



# Palm *Sunday*

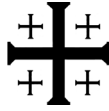
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Holy Eucharist

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

## PALM SUNDAY

Today's liturgy marks the beginning of Holy Week. In this Palm Sunday service we journey with Jesus as he is welcomed in triumph upon entering Jerusalem and then utterly rejected and crucified at Golgotha outside the gates of the city. Today's reading of Christ's passion sets forth the central act of God's love for humankind. We are not just observers but are part of the passion of Christ and through it we come to know the reality of God's saving action in our lives. Holy Week will culminate in the celebration of the Triduum—the Sacred Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.



# THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

The Solemn Holy Eucharist with the Liturgy of the Palms

March 29, 2026 • 8:00 AM & 11:15 AM

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*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.*

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

*This type of note, offering directions about the service is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red)—referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.*

## CARILLON PRELUDE (11:15 AM service)

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*Valet will ich dir geben; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)*

*The people gather at the North Porch.*

## INTROIT

*Ingrediente Domino*

George Malcolm (1917–1997)

*Sung in Latin.*

As the Lord entered the holy city, the Hebrew children hailed the resurrection of life with palm branches crying "Hosanna in the highest."

And when the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they went out to meet him with palm branches crying "Hosanna in the highest."

## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*Today's service begins in celebration as the Gospel reading recounts Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.*

### THE OPENING SENTENCES

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

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

*Presider* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE GOSPEL OF THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Matthew 21:1-11

Mateo 21:1-11

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Evangelista* Santo evangelio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo según Mateo.

*Pueblo* **Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor.**

Cuando ya estaban cerca de Jerusalén y habían llegado a Betfagé, al Monte de los Olivos, Jesús envió a dos de sus discípulos, diciéndoles: «Vayan a la aldea que está enfrente. Allí encontrarán una burra atada, y un burrito con ella. Desátenla y tráiganmelos. Y si alguien les dice algo, díganle que el Señor los necesita y que en seguida los devolverá.» Esto sucedió para que se cumpliera lo que dijo el profeta, cuando escribió: «Digan a la ciudad de Sión: "Mira, tu Rey viene a ti, humilde, montado en un burro, en un burrito, cría de una bestia de carga.»» Los discípulos fueron e hicieron lo que Jesús les había mandado. Llevaron la burra y su cría, echaron sus capas encima de ellos, y Jesús montó. Había mucha gente. Unos tendían sus capas por el camino, y otros tendían ramas que cortaban de los árboles. Y tanto los que iban delante como los que iban detrás, gritaban: «¡Hosana al Hijo del rey David! ¡Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor! ¡Hosana en las alturas!» Cuando Jesús entró en Jerusalén, toda la ciudad se alborotó, y muchos preguntaban: «¿Quién es éste?» Y la gente contestaba: «Es el profeta Jesús, el de Nazaret de Galilea.»

*Diácono* El evangelio del Señor.

*Pueblo* **Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.**

## THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

*In a prayer mirroring the Eucharistic Prayer over bread and wine and the Thanksgiving over the Water in baptism, the presider blesses the palms to be distributed to those in the procession.*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*All raise their palm branches to be blessed.*

*Presider* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

*The presider censes the palms and sprinkles them with blessed water.*

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

*People* **Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

*The procession recalls Jesus' own procession into Jerusalem and the crowds who greeted him with shouts of acclamation and with branches spread before him.*

*Deacon* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*During the procession, the people follow the donkey, instrumentalists, and clergy, waving their palms and singing.*

*Those in the nave sing the hymn until the outdoor procession reaches the Great West Doors of the Cathedral.*

## HYMN AT THE PROCESSION • 154

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*Sung by all.*

*Valet will ich dir geben*

### *Refrain*



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,



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.

*Repeat Refrain*

*The procession stops at the Great West Doors to the Cathedral where the following prayer is said.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

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.

*People* Amen.

*The procession enters the Cathedral.*

## HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

*Sung by all.*

*Winchester New*



1. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho - san - na cry;
2. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die;
3. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel ar - mies of the sky
4. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and fierc - est strife is nigh;
5. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die;



1. thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments stowed.
2. O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
3. look down with sad and won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
4. the Fa - ther on his sap - phire throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
5. bow thy meek head to mor - tal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE COLLECT FOR THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

*The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

*Presider* 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.

*People* Amen.

*The people are seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

*This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures), which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.*

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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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?

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

El Señor me ha instruido  
para que yo consuele a los cansados  
con palabras de aliento.  
Todas las mañanas me hace estar atento  
para que escuche dócilmente.  
El Señor me ha dado entendimiento,  
y yo no me he resistido  
ni le he vuelto las espaldas.  
Ofrecí mis espaldas para que me azotaran  
y dejé que me arrancaran la barba.  
No retiré la cara  
de los que me insultaban y escupían.  
El Señor es quien me ayuda:  
por eso no me hieren los insultos;  
por eso me mantengo firme como una roca,  
pues sé que no quedaré en ridículo.  
A mi lado está mi defensor:  
¿Alguien tiene algo en mi contra?  
¡Vayamos juntos ante el juez!  
¿Alguien se cree con derecho a acusarme?  
¡Que venga y me lo diga!  
El Señor es quien me ayuda;  
¿quién podrá condenarme?

