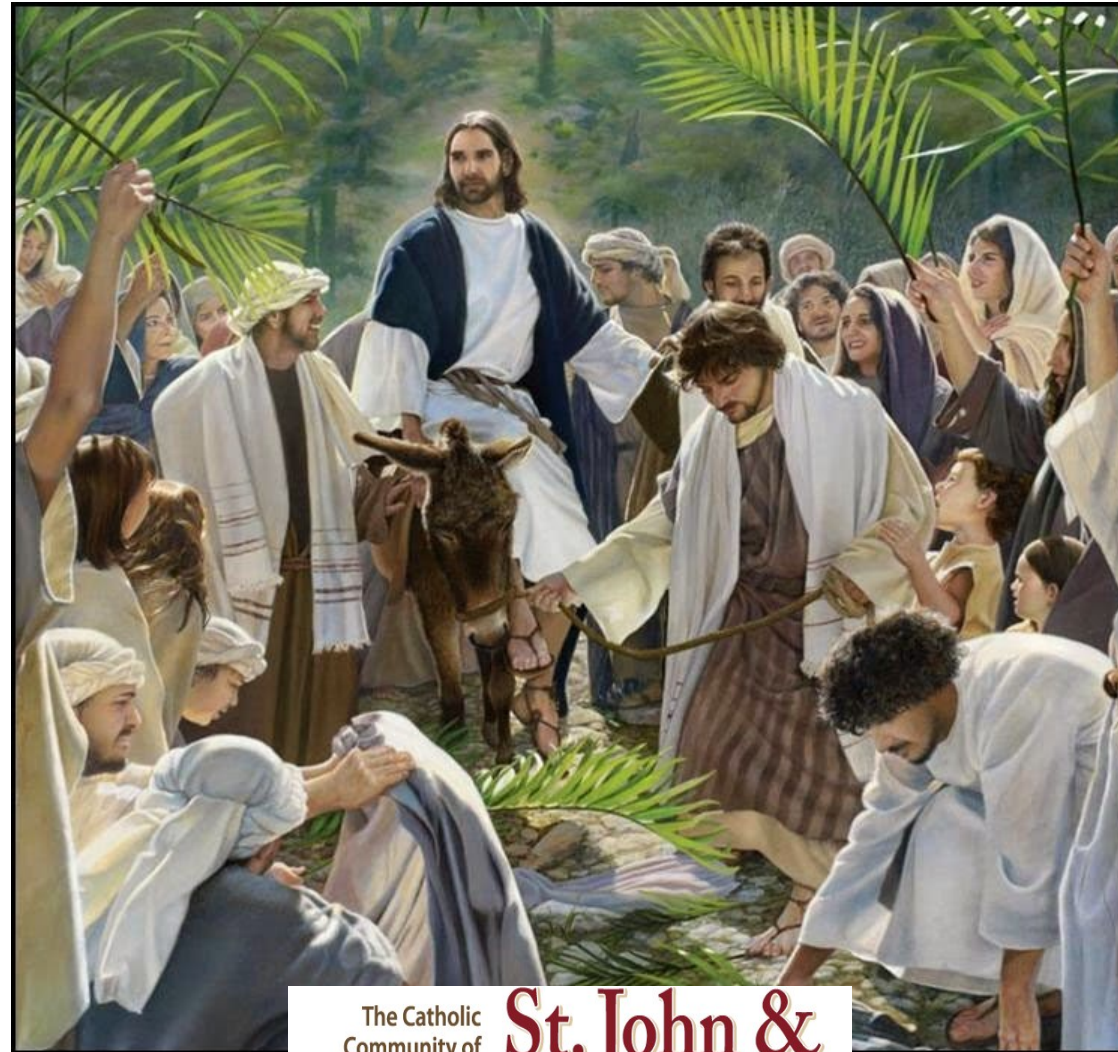


**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
**29 March 2026 A.D.**



The Catholic  
Community of **St. John &**  
**Blessed Sacrament**

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Please pick up your palm branch as you enter the Church.

Prelude: 4:30 p.m. only: On the Via Dolorosa (Schola Cantorum)

Gathering Hymn.....The King of Glory



The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.



O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.



