

Palm Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion

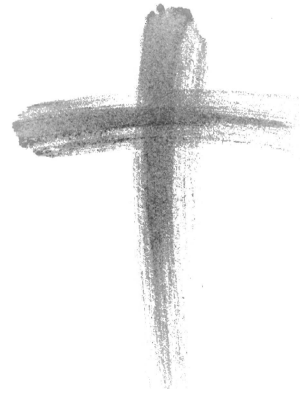
March 24, 2024
10:00 a.m.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.”

(Psalm 51:11-13)



Preparation for Worship

The organ's chimes are a signal that it is time to take your seat in a pew, refrain from talking, and be in prayer and meditation as preparation for our worship together. The organ voluntary is an opportunity when, if we are properly prepared, we may hear the voice of the Holy Spirit in the confines of our mind.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The Congregation joins in the portions printed in **bold italics**.*

*Weather permitting, our worship begins in the park, at the outdoor altar.
You may remain in the sanctuary if you prefer not to walk on the uneven ground.*

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.

Mark 11:1-11

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him 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.*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

THE PROCESSION


Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn 154, In Procession, "All glory, laud, and honor"

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

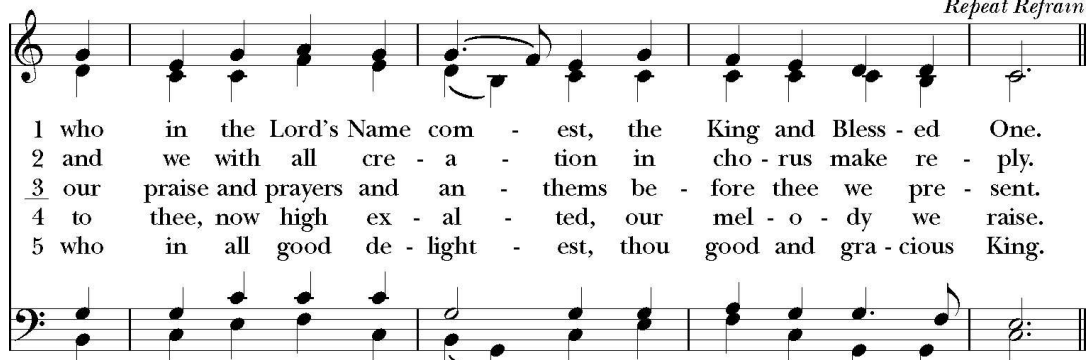


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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 stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Collect of the Day

The Lord 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.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Isaiah 50:4-9

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.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16

Recited responsively by half verse

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my

acquaintance; *

when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *

I am as useless as a broken pot.

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.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *

I have said, "You are my God.

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

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

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual and Tract

All stand, as able

Cantor: the Organist/Choirmaster

From the place where the sun rises to the place of its setting,*
my Name is great among the nations.

And in every place, a sacrifice is offered to my Name,*
a pure offering, for my Name is truly great among the nations.

Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine* I have prepared for you.

Mark 14:1-15:47

All are seated as the reading begins

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.”

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.

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.

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).

All stand as able

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.

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. 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 response is omitted.

THE SERMON

All sit

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Holy Faith Church, Port St. Lucie, and Holy Cross Church, Sanford.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Church of the Province of West Africa. *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.

Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families, especially, **Andrew, Brandon, Bryan, Caleb, Danielle, Eric, Geoffrey, Harry, Jay, John, Johnny, Kyle, Matthew B., Matthew M., Murray, Nate, Ricky, and Sarah.** *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. *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 our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially **Barbara, Jan, Bryan, Lilian, and Brenda.** And for those on our weekly prayer list. *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.

