



Palm Sunday

THE JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

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

C: And also with you.

P: Our forty days of Lent are coming to an end.

C: For forty days and forty nights the rain fell upon the Ark.

P: We have heard that after Jesus was transfigured He came down from the mountain and went on the way to Jerusalem.

C: For forty days Moses waited on the mountaintop before receiving the Ten Commandments.

P: Jesus commissioned His disciples and sent them out ahead of Him.

C: For forty years God led His people in the Wilderness.

P: The Pharisees tried to turn Jesus away from the way to Jerusalem.

C: For forty days our Lord fasted in the desert before He was tempted by the devil.

P: Yet, all along the way, Jesus has remained focused and faithful.

C: Our forty day fast of renewing and strengthening our faithfulness is coming to an end.

P: Listen for the Word of the Lord!

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi and in The Way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

And they spoke to him saying, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

Jesus asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered him, "You are the Christ."

And Jesus rebuked them in this way they were not able to tell anyone about him. And Jesus began to teach them that it is a necessity of God's plan that the Son of Man suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise.

And Jesus spoke The Word boldly.

But taking Jesus aside, Peter tried to rebuke him.

But turning and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, "Return behind me, Satan, for you do not have the evaluative point of view of God, but of man."

[Mark 8:27-33]

P: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God

Hymn



O Lord through-out these for - ty days You prayed and kept the
You strove with Sa - tan and you won; Your faith - ful - ness en -



fast; In - spire re - pen - tence from our sin and free us from our past.
dured; Lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal Word.

P: Listen for the Word of the Lord!

And as Jesus and his disciples were in The Way, going up into Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were astonished, and those who were following along were afraid. But taking aside The Twelve again, Jesus began to tell them about what was coming together for him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise. . . "

And they came into Jericho. And as Jesus and his disciples - and a substantial crowd - were leaving Jericho, the son of Timaeus, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by The Way. And hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, Bartimaeus began to scream out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many around him tried to rebuke him to be silent, but he screamed out even more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And stopping Jesus said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Courage! Get up! He calls you!" And having thrown off his garment, and having sprung up, he came to Jesus. And Jesus responded to him by asking him, "What do you will that I may do?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabboni, so that I may recover sight." And Jesus said to him, "Depart! Your faith saves you!" And immediately he could see and followed Jesus in The Way. [Mark 10]

P: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God



Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a -
Be with us through this sea-son, Lord, And all our earth-ly



bove; So teach us to de - ny our-selves Since we have known God's love.
days, That when the fi-nal Eas-ter dawns We join in heav - en's praise.

P: Listen for the Word of the Lord!

And as they were getting close to entering Jerusalem, but still coming into Bethpage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples out, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you and as soon as you get through the gate you will find tied up nearby a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it back here. If anyone asks you, 'Why do you do this?' say to them, 'The Lord has a need for him' and immediately they will send it here with you."

And the disciples went away and found a colt that had been tied up near a door, outside in the street, and they untied him.

And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing untying the colt?"

So, the disciples said to them what Jesus had told them to say and the people let the disciples take the colt. And the disciples led the colt to Jesus and threw their coats on it and Jesus sat on him.

And many people spread their coats on the way, while others laid down soft leafy branches they had cut in the fields.

P: And those who were leading and those following were shouting,

**C: "Hosanna! Blessings for one coming in the name of the Lord! [Ps 118:26]
Blessings for the coming, now, of the kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest!"**

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

P: Let us raise our palm branches for blessing.