- 1. Who is the king of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
- 2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
- 3. Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;



He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.  
 He goes a - mong his peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness.  
 In all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.

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### Greeting

**Priest:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

Or:

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

Please hold palms during the blessing and the reading of the Gospel.

## Blessing of Palm Branches

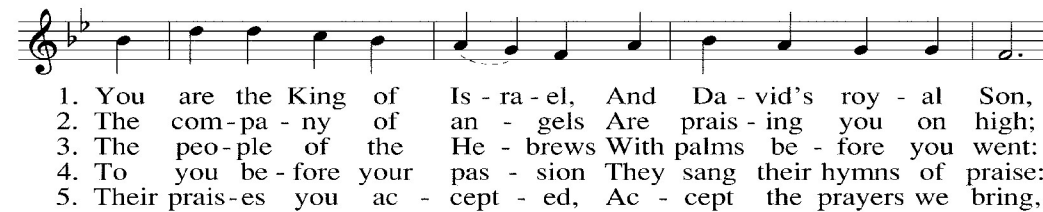
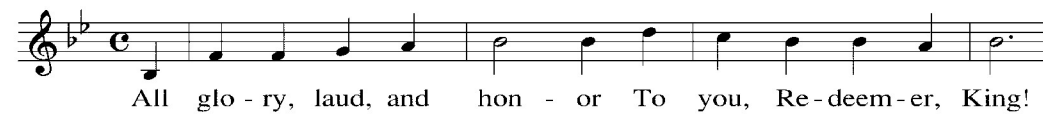
### Gospel Dialogue

Priest or Deacon	The Lord be with you.
<b>People:</b>	<b>And with your spirit.</b>
Priest or Deacon	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
<b>People</b>	<b>Glory to you, O Lord.</b>

Gospel.....**Matthew 21:1-11**

### Procession with Palm Branches

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor



Text: *Gloria laus et honor*; Theodulph of Orleans, c.760-821; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866; alt.  
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# The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Prayer

First Reading.....Isaiah 50: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm.....Psalm 22

Refrain




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

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Second Reading.....Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation

## LENTEN ACCLAMATION



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus, king of end - less glo - ry,  
Sav - ior of the world, Sav - ior of the world.

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## The Passion of the Lord

Matthew 26:14-27:66

N. - Narrator

V. - Voice

+ - Christ

C. - Crowd

- N. The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said;
- V. "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?"
- N. 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,
- V. "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?"
- N. 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."'
- N. 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."
- N. Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another,
- V. "Surely it is not I, Lord?"
- N. 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."
- N. Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply,
- V. "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?"
- N. He answered,
- + "You have said so."
- N. While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said,
- + "Take and eat; this is my body."
- N. 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."
- N. 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."
- N. Peter said to him in reply,
- V. "Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be."
- N. Jesus said to him,
- + "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."
- N. Peter said to him,
- V. "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you."
- N. 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."
- N. 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."
- N. 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."
- N. 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."
- N. 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!"
- N. 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."
- N. 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,
- V. "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him!"
- N. Immediately he went over to Jesus and said,
- V. "Hail, Rabbi!"
- N. and he kissed him. Jesus answered him,
- + "Friend, do what you have come for."
- N. 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?"
- N. 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. But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled."
- N. 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,
- C. **"This man said, 'I can destroy the temple of God and within three days rebuild it.'"**
- N. The high priest rose and addressed him,
- V. "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?"
- N. But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,
- V. "I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Christ, the Son of God."
- N. 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.'"
- N. Then the high priest tore his robes and said,
- V. "He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?"
- N. They said in reply,
- C. **"He deserves to die!"**
- N. Then they spat in his face and struck him, while some slapped him, saying,
- C. **"Prophecy for us, Christ: who is it that struck you?"**
- N. Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said,
- C. **"You too were with Jesus the Galilean."**
- N. But he denied it in front of everyone, saying,
- V. "I do not know what you are talking about!"
- N. As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there,
- C. **"This man was with Jesus the Nazorean."**
- N. Again he denied it with an oath,
- V. "I do not know the man!"
- N. A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter,
- C. **"Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away."**
- N. At that he began to curse and to swear,
- V. "I do not know the man."

