WORSHIP GUIDE

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, Year A April 2, 2023



WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S

Welcome to the life and ministry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. We're glad you're here!

All Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive Holy Communion. If, for spiritual reasons, you do not wish to receive communion, simply cross your arms in front of you for a blessing.

PLEASE NOTE: In the Episcopal tradition, real wine is used during communion. If this presents any issue for you, please feel welcome to receive only the consecrated bread.

The music used in our worship comes from several sources:

H - Hymnal 1982 (Blue)

SB - Song Book (Green)

SS - Song Sheet handouts





We gather at the altar in communion

Not as

rich or poor White or Black gay or straight conservative or liberal this or that type of Christian

But as

wounded people in search of God.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, BCP p. 270

The Liturgy of the Palms

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.

Lector Matthew 21:1-11

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."

Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant 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.

Anthem

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

People Hosanna in the highest.

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

Distribution of the Palms to the Assembly

Psalm 118:19-29

Lector \ Open for me the gates of righteousness; *

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

People "This is the gate of the Lord; *

he who is righteous may enter."

Lector I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *

and have become my salvation.

People The same stone which the builders rejected *

has become the chief cornerstone.

Lector This is the Lord's doing, *

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

People On this day the Lord has acted; *

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Lector Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *

Lord, send us now success.

People Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *

we bless you from the house of the Lord.

Lector God is the Lord; he has shined upon us;*

form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

People "You are my God, and I will thank you; *

you are my God, and I will exalt you."

Lector Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;*

his mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant 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. Amen.

Processional Hymn: Prepare Ye

At this time, the choir leads the congregation in the Procession of the Palms into the church. Please remain standing as you are able.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect of the Day, BCP 272

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from

you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and

worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

S96 - The Holy Eucharist II, Lord have mercy: Kyrie



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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 Lessons

The First Lesson - Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector A Reading 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?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Lector

Psalm 31:9-16 In te, Domine, speravi

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.

People

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.

II 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.

I4 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."

The Second Lesson - New Testament: Philippians 2: 5-11

Lector

A Reading from the letter 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.

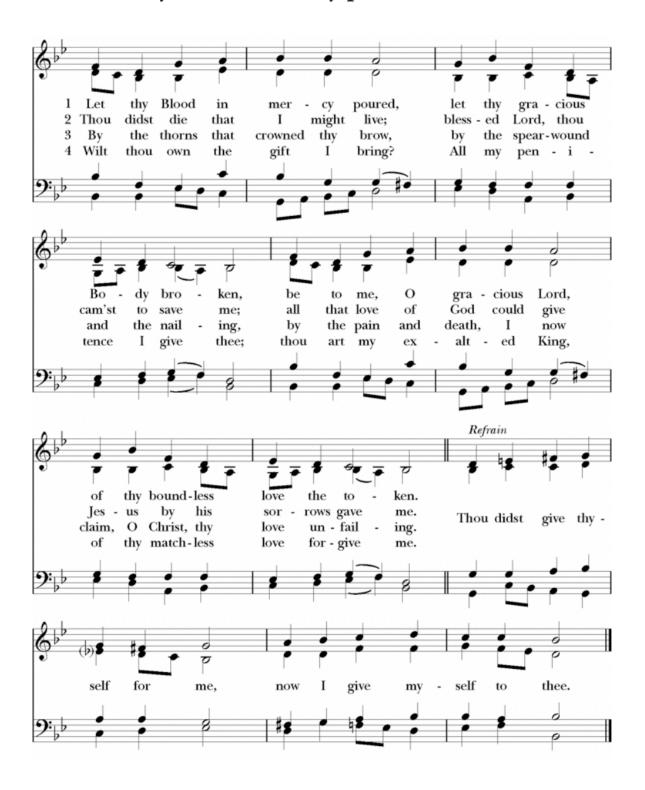
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector **People**

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

313 - Let thy Blood in mercy poured



Meter: 78. 78. 77. Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925). Music: Jesus, meine Zuversicht, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. after The Chorale Book for England, 1863

The Gospel

The congregation may be seated as the Passion Gospel is read in parts.

NARRATOR: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint 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: They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to

look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread

the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

DISCIPLES: "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

NARRATOR: He 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, he 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 they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

DISCIPLES: "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: He 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,

IESUS: "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 them,

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 them to a place called

Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

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,

IESUS: "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

NARRATOR: And going a little farther, he 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,

IESUS: "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 he 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 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? 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 he 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 them a sign, saying,

JUDAS: "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him."

NARRATOR: At once he 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 they 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 lesus 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 him 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, he 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 lesus 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,

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 him,

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: They answered,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "He deserves death."

NARRATOR: Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him,

saying,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "Prophesy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

NARRATOR: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came

to him and said,

SERVANT GIRL: "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

NARRATOR: But he denied it before all of them, saying,

PETER: "I do not know what you are talking about."

NARRATOR: When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and

she said to the bystanders,

SERVANT GIRL: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

NARRATOR: Again he 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,

BYSTANDER: Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."

NARRATOR: Then he 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 he 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. He said,

JUDAS: "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

NARRATOR: But they said,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

NARRATOR: 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,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "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 he 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 he 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 them,

PILATE: "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus

who is called the Messiah?"

