

## Holy Week and Easter at St Paul's 2016

### **Palm Sunday: Today**

3.15 pm **Evensong**

Address

**Lent Sermon Series: Saints for our Day -  
keeping the rumour of God alive** *Egeria*

The Reverend James Milne,  
Minor Canon and Sacrist

4.45 pm **Organ Recital** Peter Holder (St Paul's Cathedral)

6 pm **Eucharist**

### **Maundy Thursday: 24<sup>th</sup> March**

10.30 am **Chrism Eucharist**

5 pm **The Maundy Thursday Liturgy and the Washing of Feet**

This is followed by a vigil  
where prayer is kept silently until midnight

### **Good Friday: 25<sup>th</sup> March**

The Cathedral is open all day for prayer and worship only

10.15 am **Choral Mattins and Litany in Procession**

12 noon **The Three Hours: Death of a Friend –  
reflections for Good Friday**

led by Pádraig Ó Tuama, Leader, The Corrymeela Community

4 pm **Evening Prayer**

5 pm **The Good Friday Liturgy  
with the Veneration of the Cross  
and the Distribution of the Sacrament**

### **Easter Eve: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

6 pm **The Easter Liturgy with Baptism, Confirmation and  
the First Eucharist of Easter**

### **Easter Day: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

5.45 am **Dawn Eucharist**

8 am **Holy Communion** Book of Common Prayer

10.15 am **Choral Mattins**

Preacher: The Bishop of London

11.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Preacher: The Dean

3.15 pm **Festal Evensong**

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Michael Hampel,  
Precentor, Canon in Residence

6 pm **Eucharist**

# The Liturgy of Palm Sunday

## Sung Eucharist with Procession and the Blessing and Distribution of Palms

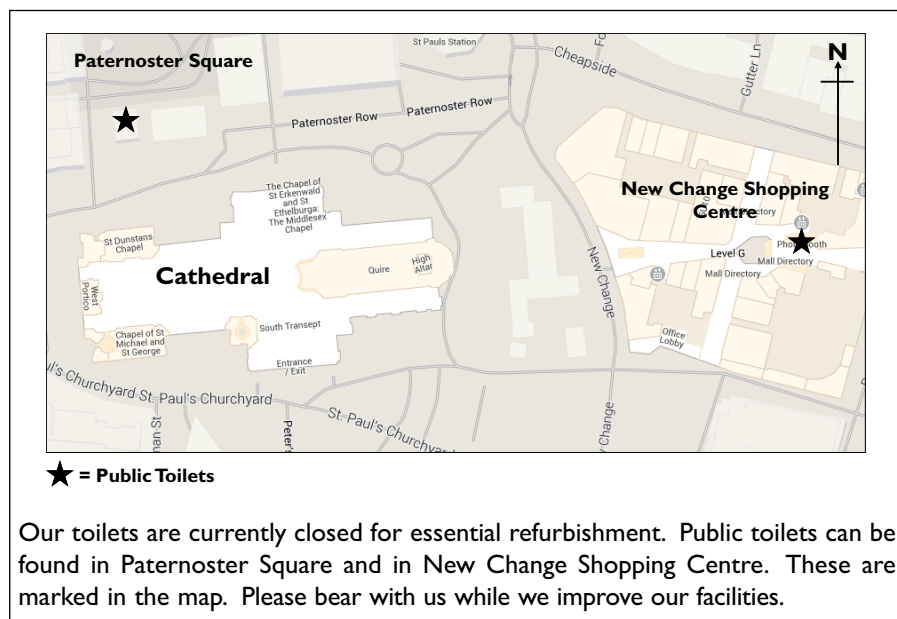
*Mass in G minor*  
Vaughan Williams

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
11 am

# WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

We are a Christian church within the Anglican tradition (Church of England) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God here for over 1400 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition. Our regular worshippers, supported by nearly 150 members of staff and a large number of volunteers, make up the cathedral community.

We are committed to the diversity, equal opportunities and personal and spiritual development of all who work and worship here because we are followers of Jesus Christ. We are a Fairtrade Cathedral and use fairly traded communion wine at all celebrations of the Eucharist, and this order of service is printed on sustainably-produced paper. Thank you for being with us today. If you need any help, please ask a member of staff. Please be assured of our continuing prayers for you when you go back to your homes and places of worship.



As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray in silence. Please switch off mobile telephones and do not use photographic, video or recording equipment at any time.