N. 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,

V. "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood."

N. They said,

C. **"What is that to us? Look to it yourself."**

N. Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself. The chief priests gathered up the money, but said,

C. **"It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood."**

N. 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, 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,

V. "Are you the king of the Jews?"

N. Jesus said,

+ "You say so."

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

V. "Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?"

N. 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,

V. "Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?"

N. 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,

V. "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"

N. They answered,

C. **"Barabbas!"**

N. Pilate said to them,

V. "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"

N. They all said,

C. **"Let him be crucified!"**

N. But he said,

V. "Why? What evil has he done?"

N. They only shouted the louder,

C. **"Let him be crucified!"**

N. 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,

V. "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves."

N. And the whole people said in reply,

C. **"His blood be upon us and upon our children."**

N. 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,

C. **"Hail, King of the Jews!"**

N. 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,

C. **"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!"**

N. Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said,

C. **"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.'"**

N. 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?"*

N. which means,

+ "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

N. Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

C. **"This one is calling for Elijah."**

N. 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,

C. **"Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him."**

N. But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

*Here all kneel and pause for a short time.*

N. 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,

C. **"Truly, this was the Son of God!"**

D. 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. 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,

C. **"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."**

N. Pilate said to them,

V. "The guard is yours; go, secure it as best you can."

N. So they went and secured the tomb by fixing a seal to the stone and setting the guard.

**Presider or Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.  
Assembly: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**





## Profession of Faith

### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
*bow* { who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.



## Nicene Creed

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,  
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.

bow

Dismissal of the Elect (10:00 a.m.)

Universal Prayers: All Respond: **Lord hear our prayer.**

# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts .....O Sacred Head Surrounded

4:30 and 10:00 only..... King of the Wounds (Choir)



1. O Sa - cred Head sur-round - ed By crown of pierc - ing  
2. I see your strength and vig - or All fad - ing in the  
3. In this, your bit - ter pas - sion, Good Shep-herd, think of



thorn! O bleed - ing Head, so wound - ed, Re -  
strife, And death with cru - el rig - or, Be -  
me With your most sweet com - pas - sion, Un -



viled and put to scorn! The pow'r of death comes  
reav - ing you of life; O ag - o - ny and  
worth - y though I be: Be - neath your cross a -



o'er you, The glow of life de - cays, Yet  
dy - ing! O love to sin - ners free! Je -  
bid - ing For ev - er would I rest, In



an - gel hosts a - dore you, And trem - ble as they gaze.  
sus, all grace sup - ply - ing, O turn your face on me.  
your dear love con - fid - ing, And with your pres - ence blest.

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## Invitation to Prayer

**Priest:** Pray, brethren...acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People:** **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.**

## Preface Dialogue

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

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

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right and just.**

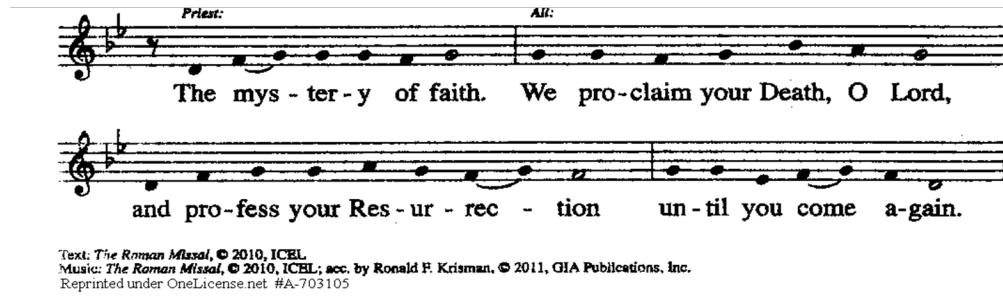
## Preface Acclamation



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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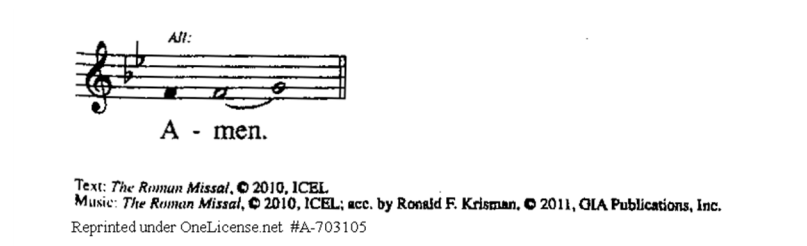
## Memorial Acclamation



Musical notation for the Memorial Acclamation, featuring two staves. The first staff is labeled "Priest:" and the second "All:". The lyrics are: "The mys - ter - y of faith. We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain."