NARRATOR: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him

over. While he 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 they said,

ASSEMBLY: "Barabbas."

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

NARRATOR: All of them said,

ASSEMBLY: "Let him be crucified!"

NARRATOR: Then he asked,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done?"

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

ASSEMBLY: "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,

ASSEMBLY: "His blood be on us and on our children!"

NARRATOR: So he 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 him 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 him, 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.

(At the mention of Golgotha, the congregation should stand and remain standing for the remainder of the reading.)

NARRATOR:

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

BYSTANDERS:

"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 him, saying,

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

NARRATOR:

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,

The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the

"Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" **JESUS:**

NARRATOR: that is,

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" JESUS:

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

"This man is calling for Elijah." **BYSTANDERS:**

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. 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. He 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. He 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 PRIESTS: "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive,

`After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, `He has been raised from the dead,' 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 Prayers of the People, Form I, BCP 383

Celebrant Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Leader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord,

saying "Lord, have mercy."

Leader For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God,

and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,

and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority,

let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them,

let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will

to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air,

let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick

and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For all those asking prayers of special intention, especially PRAYER LIST,

let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute,

for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them,

let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the

departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation,

let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and

without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader Let us pray together for our faith community:

All Lord, we offer St. Mark's Episcopal Church to you. We are your people; this is your church. We come to you seeking your guidance, your purpose, and your vision. Align our will with yours, so that we will be willing to do whatever it takes to carry out your plan. We ask you to break through in new ways in our church. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, giving us the vision, boldness, and confidence to do all that you call us

to do. AMEN. Leader Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord,

by thy grace.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed St. Mark, and of

all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our

life, to Christ our God.

People To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

Celebrant Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of

your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and

love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

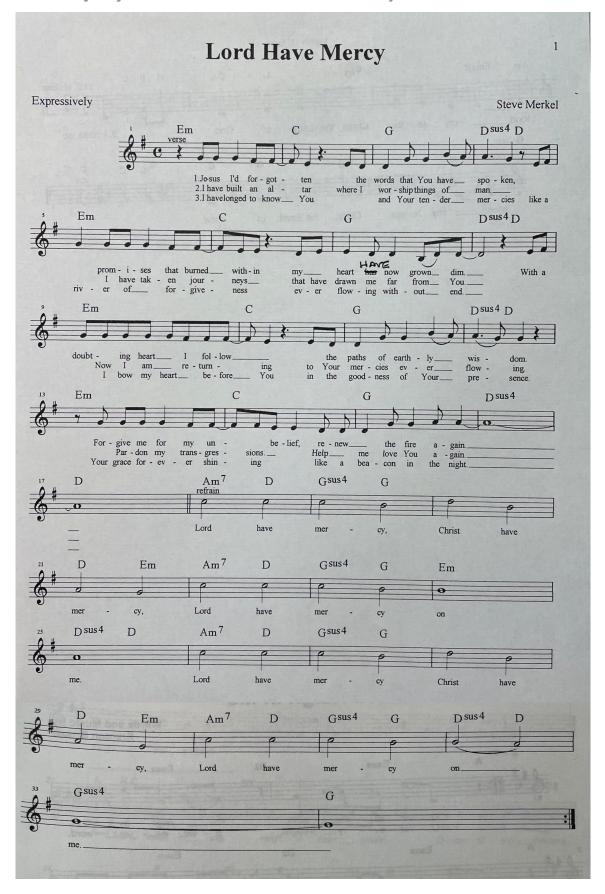
Blessings & Announcements

Invitation

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an

offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn - SB 54 Lord Have Mercy