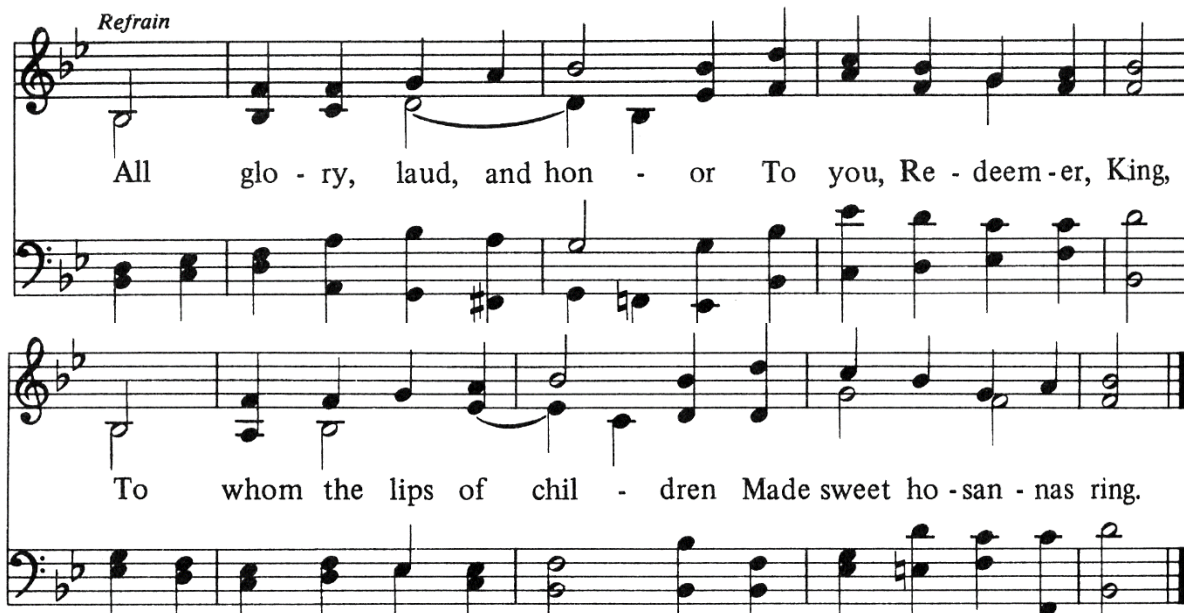
We praise and thank you O God, for the great acts of love by which you save us through your Son. On this day He entered the Holy City of Jerusalem like a King, in triumph and glory, hailed by His disciples who laid cloaks on the road to honor His coming. We ask that you bless these branches of palm that we now raise in His honor. Fill us with the Spirit that filled those disciples on this day, so we will ever proclaim peace and glory in His name. Awaken our commitment to follow Him wherever He leads and on whatever journey He will take us. May His coming among us here be as much a blessing to us as it was to Your people in the Holy City long ago. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

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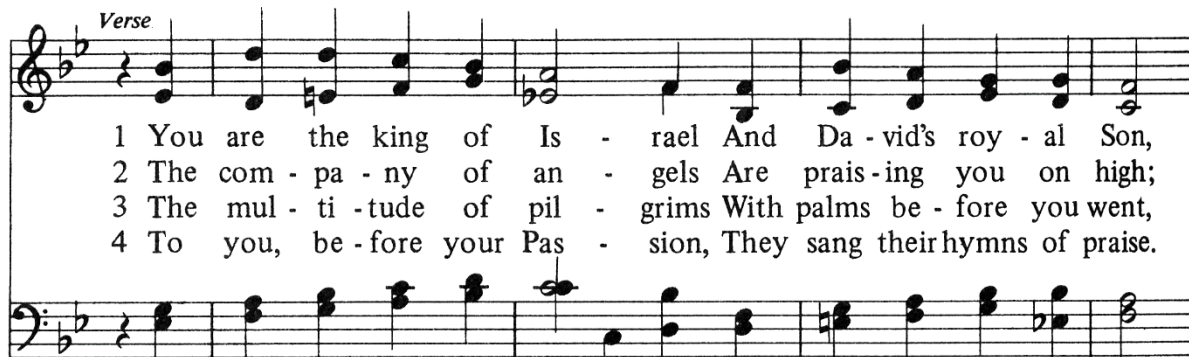
Journey into the Nave singing the Hymn

Refrain



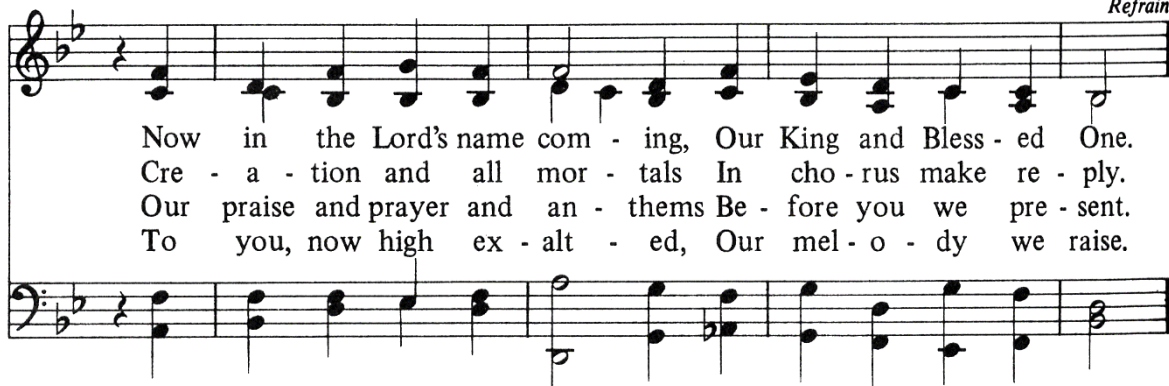
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re - deem - er, King,
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

Verse



1 You are the king of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore you went,
4 To you, be - fore your Pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise.