God of peace and justice, we pray for all those who live under armed conflict in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan, Iran and other places around the world. We pray for those with power over war or peace and those commanded to fight; for wisdom, compassion and restraint to guide their decisions. We pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

The priest adds a concluding collect.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Holy Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All sit

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer B*)

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At the Offertory, Motet

Christus factus est

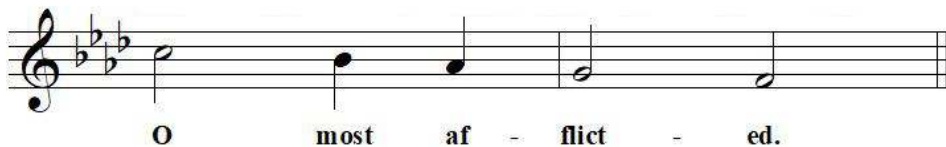
Niccolo Zingarelli

Christ for us became obedient unto death upon the cross. Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a Name which is above all other names.

Presentation Hymn 158, "Ah, holy Jesus how hast thou offended?"

Tune: HERZLIEBSTER JESU

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of -
fend - ed, that man to judge thee
hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed,



All things come of Thee, O Lord.
And of Thine own have we given Thee.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

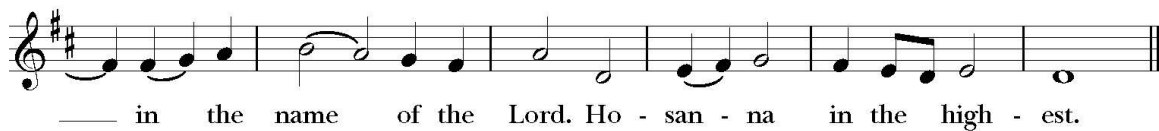
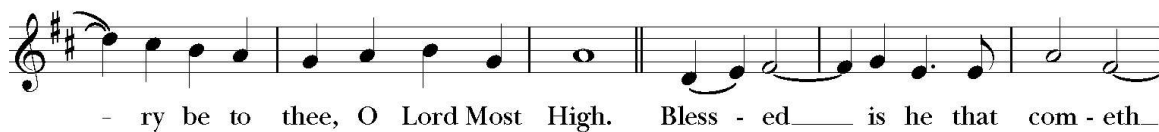
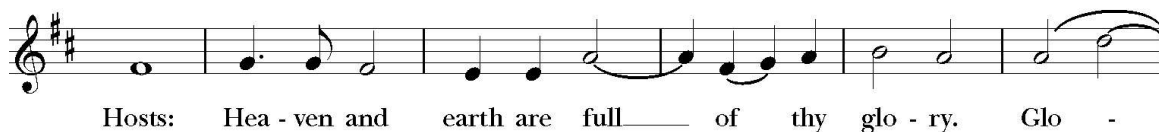
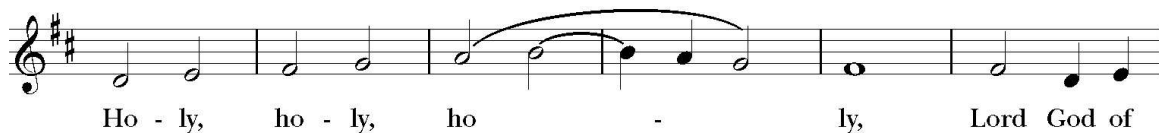
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always
and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with
Angels and Archangels and with all the company
of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to
proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS, S-114

Setting: Healey Willan



Please kneel as able

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy

Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

The usher will indicate when it is time for your row to come forward to the altar rail to receive Communion. If you wish to receive Communion in your pew, please let the usher know and it will

be brought to you. When you go forward, an usher will indicate where to kneel at the rail, then hold your hands in front of you, one on top of the other, to receive the bread. Wine is by “intinction” only, no one sips from the common cup. If you wish to receive the wine: after the clergy places the bread in your hand, just hold it out for the chalice bearer, who will dip it in the wine and place it on your tongue. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the bread and cross your arms over your chest until the chalice bearer passes by, then return to your seat.

