

Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday)



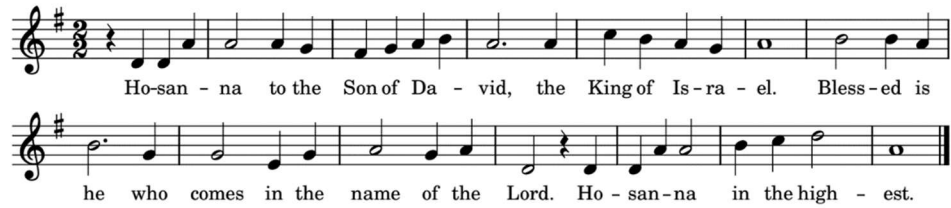
*"Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
hosanna in the highest."*

(Cycle C)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn

Hosanna to the Son of David



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Hosanna to the Son of David'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff: 'Ho-san - na to the Son of Da - vid, the King of Is - ra - el. Bless - ed is'. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values and concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics for the second staff are: 'he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

Greeting

Dear friends in Christ,
for five weeks of Lent, we have been preparing
by works of charity and self-sacrifice,
for the celebration of the Lord's paschal mystery.
Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration
in union with the whole Church throughout the world.
Christ entered in triumph into his own city,
to complete his work as our Messiah:
to suffer, to die, and to rise again.
Let us remember with devotion this entry
which began his saving work
and follow him with a lively faith.
United with him in his suffering on the cross,
may we share his resurrection and new life.

✠ Let us pray.

Almighty God,
we pray you
bless + these branches
and make them holy.
Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus our Messiah and King.
May we reach one day the happiness of the new and
everlasting Jerusalem
by faithfully following him
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

℟ Amen.

Closing Hymn

Sing My Tongue (Triumph)

1. Sing, my tongue the sav - ior's glo - ry
8. Faith - ful cross, O tree all beaut - eous
9. Lof - ty tree bend down thy bran - ches
10. Tree which sole - ly wast found wor - thy

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Tell his tri - umph far and wide;
Tree all peer - less and de - vine.
To em - brace thy sac - red load;
The world's vic - tim to sus - tain,

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Tell a - loud the fa - mous sto - ry
Not a grove on earth can show us
O re - lax the na - tive ten - sion
Har - bor from the ra - ging tem - pest

4
of his bo - dy cru - ci - fied;
Such a flow'r and leaf as thine.
Of that all to ri - gid wood;
Ark, that saved the world a - gain.

5
How up - pon the cross a vic - tim,
Let us love the nails and tim - ber
Gent - ly gen - ly bear the mem - bers
Tree with sac - red blood a - noin - ted

6
Van - quish - ing in death, he died.
La - den with so sweet a load.
Of thy dy - ing King and God.
Of the Lamb for sin - ners slain.

SOLEMN ENTRANCE

Gospel (Mt 21:1-11)

☩. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

☩. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you Lord.

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her.

Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once."

This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

*Say to daughter Zion,
"Behold, your king comes to you,
meek and riding on an ass,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."*

The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them.

The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road.

The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying:

"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 shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

☩. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

Homily

☩ Let us go forth in peace
praising Jesus our Messiah,
as did the crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem-er, King!



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1. You are the King of Is - ra - el, And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing you on high;
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore you went:
4. To you be - fore your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise:
5. Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

D.C.



Now in the Lord's Name com - ing, Our King and Bless-ed One.
And mor - tals, joined with all things Cre - a - ted, make re - ply.
Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
Great source of love and good - ness, Our Sav - ior and our King.

CONCLUDING RITES

Solemn Blessing

☩. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

The Father of mercies has given us an example of unselfish love
in the sufferings of his only Son.

Through your service of God and neighbor
may you receive his countless blessings.

R. Amen.

You believe that by his dying
Christ has destroyed death for ever.
May he give you everlasting life.

R. Amen.

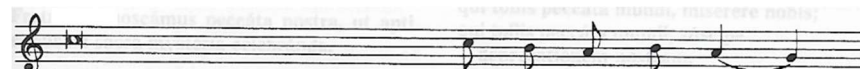
He humbled himself for our sakes.
May you follow his example
and share in his resurrection.

R. Amen.

☩. May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

Dismissal



☩. The Mass is end - ed, go in peace.



R. Thanks be to God.

Communion Meditation

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on
2. For - bid it Lord that I should boast save
3. See from his head, his hands, his feet, sor -
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that

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which the Prince of glory - ry died, my rich - est gain I
in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that
row and love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
were a pre - sent far too small. Love so a - ma - zing,

6
count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them through his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Prayer after Communion

Ÿ. Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

Lord, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food.
The death of your Son gives us hope and strengthens our faith.
May his resurrection give us perseverance
and lead us to salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Ÿ. Let us pray
as we accompany our King to Jerusalem.