Refrain



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
Cre - a - tion and all mor - tals In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.

5 Their praises you accepted;
Accept the prayers we bring,

Great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: **And also with you**

P: *Let us pray.*

C: **Almighty God we give you thanks that your Son remained faithful to the way you set before Him even when He knew His destiny was not the glory offered by the crowds but the solitude of the cross. Keep us ever faithful in the way you have set before us that, in the end, we will enter into the eternal glory of Your Holy City where you reign with your Son and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.**

Psalm

118

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,
" God's steadfast love endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say,
" God's steadfast love endures forever."

Let those who fear the Lord say,
" God's steadfast love endures forever."

Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

With the Lord on my side I do not fear.
What can mortals do to me?

The Lord is on my side to help me;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to put confidence in mortals.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to put confidence in princes.

All nations surrounded me;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

They surrounded me like bees;
they blazed like a fire of thorns;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,
but the Lord helped me.

The Lord is my strength and my might;
The Lord has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

**"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."**

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely,
but the Lord did not give me over to death.

*Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.*

**This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

*I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.*

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

*This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.*

*This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord.*

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

*The Lord is God,
and God has given us light.*

*Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.*

**You are my God, and I will give thanks to
you;
you are my God, I will extol you.**

*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.*

The Lesson

1 Samuel 5:1-10

Then the prophet Elisha called a member of the company of prophets and said to him, "Gird up your loins; take this flask of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead. When you arrive, look there for Jehu son of Jehoshaphat, son of Nimshi; go in and get him to leave his companions, and take him into an inner chamber. Then take the flask of oil, pour it on his head, and say, 'Thus says the Lord: 'I anoint you king over Israel.' Then open the door and flee; do not linger.'"

So the young man, the young prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead.

He arrived while the commanders of the army were in council, and he announced, "I have a message for you, commander."

"For which one of us?" asked Jehu.

"For you, commander."

So Jehu got up and went inside; the young man poured the oil on his head, saying to him, "Thus says the Lord the God of Israel: I anoint you king over the people of the Lord, over Israel . . ."

Then he opened the door and fled.

When Jehu came back to his master's officers, they said to him, "Is everything all right? Why did that madman come to you?"

He answered them, "You know the sort and how they babble."

They said, "Liar! Come on, tell us!"

So he said, "This is just what he said to me: 'Thus says the Lord, I anoint you king over Israel.'"

Then hurriedly they all took their cloaks and spread them for him on the bare steps; and they blew the trumpet, and proclaimed, "Jehu is king."

Verse

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1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, your road pursue,
with palms and scattered garments strewed.

2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

3. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The hosts of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die,
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord!

Gospel

Mark 11

And then Jesus and his disciples came to Jerusalem. And Jesus entered the temple and began to cast out those who were selling and buying in the temple. And he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. And he would not allow anyone to carry a vessel through the temple.

And Jesus was teaching and saying, "Is it not written that,

'My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? [Isaiah 56:7]

But you have made it a cave for bandits." [Jeremiah 7:11]

And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to destroy him for, they were afraid of him because the whole crowd was astounded by his teaching.

And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

[tune: ELW 351]

Rejoice, O Zion's daughter, and greet your promised king.
Spread branches in his pathway and loud Hosannas sing!
He comes astride a donkey in deep humility
To claim God's coming kingdom, of truth and equity.

O Christ, though king they hailed you, they sent you out to die,
For soon the songs of praises were drowned by Crucify!
They stripped away your garments. They made a cross your throne,
And there you died in darkness, abandoned and alone.

But still you come among us in cities built with pride.
You walk the streets of sorrow where hate and greed divide.
Redeem us from our madness, the clash of class and race.
Establish soon your kingdom of justice, truth and grace.

We shout again, Hosanna! We hail you as our king!
Christ, stir our wills to action to match the praise we sing.
Send us where truth is threatened where justice is denied,
And move our hearts to offer the love for which you died.

Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the Church & Passing of the Peace

Offertory

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray:

C: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

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

P: It is right . . .



