceased:* We pray for the repose of The Rev. Dr. Nihal de Lanerolle, Willie Anthony Waters, The Rev. Pam Strobel, The Rev. Jane Stickney, and all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, and in memory of Charles Geerts, Margaret Graham, Madeline Beck, Barbara Brewster, Mildred Cleary, Nellie H. Ellen, June Merkent, and James Brown, in whose memories the sanctuary candle is given (*by Kenneth T. and Adrienne Brown*).

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT GRACE CALENDAR OF MASSES AND ACTIVITIES



Palm Sunday, March 29 ~ Sunday of the Passion

Distribution of palms and Reading of the PASSION ACCORDING TO MATTHEW at both services

8:00 AM: LOW MASS

10:30 AM: Gather on the Grace Street porch

Blessing of the palms and procession (weather permitting)

SOLEMN HIGH MASS (*also on YouTube*)

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 1

5:00 PM: OFFICE OF TENEBRAE presented by *Haven Religious*

Maundy Thursday, April 2

5:00 PM: SOLEMN HIGH MASS (*also on YouTube*)

Stripping of the Altar and Night Watch in the Chapel of Repose follow

(Please sign up for your half-hour or more of devotion)

Good Friday, April 3

12:00 NOON: GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY, VENERATION OF THE CROSS, & MASS OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED (*also on YouTube*)

1:30-2:30 PM: Confession (Reconciliation of a Penitent) available

(Please make an appointment for confession with Mtr. Marta)

CANCELLED 5:00 PM: STATIONS OF THE CROSS (*also on YouTube*)

Saturday in Holy Week, April 4

10:00 AM: PROPER LITURGY FOR HOLY SATURDAY STREAMED LIVE ON *YouTube*)

EASTER EVE

4:00 PM: THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL AND THE FIRST MASS OF EASTER

(also on YouTube)

Gathering in Nason Hall following Mass ~ Potluck deserts hors d'oeuvres and sweets

EASTER DAY, Sunday, April 5

THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

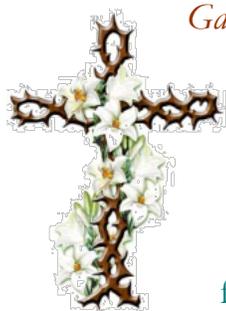
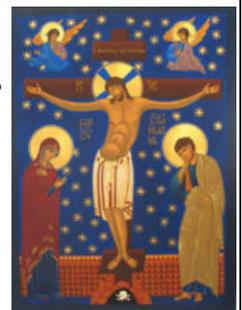
8:00 AM: LOW MASS WITH HYMNS

10:30 AM: PROCESSION and SOLEMN HIGH MASS (*also on YouTube*)

with music for organ, strings, and choir

featuring Mozart's *Missa brevis in D minor, K. 65, and Regina Coeli, K. 321*

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invite you to join us for

TENEBRAE ~ A LITURGY OF SHADOWS

All are welcome

Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

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