COMMUNION HYMN , *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*

Taizé



Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

The Post Communion Prayer

All kneel, as able

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 BLESSING

Hymn 168 , “O sacred head, sore wounded”

Tune: PASSION CHORALE



1. O sac - red head, sore wound - ed, De - filed and put to
 2. Thy beaut - y, long - de - sir - ed, hath van - ished from our
 3. In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share



scorn; O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of
 sight; thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of
 cry, with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to



thorn: what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de -
 light. Ah me! for whom thou die - st, hide not so far thy
 die. Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be -



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

The congregation departs in silence.



THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

There is no day in the Christian year for which it is more difficult to plan the music than the Sunday before Easter. Prior to our current prayerbook, Passion Sunday was celebrated the week before Palm Sunday; now they are combined into a single observance. This means that the opening of our service today is focused on Jesus' triumphal entry with cries of "Hosanna" and waving palm branches. The reading of the Passion Gospel changes the focus completely, ushering in the somber events to be reenacted in the coming week. The music must reflect this.

First found in the publication *Praxis Pietatis Melica* of 1656, our closing Hymn, "O Sacred Head", comes from an anonymous Latin poem which addressed seven "Aspects of the Crucified:" feet, knee, hands, side, breast, heart and face. Known as "crucifix hymns" these hymns were designed for long, intense devotions while kneeling at the altar. Part seven, *salve caput*, (saving head) was translated into German by the famous hymn writer Paul Gerhardt. An American Presbyterian minister and seminary professor (James W. Alexander, 1804-1859) translated it into English, and it was first published in *The Christian Lyre* (1830) – an early American hymnal with many folk tunes. Thus we have a hymn which has survived two different translations and still retains the intensity of the original Latin. (from *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace).

Niccolò Antonio Zingarelli (1752 - 1837) was an Italian composer, chiefly of opera. Born in Naples, in 1789 he went to Paris but left France hurriedly at the time of the revolution and eventually returned to Italy. His final post was the prestigious post of *maestro di cappella* at the Basilica della Santa Casa at Loreto after having been choir master of the Sistine Chapel in Rome. In addition to 37 operas, being deeply religious, Zingarelli devoted most of his attention to liturgical music. For Loreto he composed 541 works, including 28 masses.



VISITORS AND GUESTS: Welcome to St. John's! We hope you will stay after the service for an opportunity to chat. Nibbles, coffee and bottled water will be provided in our Parish Hall. If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please call the Church Office at: 321-254-3365. And if you wish to know more about this church or to be included on our weekly and newsletter mailing lists, please call the office or email us at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

SIGN OUR VIRTUAL GUEST BOOK!

Scan the QR code at right or visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Virtual Guest Book to let us know you were here and pass on any comments you would like to make!



THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE may be given in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate some occasion. Contact the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org or 321-254-3365.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None known.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: None known.

LAST CHANCE FOR EASTER MEMORIALS! Please use the form in this week's bulletin to submit your Memorial. You may also submit your request by email to office@stjohnsmlb.org. Memorials must be in to the church office by this coming Tuesday, March 26.

TGIF: Men's Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m., at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. 321-254-8559.

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S: Let Dr. D know that you'd like to be a part of the music in the parish. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome. There are no auditions; all that is necessary is an ability to read music and a willingness to be faithful.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH is TODAY following the 10 a.m. service in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST. JOHN'S

Palm Sunday Brunch

TODAY, immediately following the service
All are welcome!

Evening Prayer

Monday - Wednesday, March 25-27, 6 p.m.

Maunder Thursday

Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m.
With Foot-washing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

Friday, March 29, Noon and 7 p.m.

Easter Celebration

Sunday, March 31
Sunrise in the Park, 7 a.m.
Easter Festival Worship, 10 a.m.

ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sunday, 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Cancelled for Palm Sunday and Easter, returning April 7.

DAILY BREAD: Additional servers would be most welcome for the first Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The next duty day is April 4. If you can help please contact Jackie Bond.

FAMILY PROMISE: Our next hosting is May 5 -12. If you are able to assist as a volunteer please speak to Linda Fletcher or Ben Kendall for details.