Pause for silent prayer.

Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
you sent your Son
to be born of a woman and to die on a cross,
so that through the obedience of one man,
estrangement might be dissolved for all.

Guide our minds by his truth
and strengthen our lives by the example of his death,
that we may live in union with you in the kingdom of your promise.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 (*Is 50:4-7*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

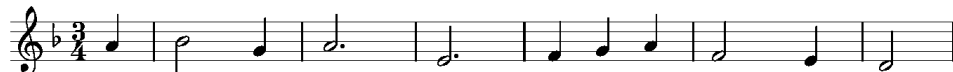
The Lord GOD has given me
a well-trained tongue,
that I might know how to speak to the weary
a word that will rouse them.
Morning after morning
he opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.
I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Ÿ. This is the Word of the Lord.

Ṛ. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24)



My God, my God, why have you a - ban - doned me?

All who see me scoff at me;
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:
“He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,
let him rescue him, if he loves him.”

Ṛ. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Indeed, many dogs surround me,
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;
They have pierced my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.

Ṛ. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them,
and for my vesture they cast lots.
But you, O LORD, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me.

Ṛ. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:
“You who fear the LORD, praise him;
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!”

Ṛ. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Exchange of Peace

Ÿ. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

Ṛ. And also with you.

Ÿ. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread

As the bread is broken, we sing or say:

Agnus Dei VIII (De Angelis)



VI
A - gnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-di : mi-se-
ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol- lis peccá-ta
mun-di : mi-se-ré-re no- bis. A-gnus De- i, * qui tol-
lis peccá-ta mun-di : dona no- bis pa- cem.

Ÿ. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Ṛ. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word
and I shall be healed.**

To those receiving Communion, the celebrant says:

Ÿ. The body of Christ.

Ṛ. Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY

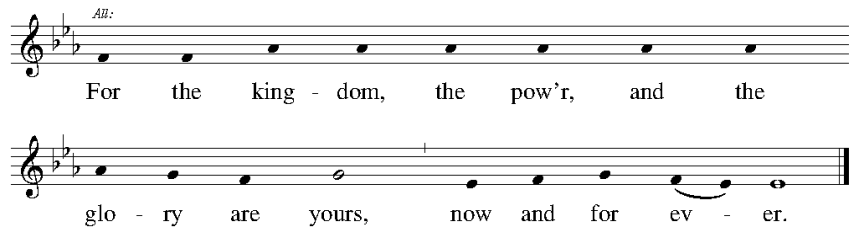
The Lord's Prayer

☩. We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;
thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it
is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;
and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not
in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

☩. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



All.
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

☩. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

℟. Amen.

Reading 2 (Phil 2:6-11)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Phillipians:

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

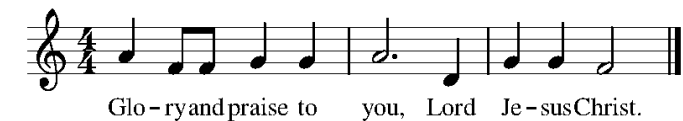
Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

☩. This is the Word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Jn 3:16)

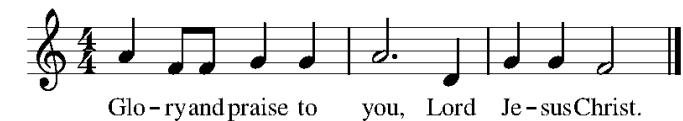
"Alleluia" is not said during Lent



Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

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even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.



Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Gospel (Mt 26:14—27:66)

℣. The Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The teacher says, "My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples.'"" The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover.

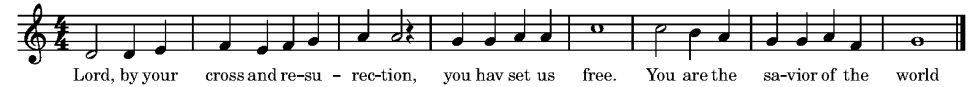
When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, "Surely it is not I, Lord?" He said in reply, "He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born." Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He answered, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said,

Eucharistic Prayer (II)

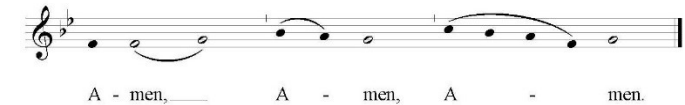
The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:

℣. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Through him, with him and in him
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father
Forever and ever.



Sanctus VIII (De Angelis)

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The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a large 'S' and the lyrics 'An-ctus, * Sanctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus'. The second staff has 'De-us Sá-ba-oth. Ple-ni sunt cae-li et'. The third staff has 'ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sánna in excél-sis.'. The fourth staff has 'Bene-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-'. The fifth staff has 'sán-na in excél-sis.'. The music is written in a simple, rhythmic style with square notes and stems.

