

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday



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Mission Statement

St. Augustine's Church is a Christ-centered ministry in which everyone is invited and welcome. We are a loving Christian body that seeks to enhance spirituality and community.

Hymnal 1982

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

PRELUDE: CHORALE PRELUDE ON THE PASSION CHORALE FLOR PEETERS

The following anthem is sung or said, all stand

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Here a Deacon or other person appointed reads one of the following

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

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

All **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."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Christ

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS.

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

	The Lord be with you
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

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

THE PROCESSION

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung, such as the hymn “All glory, laud, and honor” and Psalm 118:19-29.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HYMNAL 154

ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR (5)

Refrain:

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

- 1- Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One. Ref.**
- 2- The company of angels
is praising thee on high,
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. Ref.**
- 3- The people of the Hebrews
with psalms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems
before thee we present. Ref.**

4- To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. Ref.

5- Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. Ref.

THE PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Confitemini Domino

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¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

² **Let Israel now proclaim, ***
"His mercy endures for ever."

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ **"This is the gate of the LORD; ***
he who is righteous may enter."

²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

²² **The same stone which the builders rejected ***
has become the chief cornerstone

²³ This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ **On this day the LORD has acted; ***
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! *
LORD, send us now success.

²⁶ **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; ***
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

**28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."**

**29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.**

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following Collect is said

Gracious Father, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant **Blessed be the God of our salvation:**

All **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins**

When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing.

KYRIE ELEISON

#237 (LEVAS)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the people

God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

One or more of the lectionaries provided readings for the day or other selected passages of Scriptures are read. A Gospel reading must be read.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The prophet testifies to the suffering that the faithful undergo, affirming that God is their strength and their reward.

A reading (lesson) from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my

adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 31:9-16

In te, Domine, avi

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- ⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.
- ¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**
- ¹¹ I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my
neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- ¹² **I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
- ¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.
- ¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.**
- ¹⁵ My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- ¹⁶ **Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

This hymn, affirming God's identity in Jesus Christ and narrating his journey on earth, serves to bolster the faith of the Philippians as well as modern hearers.

A reading (lesson) from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians:

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: O SACRED HEAD, SORE WOUNDED **HYMNAL 168**

1- O sacred head, sore wounded,
defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head surrounded
with mocking crown of thorn:
What sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendor
the hosts of heaven adore!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Jesus' words and actions in the Passion story testify to God's great love for us, especially as shown in his death.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

Narrator Jesus went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,

Jesus Sit here, while I go yonder and pray.

Narrator And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them,

Jesus My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.

Narrator And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed,

Jesus My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.

Narrator And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping and he said to Peter

Jesus So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Narrator Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed,

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

Narrator And again he came and found them 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? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.

Narrator While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Reader The one I shall kiss is the man; seize him.

Narrator And he came up to Jesus at once and said,

Reader Hail, Master!

Narrator And he kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus Friend, why are you here?

Narrator Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest, and cut 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 should the scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?

Narrator At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

Jesus Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But all this has taken place, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.

Narrator Then all the disciples forsook him and fled. Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter followed him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. Now the chief priests and the whole council sought false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

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

Narrator And the high priest stood up and said,

Reader Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?

Narrator But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him,

Reader I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.

Narrator Jesus said to him,

Jesus You have said so. But I tell you, hereafter 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 robes, and said,

Reader He has uttered blasphemy. Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?

Narrator They answered and said,

Reader He deserves death.

Narrator Then they spat in his face, and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

Reader Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?

Narrator Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a maid came up to him, and said,

Reader You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

Narrator But he denied it before them all, saying,

Reader I do not know what you mean.

Narrator And when he went out to the porch, another maid saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

Reader This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

Narrator And again he denied it with an oath,

Reader I do not know the man.

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

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

Narrator Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, I do not know the man.

Reader And immediately the cock crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Narrator When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death; and they bound him and led him away and delivered him to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that he was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying,

Reader I have sinned in betraying innocent blood.

Narrator And they said,

Reader What is that to us? See to it yourself.

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

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

Narrator So they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me." Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Reader Are you the King of the Jews?

Narrator Jesus said to him,

Jesus You have said so.

Narrator But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Reader Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?

Narrator But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge; so that the governor wondered greatly. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Reader Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?

Narrator For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Reader Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much over him today in a dream.

Narrator Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the people to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor said to them

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

Narrator And they all said,

Crowd Barabbas.

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Reader Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?

Narrator They all answered,

Crowd Let him be crucified.

Narrator And Pilate said,

Reader Why, what evil has he done? *Narrator* But they shouted all the more,

Crowd Let him be crucified.

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

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

Narrator And all the people answered,

Crowd His blood be on us and on our children!

Narrator Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying,

Reader Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross.

ALL STAND.

Narrator And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying,

Crowd 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 So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,

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

Narrator And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying,

Jesus Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Narrator That is: My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? And some of the bystanders hearing it said

Crowd This man is calling Elijah.