ST. JOHN'S CHAT is a great way to keep up with St. John's news and information! If you are not subscribed to this list, please email office@stjohnsmlb.org. Note that this is separate from the weekly "**St. John's eNews**" which comes out every Thursday at 4 p.m. You may request a subscription to that list as well!

PRAYER IS AVAILABLE at the altar rail immediately following the service.

A PRAYER REQUEST BOX is now available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King in the Sanctuary beside the votive candles. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this

vow seriously. In lieu of access to the prayer box, please give prayer requests directly to any Daughter listed on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

LOANING OF CHURCH ITEMS: If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens, etc. please speak with Fr. Eric or Deborah Miller-Caldwell, Jr. Warden. Please contact Deborah at farxpert@gmail.com, Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org, or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH FOCUS for the month of March is a new organization, Life Recaptured. Life Recaptured is a local program that assists girls to escape the nightmare of sex trafficking. Their residential safe homes provide refuge and freedom for their residents. This vile trade operates right under our noses here in Brevard County, and we are delighted that God has opened a way for us to support this rescue. Florida is #3 in the nation for sex trafficking. Visit

Connections Café, 3757 N. US 1, Cocoa, Wed-Sat, offering delicious food, support for the organization, and a way for those rescued to learn a marketable skill. Their gift shop and beauty boutique are open Monday through Saturday at 5515 N. Courtney Parkway, Merrit Island, and well worth the visit. On Saturday they also hold a farmer's market. Visit liferecaptured.org. for more information.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY information is available in the church newsletters, *The Good News*. Visit stjohnsmlb.org > About > Church Newsletters. More detailed reports are available from the church office.

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Readings in Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31-35, Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Good Friday: Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-19:42. Psalm 22

Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34-43, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24.

To find all the lessons visit the webpage: lectionarypage.net and click on the date.



You are personally invited to join a community of women who believe in the power of prayer, service to others, and the sharing of the gospel to expand the Kingdom of God. You can find out more about the DOK St John's Chapter by contacting Mary Highland at 321-831-2796 or mhighland7@gmail.com.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	Mar 24 Palm Sunday 10 a.m.	Mar 28 Maundy Thurs. 7 p.m.	Mar 29 Good Friday 12 Noon	Mar 29 Good Friday 7 p.m.	Mar 31 Easter Day Sunrise 7 a.m.	Mar 31 Easter Day 10 a.m.
Greeters	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks S. Davidson	A. Weeks	A. Weeks A. Lacy	X	A. Weeks S. Davidson
Ushers	J. & S. Hamilton	L. Fletcher J. Miller	J. Bond L. Miller	J. & S. Hamilton	X	T. Chernault B. Chernault
LEM	D. Miller- Caldwell	J. Bond	M Salmon	K. Oas	Richard Huffman	J. Hamilton
Altar Gld	M. Salmon	D. Miller- Caldwell	K. Oas	K. Oas	Team	Team
DOK	L. Fletcher	X	X	X	X	J. Bond
Counter	K. Wilson	X	X	X	X	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	X	B. Kendall V. Mitz	X	B. Kendall V. Mitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun. (3/24) NO Christian Education today.

Palm Sunday. Festival Procession of Palms and Holy Eucharist, with Passion Reading , Rite II, 10 a.m.

Palm Sunday Lunch after the service.

Mon (3/27) Evening Prayer, 6 p.m.

Tues (3/26) Boy Scouts, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Evening Prayer, 6 p.m.

Wed (3/27) Evening Prayer, 6 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., in the choir loft.

Thurs (3/28) **Maundy Thursday** Worship, 7 p.m.

Fri (3/29) NO TGIF Men's Bible Study, today.

Good Friday Liturgy, 12 Noon.

Good Friday Liturgy, 7 p.m.

Sun (3/31) **Easter Sunrise**, In-Person only, 7 a.m. in the park

NO Christian Education today, returns April 7.

Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m.

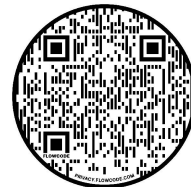
All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email office@stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you the link.

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