



Passion Sunday

Laudate 229

All glory, laud and honour,
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.
2. The company of angels
and praising thee on high
and mortal folk, with all things
created, make reply.
3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise ad prayer and anthems
before thee we present.

Commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem

The priest introduces the ceremony:
Dear brothers and sisters, since the beginning of
Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by
penance and charitable works. Today we gather
together to herald with the whole Church the
beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal
Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and
Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this
mystery that he entered his own city of
Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion,
let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city
for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so
that being made by his grace partakers of the
Cross, we may have a share also in his
Resurrection and in his life.

The Palms are then blessed.

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
sanctify † these branches with
your blessing, that we, who follow
Christ the King in exultation, may
reach the eternal Jerusalem through
him. Who lives and reigns for ever
and ever. Amen

Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

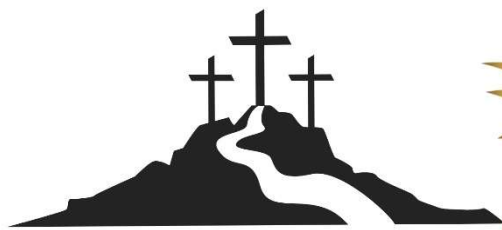
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to
Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount
of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to
them, 'Go into the village in front 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, you shall say, "The
Lord needs them", and he will send them at once.'
This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the
prophet, saying, 'Say to the daughter of Sion,
"Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and
mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast
of burden."'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had
directed them. They brought the donkey and the
colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on
them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on
the road, and others cut branches from the trees
and spread them on the road. And the crowds that
went before him and that followed him were
shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed
is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered
Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying,
'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the
prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.



Dear brothers and sisters,
like the crowd who
acclaimed Jesus in
Jerusalem, let us go forth
in peace.

Laudate Hymn 230

1. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry;
Thy humble beast pursues his road
With palms and scattered garments
strowed.
2. 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.
3. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes,
To see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife my lie
the Father, on his sapphire throne,
expects his own anointed Son.
5. 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!

After the procession the priest goes to the chair and says the Opening Prayer. If the procession and blessing of palms do not take place, the following antiphon is said or an entrance hymn may be sung.

Entrance Antiphon

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

*Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your
abundant mercy!*

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

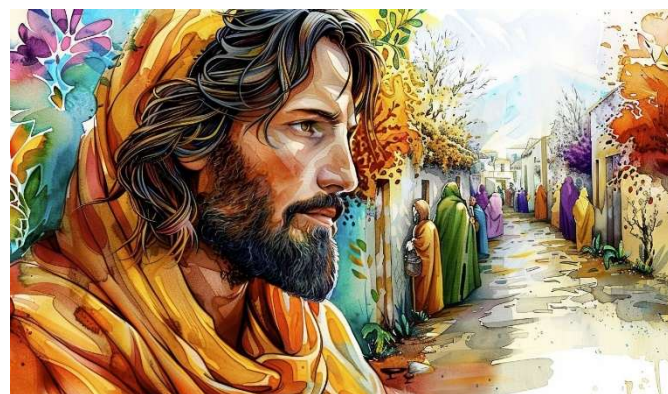
*Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your
abundant mercy!*

Invitation to Sorrow

Lord, Jesus, you have shown us the way to
the Father:
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you have given us the
consolation of the truth: **Christ have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd,
leading us into everlasting life:
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive
us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
Who as an example of humility for the
human race to follow caused our Saviour to
take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously
grant that we may heed his lesson of patient
suffering and so merit a share in his
Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for
ever and ever.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backwards. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

The word of the Lord,
All: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24 R.2a

R. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

1. All who see me deride me;
they curl their lips, they toss their heads;
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him, for in him he
delights.' **R.**
2. For dogs have surrounded me;
A band of the wicked besets me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet;
I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

3. They divide my clothing among them,
They cast lots for my robe.
But you, O Lord, do not stay afar off;
My strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

4. I will tell of your name to my kin,
and praise you in the midst of the
assembly;
'You who fear the Lord, give him praise;
all descendants of Jacob, give him glory;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel.'
R.