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



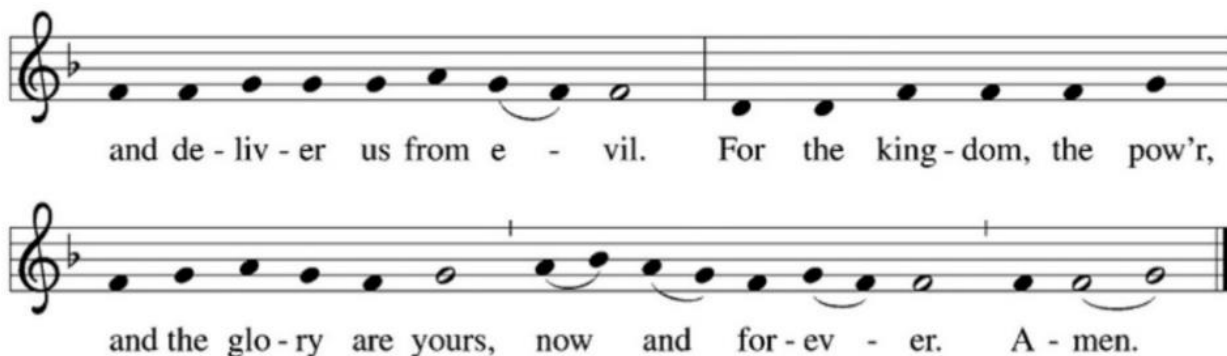
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Lamb of God (Angus Dei)

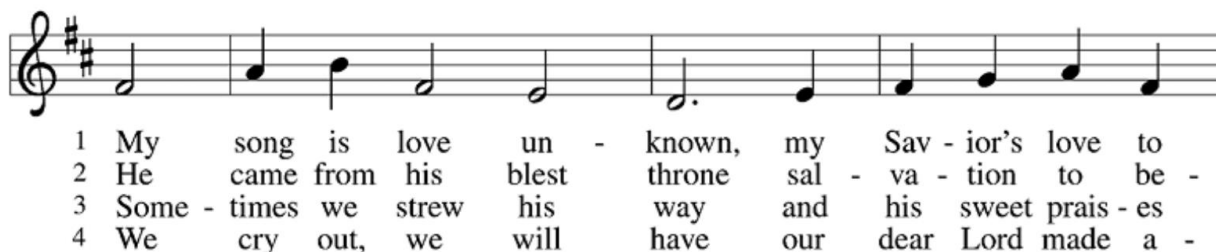
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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Distribution Hymns

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1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es
4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might
 stow; the world that was his own would not its
 sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of



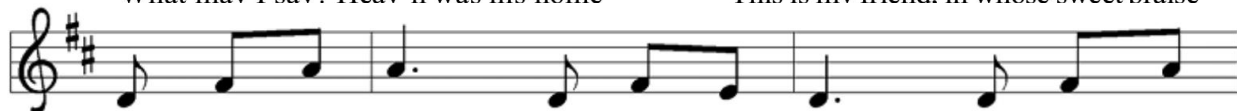
love - ly be. Oh, who am I that
 Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my
 to our king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is
 life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to



for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
 all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
 suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What mav I sav? Heav'n was his home

6 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



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

Refrain

sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod and to be called a lamb of God. O Lamb of

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me

in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

1 As the sun with long - er jour - ney melts the win - ter's snow and ice,
 2 Through the days of wait - ing, watch - ing, in the des - ert of our sin,
 3 Praise be giv - en to the mak - er of the sea - sons' year - ly round:

with its slow - ly grow - ing ra - diance warms the seed be - neath the earth,
 search - ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it—Source, Sus - tain - er, Lord of life,

may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent - ly bring our hearts to life.
 we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry.
 as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.

The Passion of Our Lord According to the Gospel of Mark

Narrator	Judas	Pilate
Jesus	Witnesses	Centurion
Disciples	High Priest	Bystander
Peter	Servant Girl	Crowd

Narr: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread and the chief priests and the scribes were seeking to entrap Jesus, and having arrested him, to kill him; for they said,

High Priest: "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

Jesus is Anointed for Death

Narr: As Jesus was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the house of Simon the leper, a woman having an alabaster jar of ointment of nard, pure and costly, came and, breaking the alabaster jar, she poured the ointment on Jesus' head. But some of the disciples at the table were indignant about this, saying;

Disciples: "Why was the ointment wasted in this way?"