**To thee, eternal Three in One,  
Let homage meet by all be done:  
Whom by thy Cross thou dost restore,  
Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.**

Words: (79) Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (530-609)  
trans. J. M. Neale (1818-66)

Tune (128 ii) *Gonfalon Royal*  
Percy Buck (1871-1947)

*You are invited to be seated for the playing of the Organ Voluntary, or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.*

*The congregation is asked to leave the Cathedral through the nearest door, following the directions of the Wandsmen and Stewards.*

## Organ Voluntary

*Fantasia super Valet will ich dir geben* (BWV 735)

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

Please take this order of service away with you  
to reflect on the readings and prayers and as a reminder of your visit.

Morning Prayer is said daily at 7.30 am.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 8 am and 12.30 pm daily.

Choral Evensong is usually sung daily at 5 pm,  
except on occasional Mondays when Evening Prayer is said.

On Sundays, Holy Communion is celebrated at 8 am, 11.30 am, and 6 pm;  
Mattins is sung at 10.15 am and Evensong at 3.15 pm

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## Recessional Hymn

during which the Ministers and Choir depart.



The royal banners forward go,  
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow,  
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,  
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

Where deep for us the spear was dyed,  
Life's torrent rushing from his side,  
To wash us in that precious flood,  
Where mingled water flowed, and blood.

Fulfilled is all that David told  
In true prophetic song of old,  
The universal Lord is he,  
Who reigns and triumphs from the tree.

O Tree of beauty, Tree of light,  
O Tree with royal purple dight,  
Elect on whose triumphal breast  
Those holy limbs should find their rest!

On whose dear arms, so widely flung,  
The weight of this world's ransom hung,  
The price of humankind to pay  
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.

O Cross, our one reliance, hail!  
So may thy power with us prevail  
To give new virtue to the saint,  
And pardon to the penitent.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

The congregation gathers in Paternoster Square.

### Liturgy of the Palms

A procession makes its way from St Giles' Church, Cripplegate, led by two donkeys and accompanied by trumpets and drums.

As the procession enters Paternoster Square the congregation are encouraged to join in the shouting of **Hosanna!**

The congregation is asked to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

### The Gathering

### The Greeting

The President says

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
during Lent we have been preparing  
by works of love and self-sacrifice  
for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection.  
Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration  
in union with the Church throughout the world.  
Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour,  
to suffer, to die, and to rise again.  
Let us go with him in faith and love,  
so that, united with him in his sufferings,  
we may share his risen life.

*The people hold up their palm crosses, and the President says*

God our Saviour,  
whose Son Jesus Christ  
entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die,  
let these palms 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 is alive and reigns now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*The palms are sprinkled with holy water as the Choir sings*

## Motet

Pueri Hebraeorum  
vestimenta prosternebant in via  
et clamabant dicentes:  
Hosanna Filio David,  
benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.

Words: Antiphon  
Procession on Palm Sunday

The Hebrew children  
spread their garments in the way  
and cried out, saying:  
Hosanna to the Son of David:  
blessed is he that comes  
in the name of the Lord.

Music: Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

## The Palm Gospel

*A Deacon says*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## The Dismissal

*The President says*

May the Father,  
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
bring you by faith to his eternal life.

**Amen.**

May Christ,  
who accepted the cup of sacrifice  
in obedience to the Father's will,  
keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

**Amen.**

May the Spirit,  
who strengthens us to suffer with Christ  
that we may share his glory,  
set your minds on life and peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*A Deacon sings*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*The Choir sings and all repeat*



## Anthem

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,  
Thy humble beast pursues his road  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.  
In lowly pomp ride on to die,  
O Christ thy triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.  
The winged squadrons of the sky look down  
With sad and wondering eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
Awaits his own anointed Son.  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Words: Henry Milman (1791–1868)

Music: Grayston Ives (b.1948)

## Prayers after Communion

*All stand with the President, who says*

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

**Faithful God,**  
**may we who share this banquet**  
**glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**our salvation, life and hope,**  
**who reigns as Lord now and for ever.**  
**Amen.**

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

'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'

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

Luke 19. 28-40

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Procession

*The President says*

Let us now go forth praising Jesus our Messiah.