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the
Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of
God, did not count equality with God a thing
to be grasped, but emptied himself, by
taking the form of a servant, being born in
the likeness of men.
And being found in human form, he humbled
himself by becoming obedient to the point of
death, even death on a cross.

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

The word of the Lord,
All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
*Christ became for us obedient to the point of
death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him and
bestowed on him the name that is above
every name.*
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Gospel

✠ The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew 26:14 -
27:66

*Key: N. Narrator. ✠ Christ. S. Speaker or
speakers other than Christ.*

N. At that time: One of the Twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

S. What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?

N. And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

S. Where would you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?

N. He said,

✠ Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'

N. And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve. And as they were eating, he said,

✠ Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.

N. And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another,

S. Is it I, Lord?

N. He answered,

✠ He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.

N. Judas, who would betray him, answered,

S. Is it I, Rabbi?

N. He said to him,

✠ You have said so.

N. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said,

✠ Take, eat; this is my body.

N. And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying,

✠ Drink of 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 not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

N. And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

✠ You will all fall away 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 before you to Galilee.

N. Peter answered him,

S. Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.

N. Jesus said to him,

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

N. Peter said to him,

S. Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!

N. And all the disciples said the same.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,

✠ Sit here, while I go over there and pray.

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

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

N. And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying,

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

N. And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter,

✠ 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.

N. Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed,

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



N. 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 again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,
✠ Sleep and take your rest later on. See, 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.

N. 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, 'The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.' And he came up to Jesus at once and said,

S. Greetings, Rabbi!

N. And he kissed him. Jesus said to him,
✠ Friend, do what you came to do.

N. 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 servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

✠ 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?

N. At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

✠ 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.

N. Then all the disciples left him and fled. Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. And Peter was following 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 were seeking 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,

S. This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'

N. And the high priest stood up and said,

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

N. But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him,

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

N. Jesus said to him,

✠ 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.

N. Then the high priest tore his robes and said,

S. He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgement?

N. They answered,

S. He deserves death.

N. Then they spat in his face and struck him.

And some slapped him, saying,

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

N. Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said,

S. You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

N. But he denied it before them all, saying,

S. I do not know what you mean.

N. And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

S. This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

N. And again he denied it with an oath:

S. I do not know the man.

N. After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

S. Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.

N. Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear,

S. I do not know the man.

N. 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.

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 over to Pilate the governor.

Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying,

S. I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

N. They said,

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

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

S. It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.

N. So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. 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,

S. Are you the King of the Jews?

N. Jesus said,

✠ You have said so.

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

S. Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?

N. But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

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,

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

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

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

N. Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them,

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

N. And they said,

S. Barabbas.

N. Pilate said to them,

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

N. They all said,

S. Let him be crucified!

N. And he said,

S. Why? What evil has he done?

N. But they shouted all the more,

S. Let him be crucified!

N. 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,

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

N. And all the people answered,

S. His blood be on us and on our children!

N. 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 governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together 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,

S. Hail, King of the Jews!

N. And they spat on 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 found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. 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 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,

S. You who would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

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

S. 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.'

N. 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 out with a loud voice, saying,

✠ Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

N. that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said,

S. This man is calling Elijah.

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

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

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

All kneel for a period of silence.

N. 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,

S. Truly this was the Son of God!

N. There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, 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 cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance 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,

S. Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' Therefore order the tomb 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.

N. Pilate said to them,

S. You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.

N. So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

NICENE CREED—See Laudate 479 (205)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our

salvation he came down from heaven,
(All bow for following three lines)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary and became man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate, He suffered
death and was buried, and rose
again on the third day 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.