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## Great Amen



Musical notation for the Great Amen, featuring a single staff labeled "All:". The lyrics are: "A - men."

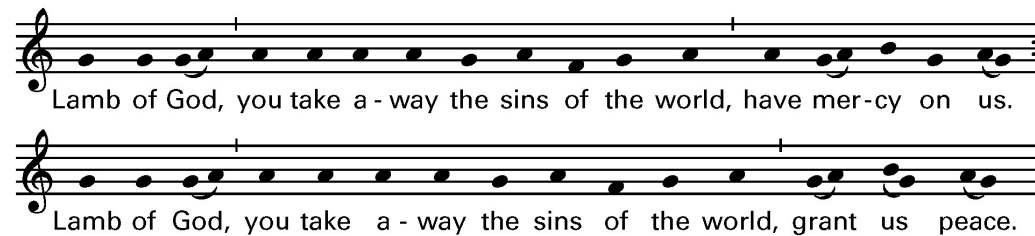
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## Lord's Prayer

### Sign of Peace

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

## Lamb of God



Musical notation for the Lamb of God, featuring two staves. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace."

## Invitation to Communion

Priest: 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.

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

## Communion Hymn.....Deep and Lasting Peace

Verses: Celtic prayer, first millennium, adapt. MJ

Refrain and Music by  
Michael Joncas



In the break - ing of the bread: Deep  
peace, deep peace. Heav - en's feast on earth is  
spread: Deep and last - ing peace.

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Blessing of Crosses and Crucifixes for home use.



Concluding Rites

Song For The Journey.....O Jerusalem

St. John Liturgies

JANET VOGT

O Je - ru - sa - lem, why have you for - sa - ken him?  
O Je - ru - sa - lem, ci - ty of tears.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G minor, 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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Song For The Journey.....Jesus Remember Me

Blessed Sacrament Liturgies

Ostinato Refrain

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.  
Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

The image shows two systems of musical notation in G minor, 3/4 time. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system is for the first line of lyrics, and the second system is for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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## What happened on Monday of Holy Week?

As you continue your pilgrimage through Holy Week, Monday is an opportunity to slow down and reflect on the humanity of Jesus.

On this day, Jesus entered the temple, made a whip out of chords, flipped the tables of money changers, and drove them out of the sacred space. Many people relate to this moment in Jesus' life because it reveals that he too felt the very human emotion of anger.

Anger is a natural and normal part of our human makeup. There are times when anger should be expressed and expressed powerfully. But they are rare. Like any passion, for anger to be useful it has to be harnessed, controlled, and directed at will.

Monday of Holy Week is a great time to consider a few key questions: What anger and resentment are you carrying around in your daily life? How do you process your anger—in a healthy or unhealthy way? What would your life look like if you could channel your anger into productive and decisive action?

One great way to observe the Monday of Holy Week is to go to Confession. Allow God's forgiveness to wash over you so that you can let go of any anger or resentment that is lingering in your heart.

You can reflect further on Monday of Holy Week by reading John 2:13-22 or by [watching a Holy Monday Reflection](#).

### *A Prayer for Monday of Holy Week*

Jesus,

Thank you for the vast array of feelings and emotions that you allow me to experience. Teach me to release any resentment that is lingering in my heart and help me to express my anger in a healthy way. When I notice injustice, give me the courage and boldness to do something about it. Amen.

## What happened on Tuesday of Holy Week?

Tuesday was a busy day for Jesus and the disciples. So much happened on this day, including Jesus calling out the Pharisees, teaching by the fig tree, and preaching extensively on the Mount of Olives.

But perhaps the most powerful moment occurred that night. After a long day, Jesus and the disciples went to Bethany to stay the night. There, a woman named Mary anointed Jesus with oil. The disciples are frustrated that such an expensive oil was used when the money it was worth could have been given to the poor. But Jesus responds with incredible gratitude and expresses his appreciation for Mary's tender love and care.