*Lector*     Palabra de Dios.

*Pueblo*     **Demos gracias a Dios.**

*The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another.*

## Psalm 31:9-16

## Salmo 31:9-16

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."

Ten piedad de mí, Señor, en mis aprietos;  
 el pesar me consume los ojos,  
 las entrañas, y el alma.  
 Mi vida se desgasta en el sufrir,  
 los años, en el suspirar;  
 por mi aflicción se me va la fuerza,  
 y se me consumen los huesos.  
 Soy burla de enemigos y vecinos,  
 y temor de quienes me conocen;  
 cuando me ven venir, desaparecen.  
 Me han olvidado como a un muerto;  
 de mí no tienen memoria;  
 me he vuelto una vasija inútil.  
 Porque he oído los chismes de la gente;  
 ¡por todas partes hay terror!  
 Traman unidos contra mí  
 y planean quitarme la vida.  
 Pero yo confío en ti, Señor.  
 Proclamo: «Tú eres mi Dios.  
 Mis días están en tus manos;  
 líbrame de mis enemigos,  
 y de mis perseguidores.  
 Haz brillar tu rostro sobre esta tu sierva  
 y sálvame en tu bondad».

## THE SECOND LESSON

*This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.*

## Philippians 2:5-11

## Filipenses 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.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

Tengan unos con otros la manera de pensar propia de quien está unido a Cristo Jesús, el cual: Aunque existía con el mismo ser de Dios, no se aferró a su igualdad con él, sino que renunció a lo que era suyo y tomó naturaleza de siervo. Haciéndose como todos los hombres y presentándose como un hombre cualquiera, se humilló a sí mismo, haciéndose obediente hasta la muerte, hasta la muerte en la cruz. Por eso Dios le dio el más alto honor y el más excelente de todos los nombres, para que, ante ese nombre concedido a Jesús, doblen todos las rodillas en el cielo, en la tierra y debajo de la tierra, y todos reconozcan que Jesucristo es Señor, para gloria de Dios Padre.

*Lector*        Palabra de Dios.  
*Pueblo*        **Demos gracias a Dios.**

*The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.*

## HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 458

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

*Sung by all.*

*Love Unknown*

*The sequence hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news”—specifically the “good news of Jesus.”*



1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me, love to the love - less  
2. He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but men made strange, and  
3. Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re - sound - ing all the  
4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to  
5. They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a mur - der - er they



1. shown that they might love - ly be. O who am I that  
2. none the longed - for Christ would know. But O my friend, my  
3. day ho - san - nas to their King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is  
4. run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet  
5. save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet stead - fast he to



1. for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
2. friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.  
3. all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
4. they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.  
5. suf - fer - ing 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?  
Heaven 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.

*The people are seated.*

# THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 26:14–27:66

*Today's Gospel recounts Jesus' trial, crucifixion, and death. The celebratory mood of the beginning of the liturgy gives way to the solemnity that characterizes the week ahead.*

*The Spanish text of the Passion is found on pages 22–27/La Pasión en español se encuentra en las páginas 22–27.*

*The congregation speaks the parts of the **Crowd**.*

*The people remain seated for the first part of the Passion. At the first mention of the arrival at Golgotha, all stand. At the mention of the death of Jesus, all bow and keep silence.*

- Narrator* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,
- Judas* What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?
- Narrator* The priests paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment Judas began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus.  
On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,
- Peter* Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?
- Narrator* Jesus said,
- Jesus* Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, “The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.”
- Narrator* So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, Jesus took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,
- Jesus* Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.
- Narrator* And the disciples became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,
- Peter* Surely not I, Lord?
- Narrator* He answered,
- Jesus* The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 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.
- Narrator* Judas, who betrayed him, said,
- Judas* Surely not I, Rabbi?
- Narrator* Jesus replied,
- Jesus* You have said so.
- Narrator* While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,
- Jesus* Take, eat; this is my body.
- Narrator* Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,
- Jesus* Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

*Narrator* When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.  
Then Jesus said to his disciples,

*Jesus* You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,  
“I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.”  
But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.

*Narrator* Peter said to him,

*Peter* Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.

*Narrator* Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

*Narrator* Peter said to him,

*Peter* Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

*Narrator* And so said all the disciples.  
Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to them,

*Jesus* Sit here while I go over there and pray.

*Narrator* He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

*Jesus* I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.

*Narrator* And going a little farther, Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed,

*Jesus* My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.

*Narrator* Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

*Jesus* So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

*Narrator* Again Jesus went away for the second time and prayed,

*Jesus* My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

*Narrator* Again Jesus came and found the disciples sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

*Jesus* Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

*Narrator* While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given the crowd a sign, saying,

*Judas* The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

*Narrator* At once Judas came up to Jesus and said,

*Judas* Greetings, Rabbi!

*Narrator* and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* Friend, do what you are here to do.

*Narrator* Then the crowd came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?

*Narrator* At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

*Jesus* Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

*Narrator* Then all the disciples deserted Jesus and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, Peter sat with the guards in order to see how this would end.

Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

*Accusers* This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."