I 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 adored and
glorified, who has spoken through
the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. I confess one
Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the life
of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: (Laudate 752)

1. My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake,
my Lord should take, frail flesh and die?
2. He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know,
but O, my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!
3. Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King;
then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

4. Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst him
rise.
5. They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes.
that he his foes from thence might free.
6. In life, no home, no home
my Lord on earth might have:
in death no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heaven was his home;
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.
7. Here might I stay and sing.
No story so divine,
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Preparation of the Offerings

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice
and yours may be acceptable to God, the
almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at
your hands for the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and the good of all his
holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten
Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you
be near at hand, so that, though we do not
merit it by our own deeds, yet by this
sacrifice made once for all, we may feel
already the effects of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer II

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

Preface: The Passion of the Lord.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God through Christ our Lord.

For, though innocent, he suffered willingly for sinners and accepted unjust condemnation to save the guilty.

His Death has washed away our sins, and his Resurrection has purchased our justification.

And so, with all the Angels, we praise you, as in joyful celebration we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.


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.

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the Dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and  Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The Mystery of Faith

**When we eat this Bread
and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your church spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope and Vincent our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. With blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.



Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever. Amen

Communion Rite

Our Father,
who art in heaven ...

Deliver us, Lord, we pray,
from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the
glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance to your will.
who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

The priest may invite the people to
exchange a sign of peace and Christian
friendship.

As the priest divides the consecrated Host
The following is sung or said:

**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.**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who
takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the
Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter
under my roof, but only say the word and
my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon

**Father, if this chalice cannot pass
Without my drinking it, your will be done.**

COMMUNION HYMNS

O Sacred Head Ill-used (Laudate 237)

1. O sacred head ill-used,
by reed and bramble scarred;
that idle blows have bruised
and mocking lips have marred;
how dimmed that ye so tender,
how wan those cheeks appear,
how overcast the splendor
that angel hosts revere!
2. What marvel if thou languish,
vigour and virtue fled,
wasted and spent with anguish
and pale as are the dead?
O by thy foes' derision,
that death endured for me,
grant that thy open vision
a sinner's eyes may see.
3. Good Shepherd, spent with loving,
looks on me, who have strayed,
oft by those lips unmoving
with milk and honey stayed;
spurn not a sinner's crying
now from thy love out cast,
but rest thy head in dying

on these frail arms at last.

4. In this thy sacred Passion
O, that some share had I!
O, may thy Cross's fashion
o'erlook me when I die!
For these dear pains that rack thee
a sinner's thanks receive;
O, lest in death I lack thee,
a sinner's care relieve.
5. Since death must be my ending,
in that dread hour of need,
my friendless cause befriending,
Lord, to my rescue speed;
thyself, dear Jesus, trace me
that passage to the grave,
and from thy Cross embrace me
with arms outstretched to save.

Were You there (Laudate 225)

1. Were you there when they crucified my
Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my
Lord?
Oh, 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 a
tree?
3. Were you there when they pierced im in
the side?
4. Were you there when the sun refused to
shine?
5. Were you there when they laid him in the
tomb?
6. Were you there when they rolled the
stone away?

Deep Within (Laudate 218)

*Deep within I will plant my law,
not on stone but in your heart.
Follow me, I will bring you back,
you will be my own,
and I will be your God.*

1. I will give you a new heart,
A new spirit within you
For I will be your strength
2. Seek my face, and see your God,
for I will be your hope.
3. Return to me, with all your heart,
And I will bring you back.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we
humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as
through the death of your Son you have
brought us to hope for what we believe, so
by his Resurrection you may lead us to
where you call. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