The Choir, Ministers and congregation proceed to the Cathedral singing

### Processional Hymn



**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**  
**Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,**  
**Thy humble beast pursues his road**  
**With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**  
**In lowly pomp ride on to die:**  
**O Christ, thy triumphs now begin**  
**O'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**  
**The wingèd squadrons of the sky**  
**Look down with sad and wondering eyes**  
**To see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**  
**Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;**  
**The Father on his sapphire throne**  
**Awaits his own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**  
**In lowly pomp ride on to die;**  
**Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,**  
**Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.**

Words: (511) Henry Milman (1791-1868)

Tune: Winchester New  
adapted from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch* (1690)  
harm. William Monk (1823-89)

### Giving of Communion

*The President invites the people to receive the Holy Communion, saying*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**  
**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Please sit, and then follow the directions of the Virgers and Wandsmen.*

*All baptized Christians who receive communion in their own churches are welcome to receive communion.*

*Those communicants requiring gluten-free wafers are asked to identify themselves to a Virger or Wandsman and to receive communion from the President.*

*Any member of the congregation may come to receive a blessing; if you come forward for a blessing, please keep your head bowed.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi: miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi: miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin  
of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin  
of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin  
of the world: grant us peace.

*The Choir sings and all repeat*



*Silence is kept.*

## The Lord's Prayer

*The President says*

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,  
each praying in our own language:

**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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup  
**we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

## Processional Hymn



**All glory, laud and honour  
To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and blessed One.**

**The company of angels  
Are praising thee on high,  
And we with all creation  
Together, make reply.**

**The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before thee we present.**

**To thee before thy passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.**

**Thou didst accept their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King.**

**Do thou direct our footsteps  
Upon our earthly way,  
And bring us by thy mercy  
To heaven's eternal day.**

**Within that blessed City  
Thy praises may we sing,  
And ever raise hosannas  
To our most loving King.**

***All glory, laud and honour  
To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.***

Words: (509) St Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821)  
trans. J. M. Neale (1818-66), alt.

Tune: *St Theodulph*  
Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)  
adapted by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

## Anthem

Hosanna to the Son of David.  
Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, thou that sittest in the highest heavens.  
Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

Words: Matthew 21. 9, Luke 19. 38

Music: Thomas Weelkes (c.1574-1623)

*A Deacon sings*  
Jesus Christ is Lord.

*The Choir sings and all repeat*



Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,  
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,  
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension  
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins  
and all other benefits of his passion.  
Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,  
to offer you any sacrifice,  
yet we pray that you will accept this  
the duty and service that we owe.  
Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,  
and fill us all who share in this holy communion  
with your grace and heavenly blessing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.



All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,  
who, in your tender mercy,  
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered  
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction  
for the sins of the whole world;  
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,  
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,  
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,  
in remembrance of his death and passion,  
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

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.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

## Liturgy of the Passion

### The Collect of the Day

*The President says*

Let us pray.

*All pray in silence for a short time.*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord said: 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 backwards. 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?

Isaiah 50. 4-9a

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*The President says*

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 thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near  
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,  
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

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

And then for those, our dearest and our best,  
 By this prevailing presence we appeal;  
 O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,  
 O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;  
 From tainting mischief keep them pure and clear  
 And crown thy gifts with grace to persevere.

And so we come: O draw us to thy feet  
 Most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;  
 And by this food, so awful and so sweet,  
 Deliver us from every touch of ill:  
 In thine own service make us glad and free,  
 And grant us nevermore to part from thee.

Words: (273) William Bright (1824-1901), alt.

Tune: (302) *Song I*  
 Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

*The President says*

Let us pray.

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,  
 ever giving yourself that the world might live,  
 let us share your death and passion:  
 make us perfect in your love.

**Amen.**

## Gradual Hymn



Glory be to Jesus,  
 Who, in bitter pains,  
 Poured for me the life-blood  
 From his sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal  
 In that Blood I find;  
 Blest be his compassion,  
 Infinitely kind.

Blest through endless ages  
 Be the precious stream,  
 Which from endless torment  
 Doth the world redeem.

Lift ye then your voices;  
 Swell the mighty flood;  
 Louder still and louder  
 Praise the precious Blood.

Words: (83) Italian, anon.  
 trans. Edward Caswall (1814-78)

Tune: *Caswall*  
 Friedrich Filitz (1804-76)

## Address

*given by*

The Reverend Canon Michael Hampel,  
 Precentor, Canon in Residence

## The Gospel of the Passion

*The congregation becomes “the disciples, men, elders, leaders and soldiers” in the Passion by responding with the words in **bold**.*

- Narrator*     The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
- When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,
- Jesus*            I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.
- Narrator*       Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,
- Jesus*            Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.
- Narrator*       Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,
- Jesus*            This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.
- Narrator*       And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,
- Jesus*            This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!
- Narrator*       Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,
- Jesus*            The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

*A Deacon says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Preparation of the Table