*Narrator* The high priest stood up and said to Jesus,

*High Priest* Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

*Narrator* But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to Jesus,

*High Priest* I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

*Narrator* Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* You have said so. But I tell you,  
     From now on you will see the Son of Man  
         seated at the right hand of Power  
         and coming on the clouds of heaven.

*Narrator* Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

*High Priest* He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?

*Narrator* The scribes and elders answered,

*Scribe* He deserves death.

*Narrator* Then they spat in Jesus' face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

*Elder* Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?

*Narrator* Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant came to him and said,

*Servant 1* You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

*Narrator* But Peter denied it before all of them, saying,

*Peter* I do not know what you are talking about.

*Narrator* When Peter went out to the porch, another servant saw him, and said to the bystanders,

*Servant 2* This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

*Narrator* Again Peter denied it with an oath,

*Peter* I do not know the man.

*Narrator* After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

*Bystanders* Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

*Narrator* Then Peter began to curse, and he swore an oath,

*Peter* I do not know the man!

*Narrator* At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

*Jesus* Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

*Narrator* And Peter went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. Judas said,

*Judas* I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

*Narrator* But the chief priests and elders said,

*Chief Priest* What is that to us? See to it yourself.

*Narrator* Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, Judas departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

*Chief Priest* It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.

*Narrator* After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah,

And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.

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

*Pilate* Are you the King of the Jews?

*Narrator* Jesus said,

*Jesus* You say so.

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

*Pilate* Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

*Narrator* 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,

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

*Narrator* For Pilate realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests and the elders had handed Jesus over.

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

*Pilate's Wife* Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

*Narrator* 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,

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

*Narrator* And the crowd said,  
*Crowd* **Barabbas.**  
*Narrator* Pilate said to them,  
*Pilate* Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?  
*Narrator* All of them said,  
*Crowd* **Let him be crucified!**  
*Narrator* Then Pilate asked,  
*Pilate* Why, what evil has he done?  
*Narrator* But the crowd shouted all the more,  
*Crowd* **Let him be crucified!**  
*Narrator* 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,  
*Pilate* I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.  
*Narrator* Then the people as a whole answered,  
*Crowd* **His blood be on us and on our children!**  
*Narrator* 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,  
*Soldiers* Hail, King of the Jews!  
*Narrator* 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, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry Jesus' cross.

*All stand as able and remain standing for the remainder of the reading.*

*Narrator* 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,  
*Soldiers* This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.  
*Narrator* 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,  
*Passersby* 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.  
*Narrator* In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Jesus, saying,  
*Chief Priest* He saved others; he cannot save himself.  
*Scribe* He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.  
*Elder* He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if God wants to; for this man said, "I am God's Son."

*Narrator* 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,  
*Jesus* Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?  
*Narrator* that is,  
*Jesus* My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
*Narrator* When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,  
*Bystanders* This man is calling for Elijah.  
*Narrator* 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,  
*Bystanders* Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.  
*Narrator* Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.  
*Silence is 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,

*Centurion* Truly this man was God's Son!

*Narrator* Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. Joseph went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. Joseph then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

*Chief Priest* Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive,

*Pharisee* He said, "After three days I will rise again."

*Chief Priest* Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise Jesus' disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people,

*Pharisee* "He has been raised from the dead,"

*Chief Priest* and the last deception would be worse than the first.

*Narrator* Pilate said to them,

*Pilate* You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.

*Narrator* So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

*The people are seated and keep silence.*

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*Christus factus est*

*Sung by the choir.*

Anton Bruckner (1824–1896)

*Sung in Latin.*

Christ became obedient for us to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every other name.

*(Paraphrase of Philippians 2:8-9)*

## THE PRAYER

*The people stand as able at the invitation of the presider.*

*Presider* O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world: gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Presidente* La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

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

*Pueblo* **Y también contigo.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are seated.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

*We turn to the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.*

*An offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, by scanning the QR code on the back of this leaflet, or online at [cathedral.org/give](http://cathedral.org/give).*

*The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.*

### ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

"Crucifixus" from Mass in B minor, BWV 232 *Sung by the choir.*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

*Sung in Latin.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

*The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.*

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION • 160

*Cross of Jesus*

*Sung by all.*

John Stainer (1840–1901)

1. Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the blood of Christ was shed,  
 2. Here the King of all the a - ges, throned in light ere worlds could be,  
 3. O mys - ter - ious con - de - scend - ing! O a - ban - don - ment sub - lime!  
 4. Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the blood of Christ was shed,

per - fect Man on thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!  
 robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing, cru - ci - fied by sin for me.  
 Ve - ry God him - self is bear - ing all the suf - fer - ings of time!  
 per - fect Man on thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. We begin with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Presider* It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

*Sung by all.*

*Picardy*

*The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper, and the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.*

*Presider* We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*People* **We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*Presider* Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

*Deacon* Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Mariann, our Bishop, Eugene, our Assistant Bishop, and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

*Presider* And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with our patrons, the Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the presider has prayed. It is the only "Amen" in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregation's response.*

*Presider* Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

*People* AMEN.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.*

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

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...