An-ctus, * Sanctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus

De-us Sá-ba-oth. Ple-ni sunt cae-li et

ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sánna in excél-sis.

Bene-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-

sán-na in excél-sis.

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.

"Take and eat; this is my body."

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,

"Drink from it, all of you,
for this is my blood of the covenant,
which will be shed on behalf of many
for the forgiveness of sins.

I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine
until the day when I drink it with you new
in the kingdom of my Father."

Then, after singing a hymn,
they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them,

"This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken,
for it is written:

*I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed;*

but after I have been raised up,
I shall go before you to Galilee."

Peter said to him in reply,

"Though all may have their faith in you shaken,
mine will never be."

Jesus said to him,

"Amen, I say to you,
this very night before the cock crows,
you will deny me three times."

Peter said to him,

"Even though I should have to die with you,
I will not deny you."

And all the disciples spoke likewise.

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

"Sit here while I go over there and pray."

He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee,
and began to feel sorrow and distress.

Then he said to them,

"My soul is sorrowful even to death.

Remain here and keep watch with me."

He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying,

"My Father, if it is possible,

let this cup pass from me;

yet, not as I will, but as you will."

When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep.

He said to Peter,

"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?
 Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test.
 The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
 Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again,
 "My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass
 without my drinking it, your will be done!"
 Then he returned once more and found them asleep,
 for they could not keep their eyes open.
 He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time,
 saying the same thing again.
 Then he returned to his disciples and said to them,
 "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest?
 Behold, the hour is at hand
 when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners.
 Get up, let us go.
 Look, my betrayer is at hand."

While he was still speaking,
 Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived,
 accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs,
 who had come from the chief priests and the elders
 of the people.
 His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying,
 "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him."
 Immediately he went over to Jesus and said,
 "Hail, Rabbi!" and he kissed him.
 Jesus answered him,
 "Friend, do what you have come for."
 Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.
 And behold, one of those who accompanied Jesus
 put his hand to his sword, drew it,
 and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his ear.
 Then Jesus said to him,
 "Put your sword back into its sheath,
 for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.
 Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father
 and he will not provide me at this moment
 with more than twelve legions of angels?
 But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled
 which say that it must come to pass in this way?"
 At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,
 "Have you come out as against a robber,
 with swords and clubs to seize me?
 Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area,
 yet you did not arrest me.

Preface and *Sanctus* (Passion Sunday)

♪. The Lord be with you. ♪. And al - so with you. ♪. Lift up your hearts.
 ♪. We lift them up to the Lord. ♪. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 ♪. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
 we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
 through Jesus Christ or Lord.

Though he was sinless, he suffered willingly for sinners.
 Though innocent, he accepted death to save the guilty.
 By his dying he has destroyed our sins.
 By his rising he has raised us up to holiness of life.

We praise you, Lord, with all the angels
 in their song of glory:

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering of the Gifts

If an Offertory Hymn is played or sung, omit the following.

☩. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

℟. Blessed be God for ever.

☩. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

℟. Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

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

**℟. 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 Church.**

Lord,
may the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son,
make us pleasing to you.
Alone we can do nothing,
but may this perfect sacrifice
win us your mercy and love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

℟. Amen.

But all this has come to pass
that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled."
Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus led him away
to Caiaphas the high priest,
where the scribes and the elders were assembled.
Peter was following him at a distance
as far as the high priest's courtyard,
and going inside he sat down with the servants
to see the outcome.

The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin
kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus
in order to put him to death,
but they found none,

though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally two came forward who stated,
"This man said, 'I can destroy the temple of God
and within three days rebuild it.'"

The high priest rose and addressed him,

"Have you no answer?"

What are these men testifying against you?"

But Jesus was silent.

Then the high priest said to him,

"I order you to tell us under oath before the living God
whether you are the Christ, the Son of God."

Jesus said to him in reply,

"You have said so.

But I tell you:

From now on you will see 'the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of the Power'
and 'coming on the clouds of heaven.'"

Then the high priest tore his robes and said,

"He has blasphemed!

What further need have we of witnesses?

You have now heard the blasphemy;

what is your opinion?"

They said in reply,

"He deserves to die!"

Then they spat in his face and struck him,

while some slapped him, saying,

"Prophecy for us, Christ: who is it that struck you?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard.

One of the maids came over to him and said,

"You too were with Jesus the Galilean."
 But he denied it in front of everyone, saying,
 "I do not know what you are talking about!"
 As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him
 and said to those who were there,
 "This man was with Jesus the Nazorean."
 Again he denied it with an oath,
 "I do not know the man!"
 A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter,
 "Surely you too are one of them;
 even your speech gives you away."
 At that he began to curse and to swear,
 "I do not know the man."
 And immediately a cock crowed.
 Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken:
 "Before the cock crows you will deny me three times."
 He went out and began to weep bitterly.