### Hymn

*during which the bread and wine are placed on the altar, and a collection is taken for the work of the Cathedral and the charities it supports. Please complete the Gift Aid envelopes provided if you are a UK taxpayer.*



**And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
That bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,  
And having with us him that pleads above,  
We here present, we here spread forth to thee  
That only offering perfect in thine eyes,  
The one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.**

**Look, Father, look on his anointed face,  
And only look on us as found in him;  
Look not on our misusings of thy grace,  
Our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim;  
For lo, between our sins and their reward  
We set the passion of thy Son our Lord.**

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

Choir      My days are few, O fail not,  
               With thine immortal power,  
               To hold me that I quail not  
               In death's most fearful hour:  
               That I may fight befriended,  
               And see in my last strife  
               To me thine arms extended  
               Upon the Cross of life.

Luke 22. 14-23. end

*Silence is kept.*

*Remain standing*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*The President says*

Once we were far off,  
 but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near  
 through the shedding of Christ's blood,  
 for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

*Narrator*      And he said to him,

*Peter*            Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

*Narrator*      Jesus said,

*Jesus*            I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

*Narrator*      He said to them,

*Jesus*            When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

*Narrator*      They said,

*Disciples*       **No, not a thing.**

*Narrator*      He said to them,

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

*Narrator*      They said,

*Disciples*       **Lord, look, here are two swords.**

*Narrator*      He replied,

*Jesus*            It is enough.

*Narrator*      He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him.

*Choir sings* I pray thee, Jesus, own me,  
Me, Shepherd good, for thine;  
Who to thy fold hast won me,  
And fed with truth divine.  
Me guilty, me refuse not,  
Incline thy face to me,  
This comfort that I lose not,  
On earth to comfort thee

*Narrator* When he reached the place, he said to them,

*Jesus* Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

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

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

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

*Jesus* Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

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

*Jesus* Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

*Narrator* When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

*Disciples* **Lord, should we strike with the sword?**

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

*Jesus* No more of this!

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

*Narrator* One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

*1<sup>st</sup> Criminal* Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

*Narrator* But the other rebuked him, saying,

*2<sup>nd</sup> Criminal* Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

*Narrator* Then he said,

*2<sup>nd</sup> Criminal* Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

*Narrator* He replied,

*Jesus* Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

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

*Jesus* Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

*Narrator* Having said this, he breathed his last.

*Choir sings* O sacred head, sore wounded,  
Defiled and put to scorn;  
O kingly head, surrounded  
With mocking crown of thorn:  
What sorrow mars thy grandeur?  
Can death thy bloom deflower?  
O countenance whose splendour  
The hosts of heaven adore.

*Narrator* When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

*Centurion* Certainly this man was innocent.

*Narrator* And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

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

## **Stand**

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

*Jesus* Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

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

*Jesus* Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

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

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

*Narrator* The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

*Soldiers* **If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!**

*Narrator* There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

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

*Choir sings* Thy beauty, long-desired,  
Hath vanished from our sight;  
Thy power is all expired,  
And quenched the light of light.  
Ah me! For whom thou diest,  
Hide not so far thy grace:  
Show me, O Love most highest,  
The brightness of thy face.

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

*Servant* This man also was with him.

*Narrator* But he denied it, saying,

*Peter* Woman, I do not know him.

*Narrator* A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

*Bystander* You also are one of them.

*Narrator* But Peter said,

*Peter* Man, I am not!

*Narrator* Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting,

*Bystander* Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

*Narrator* But Peter said,

*Peter* Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

*Narrator* At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times. And he went out and wept bitterly.

*Choir sings* In thy most bitter passion  
My heart to share doth cry,  
With thee for my salvation  
Upon the Cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus moved  
To stand thy Cross beneath,  
To mourn thee, well-beloved,  
Yet thank thee for thy death.

*Narrator* Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

*Men* **Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?**

*Narrator* They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

*Elders* **If you are the Messiah, tell us.**

*Narrator* He replied,

*Jesus* If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

*Narrator* All of them asked,

*Elders* **Are you, then, the Son of God?**

*Narrator* He said to them,

*Jesus* You say that I am.

*Narrator* Then they said,

*Elders* **What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!**

*Narrator* Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

*Crowd* **We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.**

*Narrator* Then Pilate asked him,

*Pilate* Are you the king of the Jews?

*Narrator* He answered,

*Jesus* You say so.

*Narrator* Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

*Pilate* I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

*Narrator* But they were insistent and said,

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

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

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

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

*Narrator* Then they all shouted out together,

*Crowd* **Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**

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

*Crowd* **Crucify, crucify him!**

*Narrator* A third time he said to them,

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