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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu nombre;  
venga tu reino;  
hágase tu voluntad  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en la tentación  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

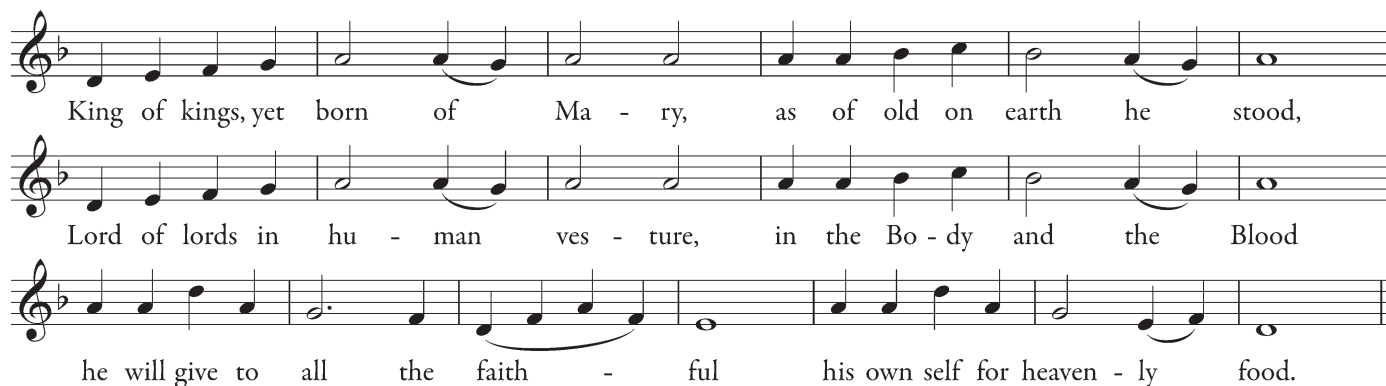
## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The presider breaks the bread in silence.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM

*Sung by all.*

*Picardy*



King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heaven - ly food.

## THE INVITATION TO THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The people are seated.*

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please move at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. For those who wish to consume wine, there are separate chalices for drinking and intincting (dipping the bread). You may either drink from a silver chalice or intinct (dip the bread) into a glass chalice. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving Communion, you may indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.*

*Those unable to receive Communion today are invited to say the Prayer of Spiritual Communion.*

## ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

*Via Dolorosa*

*Sung by the ensemble.*

Billy Sprague (b. 1952)

Down the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem that day,  
The soldiers tried to clear the narrow street,  
But the crowd pressed in to see  
The man condemned to die on Calvary.

He was bleeding from a beating, there were stripes upon His back,  
And He wore a crown of thorns upon His head,  
And He bore with every step,  
The scorn of those who cried out for His death.

*Refrain* Down the Via Dolorosa called the way of suffering;  
Like a lamb came the Messiah, Christ the King.  
But He chose to walk that road out of  
His love for you and me.  
Down the Via Dolorosa, all the way to Calvary.

Por la Vía Dolorosa, triste día en Jerusalén,  
Los soldados le abrían paso a Jesús,  
Mas la gente se acercaba,  
Para ver al que llevaba aquella cruz.

Por la Vía Dolorosa, que es la vía del dolor,  
Como oveja vino Cristo, rey, Señor,  
Y fue Él quien quiso ir, por su amor por ti y por mí.  
Por la Vía Dolorosa al Calvario y a morir.

The blood that would cleanse the souls of all men,  
Made its way to the heart of Jerusalem.

*Refrain*

*The people stand as able.*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members  
of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses  
of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Dios poderoso y eterno:  
Te damos gracias por habernos alimentado  
con la cena espiritual  
del inestimable cuerpo y sangre  
de tu Hijo nuestro Salvador Jesucristo;  
y por asegurarnos, en estos santos misterios,  
que somos miembros vivos del cuerpo de tu Hijo  
y herederos de tu reino eterno.  
Y ahora, Padre, envíanos al mundo  
a cumplir la misión que nos has encomendado  
para amar y servirte  
en fiel testimonio de Cristo nuestro Señor.  
A él, a ti, y al Espíritu Santo  
sean honor y gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

## THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*During the season of Lent, in place of a final blessing, the presider offers a Prayer over the People.*

*Deacon*      Let us bow before the Lord.

*The people may kneel or bow as able.*

*The presider prays over the people, and the people respond, Amen.*

*The people stand as able.*

HYMN AT THE CLOSING • 168

*O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded*

*Sung by all.*

*Herzlich tut mich verlangen [Passion Chorale]*



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,  
 4. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
 5. My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,



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.  
 4. for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?  
 5. to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;



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,  
 4. Oh, make me thine for ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,  
 5. that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife



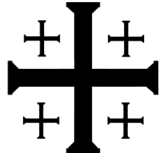
1. O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
 2. show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.  
 3. to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.  
 4. Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.  
 5. to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*Diácono* Bendigamos al Señor.  
*Pueblo* Demos gracias a Dios.