Tuesday of Holy Week is a great time to consider: Who and what am I most grateful for in my life? How often do I express my appreciation for those people and experiences? What would happen in my life if I lived every day from the perspective of gratitude?

(Tuesday of Holy Week, continued)

One great way to observe Tuesday of Holy Week is to deep clean your home. This tradition arises from the Jewish custom of preparing the home for Passover. Often, decluttering our homes is an avenue to decluttering our souls.

You can reflect further on Tuesday of Holy Week by reading Matthew 21:23-27, Matthew 22: 34-40,

### *A Prayer for Tuesday of Holy Week*

Lord,

Thank you for all the ways you bless me, those I am aware of and all those I am still oblivious to. The Scriptures show me that from the beginning you have desired friendship with humanity. Help me to know and believe that just as you yearned for friendship with Adam and Eve; Abraham, Moses and Noah; Ruth, Esther, Rachel and Mary; you desire a powerful friendship with me. Give me a spirit full of gratitude and a passion for prayer so together we can foster a beautiful friendship. Amen.

### **What happened on Wednesday of Holy Week?**

Wednesday of Holy Week is often called Spy Wednesday. Why? Because this is the day Judas Iscariot spies on Jesus, secretly plotting to have him arrested.

On this day, Judas goes to the chief priests and asks them how much money they'd be willing to give him if he turned Jesus in. Thirty pieces of silver is enough for him to turn on Jesus, all of the disciples, and the future he had with a life of faith.

Wednesday of Holy Week is a powerful opportunity to reflect on the following: Where in my life have I experienced betrayal or a violation of trust? Am I holding onto that pain or have I invited Jesus into it? Where have I betrayed myself or lost the trust of others? How can I seek forgiveness and make amends?

One common way to observe Spy Wednesday is to eat simple meals, offering the sacrifice as a prayer to Jesus. You can reflect further on Spy Wednesday by reading Matthew 26:14-16 or by watching a Holy Wednesday Reflection.

### *A Prayer for Wednesday of Holy Week*

Jesus, help me to love like you.

There are so many obstacles that get in the way of loving like you: my selfishness and insecurities; my pride and unwillingness to forgive; my anger and envy; my greed and laziness. Fill me with the grace to pray more than ever before in my life, and cast these obstacles aside so that each day I can love more and more like you.

I pray in a special way today for anyone who has been unjustly accused and punished for something they didn't do. Raise them above these painful circumstances and somehow keep their hearts from hardening with anger and resentment. Amen

## Prayer Before a Crucifix

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus,  
While before Your face I humbly kneel  
and, with burning soul, pray and beseech You  
to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity;  
true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment.

While I contemplate, with great love and tender pity,  
Your five most precious wounds,  
pondering over them within me,  
and calling to mind the words which David, Your prophet, said to  
you,

My Jesus:

“They have pierced My hands and My feet,  
they have numbered all My bones.”

Pray one *Our Father*, one *Hail Mary* and one *Glory Be* for  
The Holy Father's intentions.



# The Sacred Triduum

**Thursday, April 2, 2026 Holy Thursday** (White)

**St. John the Evangelist, Davison**

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 6:30 p.m. (with First Eucharist Candidates)


Reconciliation 8:00 p.m. - until all are heard

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 8:00 p.m. – 12 midnight in the Chapel

Holy Hour of Prayer—11:00 p.m. in the Chapel (Bring a Bible)

**Friday, April 3, 2026**

**Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord** (Red)

 (Day of Fast and Abstinence)

**St. John the Evangelist, Davison**

Private Prayer and Devotion - 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death – 1:00 p.m.

Reconciliation 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy - 2:45 p.m. (Chapel)

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 4, 2026**

**Holy Saturday** (White)

**St. John the Evangelist, Davison**

Blessing of Food, Swięconka – 2:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass – 9:00 p.m.

**Please Note: No Reconciliation**

**Sunday, April 5, 2026**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord** (White)

**St. John the Evangelist, Davison**

Mass - 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and Noon

**Please Note: No 5:00 p.m. Mass**

**Blessed Sacrament, Burton**

Mass - 9:00 a.m.