Narrator And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

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

Narrator And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

SILENCE MAY BE KEPT.

Narrator And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and 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, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe, and said,

Crowd Truly this was the Son of God!

Narrator There were also many women there, looking on from afar, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him; among whom 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 also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body, and

wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulcher. Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

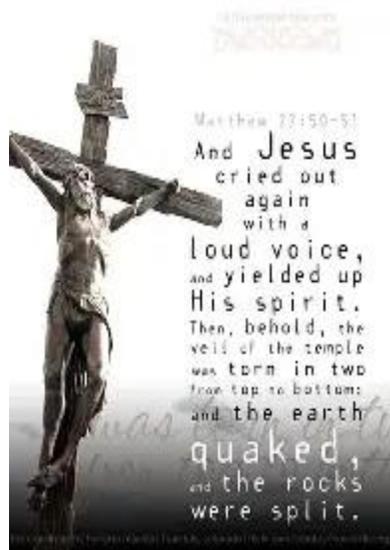
Reader Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, "After three days I will rise again." Therefore order the sepulcher to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away, and tell the people, "He has risen from the dead," and the last fraud will be worse than the first.

Narrator Pilate said to them,

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

Narrator So they went and made the sepulcher secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

Silence



A sermon, or meditation, or conversation or a period of silence may follow the readings.

SERMON

*The Rev. Deacon Carolyn Bensen
(Matthew 26:14-27:66)*



THE NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day, he rose again.
in accordance with the Scriptures.
he ascended into heaven.
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
✠ We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *(Lutheran Core)*

The Leader and People pray responsively

For the Church, the world, and our poor sinful selves, let us pray to our Lord, who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

A brief silence

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and precious Blood, save and redeem your Church. Through its Ministry of Word, Sacrament, fellowship, and service, draw all people to yourself.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and precious Blood, save and redeem those who are persecuted because they proclaim the Gospel to those who do not know you. By their faithful witness, draw all people to yourself.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and precious Blood, save and redeem this congregation. Through our faith toward you, and fervent love for one another, draw all people to yourself.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and precious Blood, save and redeem all children, especially those who are poor, sick, abused, or abandoned. Through their innocent praise of your love draw all people to yourself.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and precious Blood, save and redeem the people in every land and nation. By the guidance of the Holy Spirit, establish your peace in every place; and draw all people to yourself.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and precious Blood, save and redeem all whose work is difficult and dangerous, including those in the military and all first responders. By their labors, establish places of safety and calm; and there draw all people to yourself.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and precious Blood, save and redeem all who are afflicted by sin, suffering, and sorrow, especially: Barbara Allie, Ms. Mack, Stephanie, Marie Anne, Nimrod, Valerie Scott, Deacon Adeline Smith, Deacon Philomé Previl, Martha Postel, Gloria McCoy, Susan Brown, Harry Ross Moseley, The Reverend Yvan François, Valburg Krauser, Idella Richards, her son Kareem and family, Sharifa Sena, Gwendolyn Murphy, Elisabeth Martinez, Yvonne Ward, Gloria Gooden, Jason Smith, Alvira Vargas, Alexis Frorup, Gwendolyn Frorup, Wanda Pineiro, Catherine Cone, Annette Harewood, Imani Chilongani, Lucille Martinez, David Perez, Stephanie Montanez, Robert H. Morris, Eliza Diaz, Sylvia Green and Eddie Davis. Use the witness of their faithful waiting, and their blessed healing, to draw all people to yourself. Grant a double portion of your Spirit to Annette, Pamela, Pauline, Marie and all who minister to the sick.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and precious Blood, you have saved and redeemed all who have died trusting your promises. Now keep *us* steadfast in faith, patient in suffering, generous in service, and loving in fellowship. Through your Cross and innocent suffering for the sake of the world, draw all people to yourself, and bestow upon all the redeemed, the fullness of your forgiveness, blessing, and eternal life.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, **hear our prayer.**

We express our gratitude for the life of those celebrating a birthday this week. Look upon them with favor, we pray, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, **hear our prayer.**

Hear us, gracious Father, for the sake of your well-beloved Son, who intercedes for us before your throne of mercy.
Amen.

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

THE PEACE

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All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

People **The peace of God be always with you.
and also with you**

Offertory

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your sister or brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your sister or brother, and then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24)

OFFERTORY HYMN: AT THE CROSS

LEVAS 30

1- Alas! And did my Savior bleed
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?

Refrain

At the cross, at the cross
Where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day!

2- Was it for crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree! Ref.

3- Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut its glories in,
When God the mighty Maker died
For his own creature's sin. Ref.

4- Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears. Ref.