*The people depart in silence.*



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# LA PASIÓN DE NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO SEGÚN MATEO

Mateo 26:14–27:66

- Narrador* La Pasión de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo según Mateo.
- Uno de los doce discípulos, el que se llamaba Judas Iscariote, fue a ver a los jefes de los sacerdotes y les dijo:
- Judas* ¿Cuánto me quieren dar, y yo les entrego a Jesús?
- Narrador* Ellos le pagaron treinta monedas de plata. Y desde entonces Judas anduvo buscando el momento más oportuno para entregarles a Jesús.
- El primer día de la fiesta en que se comía el pan sin levadura, los discípulos se acercaron a Jesús y le preguntaron:
- Pedro* ¿Dónde quieres que te preparemos la cena de Pascua?
- Narrador* Él les contestó:
- Jesús* Vayan a la ciudad, a casa de Fulano, y díganle: “El Maestro dice: Mi hora está cerca, y voy a tu casa a celebrar la Pascua con mis discípulos.”
- Narrador* Los discípulos hicieron como Jesús les había mandado, y prepararon la cena de Pascua. Cuando llegó la noche, Jesús estaba a la mesa con los doce discípulos; y mientras comían, les dijo:
- Jesús* Les aseguro que uno de ustedes me va a traicionar.
- Narrador* Ellos se pusieron muy tristes, y comenzaron a preguntarle uno tras otro:
- Pedro* Señor, ¿acaso seré yo?
- Narrador* Jesús les contestó:
- Jesús* Uno que moja el pan en el mismo plato que yo, va a traicionarme. El Hijo del hombre ha de recorrer el camino que dicen las Escrituras; pero ¡ay de aquel que lo traiciona! Hubiera sido mejor para él no haber nacido.
- Narrador* Entonces Judas, el que lo estaba traicionando, le preguntó:
- Judas* Maestro, ¿acaso seré yo?
- Jesús* Tú lo has dicho
- Narrador* contestó Jesús.
- Mientras comían, Jesús tomó en sus manos el pan y, habiendo dado gracias a Dios, lo partió y se lo dio a los discípulos, diciendo:
- Jesús* Tomen y coman, esto es mi cuerpo.
- Narrador* Luego tomó en sus manos una copa y, habiendo dado gracias a Dios, se la pasó a ellos, diciendo:
- Jesús* Beban todos ustedes de esta copa, porque esto es mi sangre, con la que se confirma la alianza, sangre que es derramada en favor de muchos para perdón de sus pecados. Pero les digo que no volveré a beber de este producto de la vid, hasta el día en que beba con ustedes el vino nuevo en el reino de mi Padre.
- Narrador* Después de cantar los salmos, se fueron al Monte de los Olivos.
- Y Jesús les dijo:
- Jesús* Todos ustedes van a perder su fe en mí esta noche. Así lo dicen las Escrituras: “Mataré al pastor, y las ovejas se dispersarán.” Pero cuando yo resucite, los volveré a reunir en Galilea.

*Narrador* Pedro le contestó:

*Pedro* Aunque todos pierdan su fe en ti, yo no la perderé.

*Narrador* Jesús le dijo:

*Jesús* Te aseguro que esta misma noche, antes que cante el gallo, me negarás tres veces.

*Narrador* Pedro afirmó:

*Pedro* Aunque tenga que morir contigo, no te negaré.

*Narrador* Y todos los discípulos decían lo mismo.

Luego fue Jesús con sus discípulos a un lugar llamado Getsemaní, y les dijo:

*Jesús* Siéntense aquí, mientras yo voy allí a orar.

*Narrador* Y se llevó a Pedro y a los dos hijos de Zebedeo, y comenzó a sentirse muy triste y angustiado. Les dijo:

*Jesús* Siento en mi alma una tristeza de muerte. Quédense ustedes aquí, y permanezcan despiertos conmigo.

*Narrador* En seguida Jesús se fue un poco más adelante, se inclinó hasta tocar el suelo con la frente, y oró diciendo:

*Jesús* Padre mío, si es posible, líbrame de este trago amargo; pero que no se haga lo que yo quiero, sino lo que quieres tú.

*Narrador* Luego volvió a donde estaban los discípulos, y los encontró dormidos. Le dijo a Pedro:

*Jesús* ¿Ni siquiera una hora pudieron ustedes mantenerse despiertos conmigo? Manténganse despiertos y oren, para que no caigan en tentación. Ustedes tienen buena voluntad, pero son débiles.

*Narrador* Por segunda vez se fue, y oró así:

*Jesús* Padre mío, si no es posible evitar que yo sufra esta prueba, hágase tu voluntad.

*Narrador* Cuando volvió, encontró otra vez dormidos a los discípulos, porque sus ojos se les cerraban de sueño. Los dejó y se fue a orar por tercera vez, repitiendo las mismas palabras. Entonces regresó a donde estaban los discípulos, y les dijo:

*Jesús* ¿Siguen ustedes durmiendo y descansando? Ha llegado la hora en que el Hijo del hombre va a ser entregado en manos de los pecadores. Levántense, vámonos; ya se acerca el que me traiciona.

*Narrador* Todavía estaba hablando Jesús, cuando Judas, uno de los doce discípulos, llegó acompañado de mucha gente armada con espadas y con palos. Iban de parte de los jefes de los sacerdotes y de los ancianos del pueblo. Judas, el traidor, les había dado una contraseña, diciéndoles:

*Judas* Al que yo bese, ése es; arréstenlo.