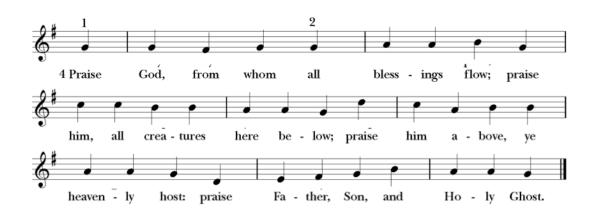


The Holy Communion, BCP p. 361

Presentation of Gifts of the People: Doxology, HP 380

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Doxology



The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

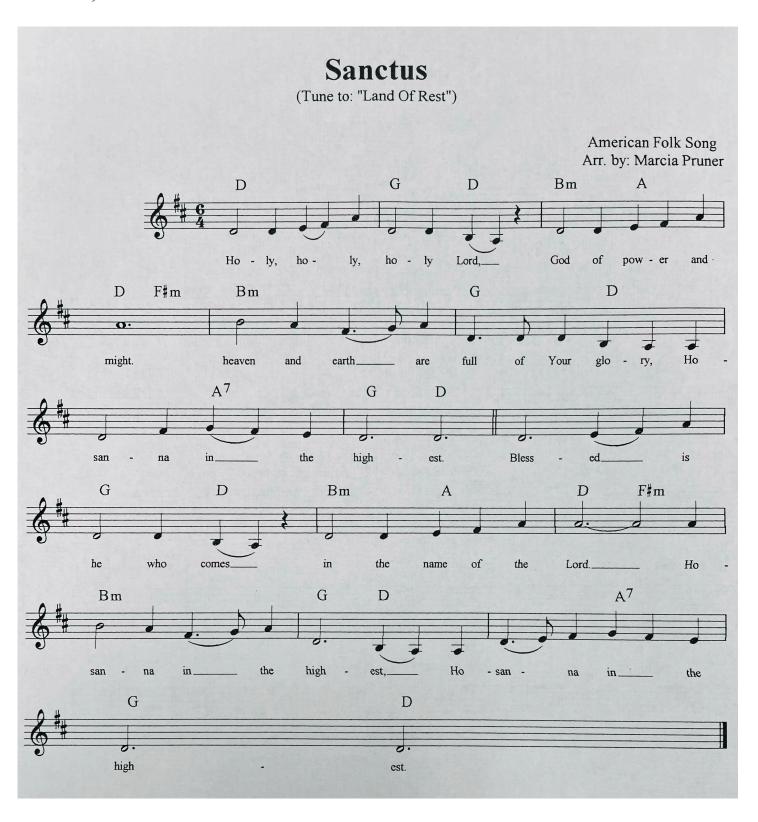
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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Please stand or kneel, as you are able.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

AII

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

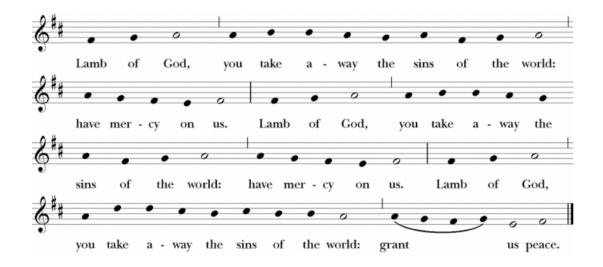
All AMEN.

Celebrant All

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



Celebrant

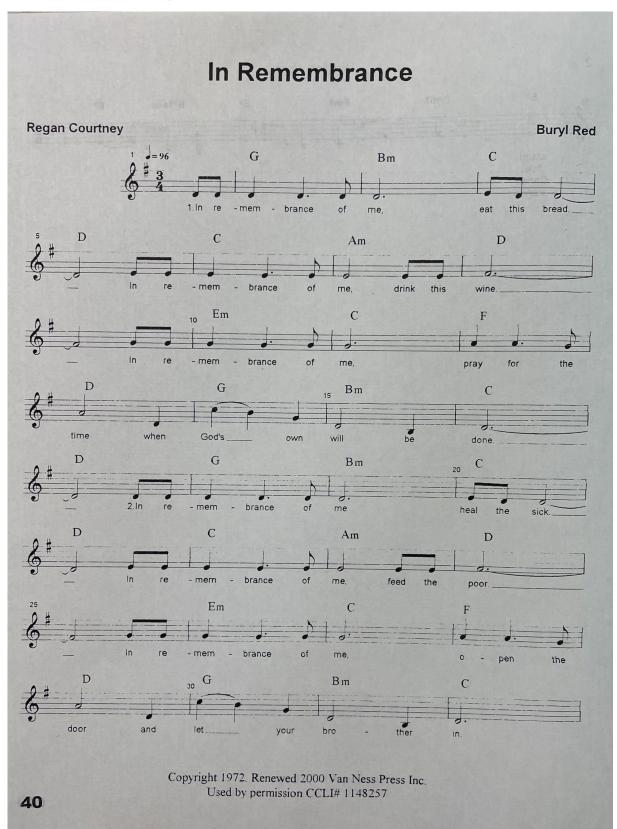
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn - SB 40

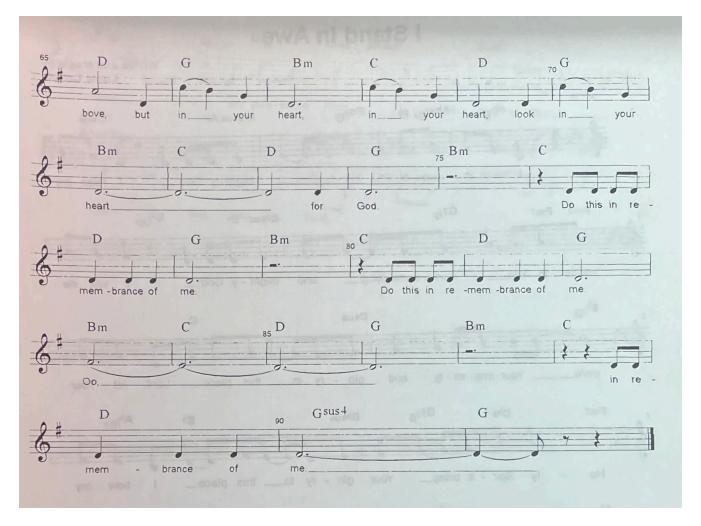
In Remembrance

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Celebrant

Let us pray.

AII

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.

Recessional Hymn - H435

435 - At the Name of Jesus



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Dismissal, BCP 366

Celebrant

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.