**5- But drops of tears can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe: Here,
Lord, I give myself away
'Tis all that I can do. Ref.**

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant **God be with you.**

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant **Lift up your hearts.**

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

The people stand or kneel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of Angels with prophets, apostles, and martyrs and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for ALL for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore according to his command, O Father

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, John, Augustine and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, which 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 debts, As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said

FRACTION ANTHEM

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

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us Peace**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

COMMUNION HYMN: WERE YOU THERE?

LEVAS 37

**1- Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**2- Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?**

**3- Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?**

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. You have united us with Christ and one another, and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit; that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Final Blessing

The Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessings of God almighty Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you always. Amen.

Announcements

CLOSING: GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

HYMNAL 171

1- Go to dark Gethsemane,
Ye that feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see;
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

2- Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn of Him to bear the cross.

3- Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" Hear him cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the congregation with these words

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

POSTLUDE:

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*St. Augustine's Parish thanks the Reverend Deacon Carolyn Bensen for the Sermon and the Reverend Frank Morales for the Eucharistic Celebration
We are very glad to have you with us and we hope to see you soon.*

Blessings on you!

For your Information Father Morales' phone number is : 646-945-3296



We are happy that you have come to worship with us. If you have no church home, we invite you to unite with us. Please complete one of the Parish Census Forms, located on the table in the back of the church. If you have joined via Facebook, please drop us a message with your info. We will be in touch with you very soon. However, if you are just passing through, we are honored by your presence, and we wish you Godspeed as you complete your journey.



St. Augustine's Church is committed in servicing our church family and community as always by staying connected while being apart.

We invite any suggestions for programs or ideas that we can do while following CDC guidelines. Please email us, we would love to hear from you.

Need Prayer?

Call the church office and request that your name be added to our prayer list. Let us know when you are available so we may visit you or pray with you over the phone.

If you are celebrating a special occasion; a birthday, anniversary, etc. please let us know so we may pray with you and share in your celebration.

We are accepting Articles and Advertisements to publish in St Augustine's echo.

During our worship, please remember to put your phone on vibrate or silent. But we invite you to use them if you want to record the entire (or part of) the service, take pictures, post video on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest or Twitter.

Let your friends know you are at St Augustine's. We are a Tech-Friendly Church.

Moving Forward: St. Augustine's hope and prayer are that we can get together as one community to be God's people and presence on the LES. We are asking for your prayers in this important new way and new normal of our lives, We want you to know that every day We pray for you all.

St. A's new website designed by Cynthia Lully and maintained by Khylee McBryde is now LIVE! Please take the time to visit it and express your appreciation and recommendations.

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We ask God's blessings for those celebrating their birthdays in April especially:

1st Nimrod Daley; De'Val Davis; 4th Vida Semper Curry, Sadie Mack, Sharifah Sena; 6th Phillis Simmons, 8th Diane Krauser, 9th Dinah Williams, 10th Elaine Daly, Vera Moore; 17th Leticia (Tish) Johnson; 26th Jalen Cox

If you would like to add your name to the monthly birthday list, please email us at info@staugnyc.org

We pray for those who have died: Doadie Brown, Ronald Brown, Isa Coker, Robert and Mittie Frances Combs, Percy Daglow Sr., Wanda Daley, Frances Diaz, Harry & Dorothy Fiyalko, Luis Garcia, Etta Green, Dorothy Henderson, Inez Kikuchi, Cheryl Krauser, Vernell Langley, Diane McDowell, Geraldine Newkirk, Evelyn Newlin, Jacynth Orridge, Hector Peña, Alice Saltes Richards, Dorothy Rodriguez, Nancy Scott, Alma Suarez, Eleanor Suriel, SylviaFergusson-Sylvah and Romulus Sylvah, Harriett Marshall-Taylor, Isaac & Gwendolyn Pinder-Taylor, Donald Williams, Esther Juanita Dawson, Lucille Williams, Minnie Williams, Rev. Deacon Nydia Flores, Florence Taylor, John Joseph, Marlene Ward-Torain, Edward Phillips (Father Tally), Edward "Tyler" Tyler, Sandra Garcia-Combs, Maybelle Daly, Tyrone Wong, Romenia Jirmson, Marion C. Blackett-Legall, Raquel Rodriguez- Algarin, Leola West, Lula Moore, Rev. Deacon Edgar Hopper, Rodger Taylor, Ivan Krauser, Ruth Naomi Strother, Hellen Daley, Sylvan Stoner, Ellen Bradley. Charlene Cox, Ethel Moore, Kenneth Johnson, Christine (Chrissy) Harvin, Velda Alleyne, Robert Exum, Vatisha Davis, Willie Manning, William Allen, Norberta Mieleles, Clyde Davis Winfield, AnneLouise Luxana, James During, Angela Roberts, Evelyn Kirnon, Stanford Daly, Robert, Nancy Scott, Vernestine Exum, Evelyn Holloman, Bennett Dickerson, Joseph Peter Daley, Eileen Youngberry, Laura Harvin, Minnie Curry, Christina Harris and Cristina Jorrez.

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