*Narrador* Así que, acercándose a Jesús, dijo:

*Judas* ¡Buenas noches, Maestro!

*Narrador* Y lo besó. Jesús le contestó:

*Jesús* Amigo, adelante con tus planes.

*Narrador* Entonces los otros se acercaron, echaron mano a Jesús y lo arrestaron. En eso, uno de los que estaban con Jesús sacó su espada y le cortó una oreja al criado del sumo sacerdote. Jesús le dijo:

*Jesús* Guarda tu espada en su lugar. Porque todos los que pelean con la espada, también a espada morirán. ¿No sabes que yo podría rogarle a mi Padre, y él me mandaría ahora mismo más de doce ejércitos de ángeles? Pero en ese caso, ¿cómo se cumplirían las Escrituras, que dicen que debe suceder así?

*Narrador* En seguida Jesús preguntó a la gente:

*Jesús* ¿Por qué han venido ustedes con espadas y con palos a arrestarme, como si yo fuera un bandido? Todos los días he estado enseñando en el templo, y nunca me arrestaron. Pero todo esto sucede para que se cumpla lo que dijeron los profetas en las Escrituras.

*Narrador* En aquel momento, todos los discípulos dejaron solo a Jesús y huyeron.

Los que habían arrestado a Jesús lo llevaron a la casa de Caifás, el sumo sacerdote, donde los maestros de la ley y los ancianos estaban reunidos. Pedro lo siguió de lejos hasta el patio de la casa del sumo sacerdote. Entró, y se quedó sentado con los guardianes del templo, para ver en qué terminaría todo aquello.

Los jefes de los sacerdotes y toda la Junta Suprema buscaban alguna prueba falsa para condenar a muerte a Jesús, pero no la encontraron, a pesar de que muchas personas se presentaron y lo acusaron falsamente. Por fin se presentaron dos más, que afirmaron:

*Testigos* Este hombre dijo: “Yo puedo destruir el templo de Dios y volver a levantarlo en tres días.”

*Narrador* Entonces el sumo sacerdote se levantó y preguntó a Jesús:

*Sumo Sacerdote* ¿No contestas nada? ¿Qué es esto que están diciendo contra ti?

*Narrador* Pero Jesús se quedó callado. El sumo sacerdote le dijo:

*Sumo Sacerdote* En el nombre del Dios viviente te ordeno que digas la verdad. Dinos si tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios.

*Narrador* Jesús le contestó:

*Jesús* Tú lo has dicho. Y yo les digo también que ustedes van a ver al Hijo del hombre sentado a la derecha del Todopoderoso, y viniendo en las nubes del cielo.

*Narrador* Entonces el sumo sacerdote se rasgó las ropas en señal de indignación, y dijo:

*Sumo Sacerdote* ¡Las palabras de este hombre son una ofensa contra Dios! ¿Qué necesidad tenemos de más testigos? Ustedes han oído sus palabras ofensivas; ¿qué les parece?

*Narrador* Ellos contestaron:

*Maestro de la Ley* Es culpable, y debe morir.

*Narrador* Entonces le escupieron en la cara y lo golpearon. Otros le pegaron en la cara, diciéndole:

*Anciano* Tú que eres el Mesías, ¡adivina quién te pegó!

*Narrador* Pedro, entre tanto, estaba sentado afuera, en el patio. En esto, una sirvienta se le acercó y le dijo:

*Sirvienta 1* Tú también andabas con Jesús, el de Galilea.

*Narrador* Pero Pedro lo negó delante de todos, diciendo:

*Pedro* No sé de qué estás hablando.

*Narrador* Luego se fue a la puerta, donde otra lo vio y dijo a los demás:

*Sirvienta 2* Ése andaba con Jesús, el de Nazaret.

*Narrador* De nuevo Pedro lo negó, jurando:

*Pedro* ¡No conozco a ese hombre!

*Narrador* Poco después, los que estaban allí se acercaron a Pedro y le dijeron:

*Espectadores* Seguro que tú también eres uno de ellos. Hasta en tu manera de hablar se te nota.

*Narrador* Entonces él comenzó a jurar y perjurarse, diciendo:

*Pedro* ¡No conozco a ese hombre!

*Narrador* En aquel mismo momento cantó un gallo, y Pedro se acordó de que Jesús le había dicho:

*Jesús* Antes que cante el gallo, me negarás tres veces.

*Narrador* Y salió Pedro de allí, y lloró amargamente.

Cuando amaneció, todos los jefes de los sacerdotes y los ancianos de los judíos se pusieron de acuerdo en un plan para matar a Jesús. Lo llevaron atado y se lo entregaron a Pilato, el gobernador romano. Judas, el que había traicionado a Jesús, al ver que lo habían condenado, tuvo remordimientos y devolvió las treinta monedas de plata a los jefes de los sacerdotes y a los ancianos, diciéndoles:

*Judas* He pecado entregando a la muerte a un hombre inocente.

*Narrador* Pero ellos le contestaron:

*Sacerdote* ¿Y eso qué nos importa a nosotros? ¡Eso es cosa tuya!