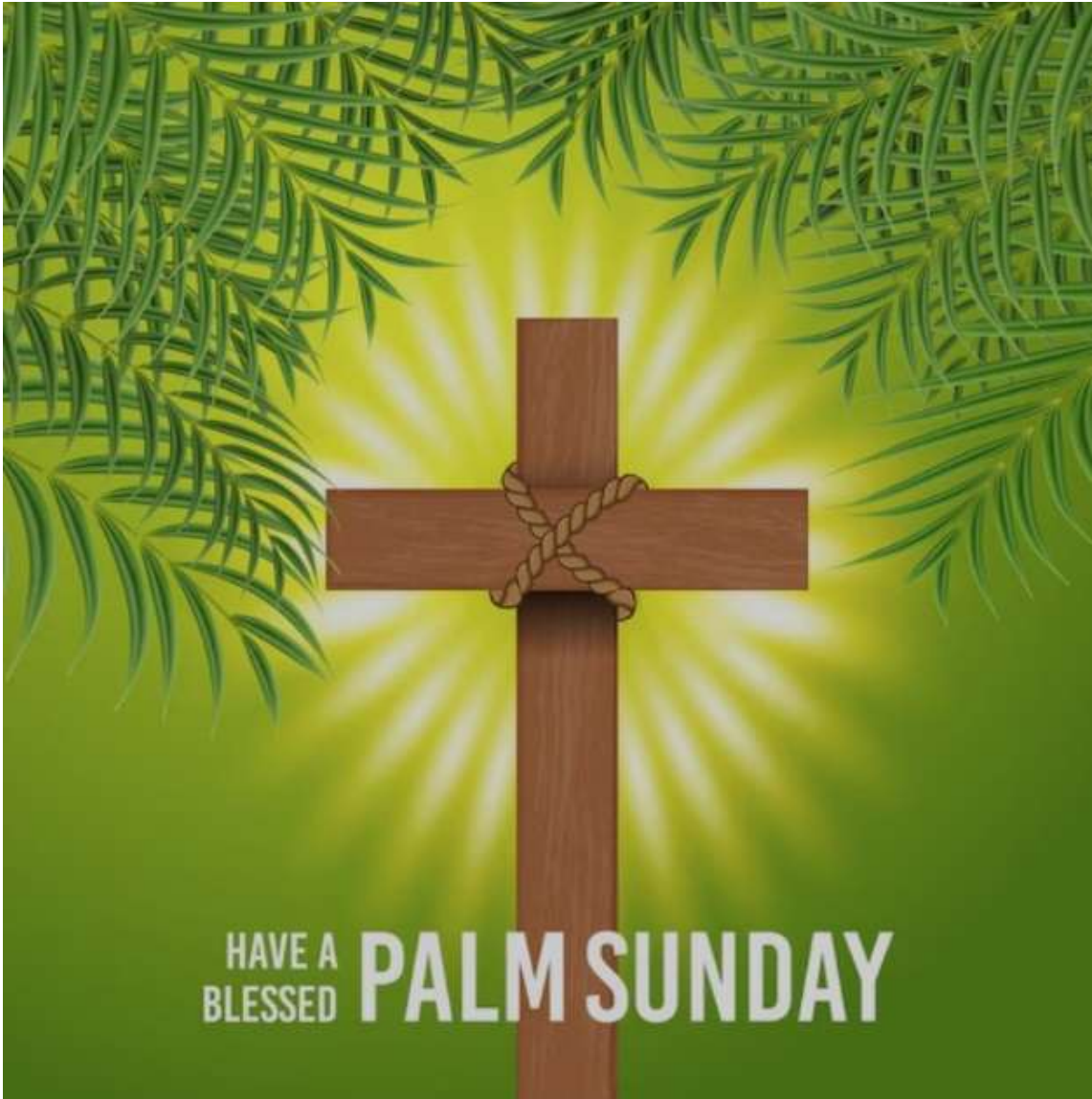
Prayer over the People

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family for
whom our Lord Jesus Christ did not hesitate
to be delivered into the hands of the wicked
and submit to the agony of the Cross.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠
and the Holy Spirit come down on you and
remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Final Hymn: All glory, laud and honour (229)



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