When it was morning,
 all the chief priests and the elders of the people
 took counsel against Jesus to put him to death.
 They bound him, led him away,
 and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned,
 deeply regretted what he had done.
 He returned the thirty pieces of silver
 to the chief priests and elders, saying,
 "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood."
 They said,
 "What is that to us?
 Look to it yourself."
 Flinging the money into the temple,
 he departed and went off and hanged himself.
 The chief priests gathered up the money, but said,
 "It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury,
 for it is the price of blood."
 After consultation, they used it to buy the potter's field
 as a burial place for foreigners.
 That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood.
 Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah
 the prophet,
*And they took the thirty pieces of silver,
 the value of a man with a price on his head,
 a price set by some of the Israelites,*

Nicene Creed

**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, one in Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
All bow at these two lines
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered, died, and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of 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.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
 He 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.**

General Intercessions

*The celebrant invites the congregation to pray and offers several
 prayer intentions. Each concludes, "We pray to the Lord."*

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

*The celebrant concludes the intercessions with a final short prayer
 ending with "... through Christ, our Lord."*

R. Amen.

Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen
and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock.
Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb
and departed.
But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary
remained sitting there, facing the tomb.

The next day, the one following the day of preparation,
the chief priests and the Pharisees
gathered before Pilate and said,
"Sir, we remember that this impostor while still alive said,
'After three days I will be raised up.'
Give orders, then, that the grave be secured until the third day,
lest his disciples come and steal him and say to the people,
'He has been raised from the dead.'
This last imposture would be worse than the first."
Pilate said to them,
"The guard is yours;
go, secure it as best you can."
So they went and secured the tomb
by fixing a seal to the stone and setting the guard.

✠. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

℟. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

*and they paid it out for the potter's field
just as the Lord had commanded me.*

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and he questioned him,
"Are you the king of the Jews?"
Jesus said, "You say so."
And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders,
he made no answer.
Then Pilate said to him,
"Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?"
But he did not answer him one word,
so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast
the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd
one prisoner whom they wished.
And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.
So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them,
"Which one do you want me to release to you,
Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?"
For he knew that it was out of envy
that they had handed him over.
While he was still seated on the bench,
his wife sent him a message,
"Have nothing to do with that righteous man.
I suffered much in a dream today because of him."
The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds
to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus.
The governor said to them in reply,
"Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"
They answered, "Barabbas!"
Pilate said to them,
"Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"
They all said,
"Let him be crucified!"
But he said,
"Why? What evil has he done?"
They only shouted the louder,
"Let him be crucified!"
When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all,
but that a riot was breaking out instead,
he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd,
saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood.
Look to it yourselves."
And the whole people said in reply,

"His blood be upon us and upon our children."
Then he released Barabbas to them,
but after he had Jesus scourged,
he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium
and gathered the whole cohort around him.
They stripped off his clothes
and threw a scarlet military cloak about him.
Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head,
and a reed in his right hand.
And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,
"Hail, King of the Jews!"
They spat upon him and took the reed
and kept striking him on the head.
And when they had mocked him,
they stripped him of the cloak,
dressed him in his own clothes,
and led him off to crucify him.

As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon;
this man they pressed into service
to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha
—which means Place of the Skull —,
they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall.
But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink.
After they had crucified him,
they divided his garments by casting lots;
then they sat down and kept watch over him there.
And they placed over his head the written charge against him:
This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.
Two revolutionaries were crucified with him,
one on his right and the other on his left.
Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,
"You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days,
save yourself, if you are the Son of God,
and come down from the cross!"
Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and
said,
"He saved others; he cannot save himself.
So he is the king of Israel!
Let him come down from the cross now,
and we will believe in him.

He trusted in God;
let him deliver him now if he wants him.
For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'
The revolutionaries who were crucified with him
also kept abusing him in the same way.

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon.
And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
"Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"
which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
Some of the bystanders who heard it said,
"This one is calling for Elijah."
Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge;
he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed,
gave it to him to drink.
But the rest said,
"Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him."
But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice,
and gave up his spirit.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

And behold, the veil of the sanctuary
was torn in two from top to bottom.
The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened,
and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised.
And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection,
they entered the holy city and appeared to many.
The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over
Jesus
feared greatly when they saw the earthquake
and all that was happening, and they said,
"Truly, this was the Son of God!"
There were many women there, looking on from a distance,
who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to 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 himself a disciple of Jesus.
He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus;
then Pilate ordered it to be handed over.