*Narrador* Entonces Judas arrojó las monedas en el templo, y fue y se ahorcó. Los jefes de los sacerdotes recogieron aquel dinero, y dijeron:

*Sacerdote* Este dinero está manchado de sangre; no podemos ponerlo en el cofre de las ofrendas.

*Narrador* Así que tomaron el acuerdo de comprar con él un terreno llamado el Campo del Alfarero, para tener un lugar donde enterrar a los extranjeros. Por eso, aquel terreno se llama hasta el día de hoy Campo de Sangre.

Así se cumplió lo que había dicho el profeta Jeremías:

Tomaron las treinta monedas de plata, el precio que los israelitas le habían puesto, y con ellas compraron el campo del alfarero, tal como me lo ordenó el Señor.

Jesús fue llevado ante el gobernador, que le preguntó:

*Pilato* ¿Eres tú el Rey de los judíos?

*Jesús* Tú lo has dicho

*Narrador* contestó Jesús.

Mientras los jefes de los sacerdotes y los ancianos lo acusaban, Jesús no respondía nada. Por eso Pilato le preguntó:

*Pilato* ¿No oyes todo lo que están diciendo contra ti?

*Narrador* Pero Jesús no le contestó ni una sola palabra; de manera que el gobernador se quedó muy extrañado. Durante la fiesta, el gobernador acostumbraba dejar libre un preso, el que la gente escogiera. Había entonces un preso famoso llamado Jesús Barrabás; y estando ellos reunidos, Pilato les preguntó:

*Pilato* ¿A quién quieren ustedes que les ponga en libertad: a Jesús Barrabás, o a Jesús, el que llaman el Mesías?

*Narrador* Porque se había dado cuenta de que lo habían entregado por envidia.

Mientras Pilato estaba sentado en el tribunal, su esposa mandó a decirle:

*Esposa de Pilato* No te metas con ese hombre justo, porque anoche tuve un sueño horrible por causa suya.

*Narrador* Pero los jefes de los sacerdotes y los ancianos convencieron a la multitud de que pidiera la libertad de Barrabás y la muerte de Jesús.

El gobernador les preguntó otra vez:

*Pilato* ¿A cuál de los dos quieren ustedes que les ponga en libertad?

*Narrador* Ellos dijeron:

*Pueblo* ¡A Barrabás!

*Narrador* Pilato les preguntó:

*Pilato* ¿Y qué voy a hacer con Jesús, el que llaman el Mesías?

<i>Narrador</i>	Todos contestaron:
<i>Pueblo</i>	<b>¡Crucificalo!</b>
<i>Narrador</i>	Pilato les dijo:
<i>Pilato</i>	Pues ¿qué mal ha hecho?
<i>Narrador</i>	Pero ellos volvieron a gritar:
<i>Pueblo</i>	<b>¡Crucificalo!</b>
<i>Narrador</i>	Cuando Pilato vio que no conseguía nada, sino que el alboroto era cada vez mayor, mandó traer agua y se lavó las manos delante de todos, diciendo:
<i>Pilato</i>	Yo no soy responsable de la muerte de este hombre; es cosa de ustedes.
<i>Narrador</i>	Toda la gente contestó:
<i>Pueblo</i>	<b>¡Nosotros y nuestros hijos nos hacemos responsables de su muerte!</b>
<i>Narrador</i>	Entonces Pilato dejó libre a Barrabás; luego mandó azotar a Jesús y lo entregó para que lo crucificaran. Los soldados del gobernador llevaron a Jesús al palacio y reunieron toda la tropa alrededor de él. Le quitaron su ropa, lo vistieron con una capa roja y le pusieron en la cabeza una corona tejida de espinas y una vara en la mano derecha. Luego se arrodillaron delante de él, y burlándose le decían:
<i>Soldados</i>	¡Viva el Rey de los judíos!
<i>Narrador</i>	También lo escupían, y con la misma vara le golpeaban la cabeza. Después de burlarse así de él, le quitaron la capa roja, le pusieron su propia ropa y se lo llevaron para crucificarlo. Al salir de allí, encontraron a un hombre llamado Simón, natural de Cirene, a quien obligaron a cargar con la cruz de Jesús.
<i>Todos de pie.</i>	
<i>Narrador</i>	Cuando llegaron a un sitio llamado Gólgota, (es decir, «Lugar de la Calavera»), le dieron a beber vino mezclado con hiel; pero Jesús, después de probarlo, no lo quiso beber. Cuando ya lo habían crucificado, los soldados echaron suertes para repartirse entre sí la ropa de Jesús. Luego se sentaron allí para vigilarlo. Y por encima de su cabeza pusieron un letrero, donde estaba escrita la causa de su condena. El letrero decía:
<i>Soldados</i>	Éste es Jesús, el Rey de los judíos.
<i>Narrador</i>	También fueron crucificados con él dos bandidos, uno a su derecha y otro a su izquierda. Los que pasaban lo insultaban, meneando la cabeza y diciendo:
<i>Espectador</i>	¡Tú ibas a derribar el templo y a reconstruirlo en tres días! ¡Si eres Hijo de Dios, sálvate a ti mismo y bájate de la cruz!
<i>Narrador</i>	De la misma manera se burlaban de él los jefes de los sacerdotes y los maestros de la ley, junto con los ancianos. Decían:
<i>Sacerdote</i>	Salvó a otros, pero a sí mismo no puede salvarse.
<i>Maestro de la Ley</i>	Es el Rey de Israel: ¡pues que baje de la cruz, y creeremos en él!
<i>Anciano</i>	Ha puesto su confianza en Dios: ¡pues que Dios lo salve ahora, si de veras lo quiere! ¿No nos ha dicho que es Hijo de Dios?
<i>Narrador</i>	Y hasta los bandidos que estaban crucificados con él, lo insultaban. Desde el mediodía y hasta las tres de la tarde, toda la tierra quedó en oscuridad. A esa misma hora, Jesús gritó con fuerza:

*Jesús* Elí, Elí, ¿lemá sabactani?

*Narrador* es decir:

*Jesús* Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?

*Narrador* Algunos de los que estaban allí, lo oyeron y dijeron:

*Espectadores* Éste está llamando al profeta Elías.

*Narrador* Al momento, uno de ellos fue corriendo en busca de una esponja, la empapó en vino agrio, la ató a una caña y se la acercó para que bebiera. Pero los otros dijeron:

*Espectadores* Déjalo, a ver si Elías viene a salvarlo.

*Narrador* Jesús dio otra vez un fuerte grito, y murió.

*Se guarda silencio.*

*Narrador* En aquel momento el velo del templo se rasgó en dos, de arriba abajo. La tierra tembló, las rocas se partieron y los sepulcros se abrieron; y hasta muchas personas santas, que habían muerto, volvieron a la vida. Entonces salieron de sus tumbas, después de la resurrección de Jesús, y entraron en la santa ciudad de Jerusalén, donde mucha gente los vio.

Quando el capitán y los que estaban con él vigilando a Jesús vieron el terremoto y todo lo que estaba pasando, se llenaron de miedo y dijeron:

*Capitán* ¡De veras este hombre era Hijo de Dios!

*Narrador* Estaban allí, mirando de lejos, muchas mujeres que habían seguido a Jesús desde Galilea y que lo habían ayudado. Entre ellas se encontraban María Magdalena, María la madre de Santiago y de José, y la madre de los hijos de Zebedeo.

Quando ya anocheecía, llegó un hombre rico llamado José, natural de Arimatea, que también se había hecho seguidor de Jesús. José fue a ver a Pilato y le pidió el cuerpo de Jesús. Pilato ordenó que se lo dieran, y José tomó el cuerpo, lo envolvió en una sábana de lino limpia y lo puso en un sepulcro nuevo, de su propiedad, que había hecho cavar en la roca. Después de tapar la entrada del sepulcro con una gran piedra, se fue. Pero María Magdalena y la otra María se quedaron sentadas frente al sepulcro.

Al día siguiente, es decir, el sábado, los jefes de los sacerdotes y los fariseos fueron juntos a ver a Pilato, y le dijeron:

*Sacerdote* Señor, recordamos que aquel mentiroso, cuando aún vivía,

*Fariseo* dijo que después de tres días iba a resucitar.

*Sacerdote* Por eso, mande usted asegurar el sepulcro hasta el tercer día, no sea que vengan sus discípulos y roben el cuerpo, y después digan a la gente que

*Fariseo* ha resucitado.

*Sacerdote* En tal caso, la última mentira sería peor que la primera.

*Narrador* Pilato les dijo:

*Pilato* Ahí tienen ustedes soldados de guardia. Vayan y aseguren el sepulcro lo mejor que puedan.

*Narrador* Fueron, pues, y aseguraron el sepulcro poniendo un sello sobre la piedra que lo tapaba; y dejaron allí los soldados de guardia.

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# HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2026

## SUNDAY, MARCH 29: THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

The Solemn Holy Eucharist with the Liturgy of the Palms • 8:00 AM and 11:15 AM  
Choral Evensong • 4:00 PM

## MONDAY, MARCH 30: MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Holy Eucharist • NOON  
Choral Evensong • 5:00 PM

## TUESDAY, MARCH 31: TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Holy Eucharist with Consecration of Chrism &  
Reaffirmation of Discipleship and Renewal of Ordination Vows • NOON  
Choral Evensong • 5:00 PM

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1: WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Holy Eucharist • NOON

## THURSDAY, APRIL 2: MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Solemn Liturgy of Maundy Thursday • 7:00 PM  
Watch with the Reserved Sacrament • 9:00 PM–midnight

## FRIDAY, APRIL 3: GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer in the Presence of the Reserved Sacrament • 10:00 AM  
Rite of Reconciliation (Confession) • see [cathedral.org/easter](http://cathedral.org/easter) for schedule  
The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday • NOON  
Good Friday Evening Service • 7:00 PM

## SATURDAY, APRIL 4: EASTER EVE

The Great Vigil of Easter • 8:00 PM

## SUNDAY, APRIL 5: THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY

The Festival Holy Eucharist • 8:00 AM and 11:15 AM (passes required)  
Organ Recital • 2:00 PM  
Choral Evensong • 4:00 PM

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