Narr: For they had the power to sell this ointment for more than three hundred denarii, and then give the proceeds to the poor. So, they scolded the woman. But Jesus said,

Jesus: "Leave her alone! Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for me. For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you will it, you have the power to make them well; but, you will not always have me. She has done what she needed to do by anointing my body as a burial preparation. Truly, I say to you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told as a memorial of her."

Judas is Engaged

Narr: And Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to hand *Jesus* over to them. And having heard Judas' plan, the chief priests rejoiced and promised to give *Judas* money. And *Judas* sought the right opportunity to hand *Jesus* over.

Passover

Narr: And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, *Jesus'* disciples said to him,

Disciples: "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

Narr: And he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

Jesus: "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and

wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says, 'Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a great room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

Narr: And the disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And as they are reclining and eating Jesus said,

Jesus: "Truly, I say to you, one of you will hand me over; one who is eating with me."

Narr: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

Disciples: "Not I?"

Narr: But he said to them,

Jesus: "One of the twelve. The one dipping with me into the bowl. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but I feel very sorry for the man through whom the Son of Man is handed over. He has such a burden that it would have been better for him if he had never been born."

Narr: And while they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, blessing it he broke it, and gave it to them, and said,

Jesus: "Take, this is my body."

Narr: And taking a cup, and giving thanks, Jesus gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And he said to them,

Jesus: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is pouring out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Mount of Olives

Narr: And having sung praises they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus told them that they will all become offended by the Gospel, because it is written,

Jesus: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' [Zech 13:7] But, after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

Narr: But Peter said to him,

Peter: "Everyone else may become offended by the Gospel, but I will not."

Narr: And Jesus said to him,

Jesus: "Truly, I say to you, today, this night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

Narr: But Peter said vehemently,

Peter: "If it is part of God's plan that I die with you, I will not deny you."

Narr: And all of the disciples said the same thing. And they came into a place called "Gethsemane;" and Jesus said to his disciples,

Jesus: "Sit here while I go and pray."

Narr: And Jesus took Peter and James and John along with him. And Jesus began to be greatly amazed and agitated. And he said to them,

Jesus: "My soul is very sad, even to death; remain here, and keep watch."

Narr: And going a little farther, Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said,

Jesus: Abba, Father, all powerful are you, remove this cup from me; but not what I will, but what you will."

Narr: And Jesus came back to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter,

Jesus: "Simon, you are sleeping! You do not have the strength to keep watch for one hour. Keep watch and pray that you may not come into temptation. On the one hand the spirit is willing, but on the other, the flesh is weak."

Narr: And again, Jesus departed to pray, saying the same words again. And returning again to the disciples, he found them sleeping, for their eyes were being weighed down; and they did not know what to answer him. He came a third time and said to them,

Jesus: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is handed over into the hands of the sinful. Get up, let us be going. Behold, the handing over of me is near."

Narr: And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived. With him there was a crowd with swords and clubs from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. The one handing him over had given them a signal saying,

Judas: "The one I kiss, it is him; grab him and lead him away securely."

Narr: And as soon as they arrived Judas went to Jesus and said:

Judas: "Rabbi!"

Narr: and kissed him. And they laid their hands on Jesus and grasped him. But one of those standing near, having drawn his sword, struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. And responding Jesus said to them,

Jesus: "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Throughout the day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not lay hold of me. But this is so that scriptures be fulfilled."

Narr: And forsaking him, all of them fled. And a certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a burial cloth, and they grasped him, but, having left the burial cloth, he fled naked.

The Trials

Narr: And they led Jesus away to the high priest. And all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed Jesus at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards and warming himself in front of the fire. The chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death but, they found none. For, many gave false testimony against him but, their testimony did not agree. And some, having stood up, gave false testimony against him, saying,

Witnesses: "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'"

Narr: But even about this their testimony did not agree. And having arisen in the middle of them, the high priest questioned Jesus saying,

High Priest: "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

Narr: But Jesus was silent and did not answer anything. Again, the high priest questioned him and said to him,

High Priest: Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"

Narr: And Jesus said,

Jesus: "I am. 'You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

Narr: But the high priest, having torn his tunic, said,

High Priest: "Why do we still need to have witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy! What do you decide?"

Narr: And all of them condemned him as deserving death. And some began to spit on him, to cover his face, and to strike him, and say to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took slaps of his face. And Peter was below in the courtyard. One of the servant-girls of the high priest came by, and having seen Peter warming himself, looked at him and said,

Servant Girl: "And you also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."

Narr: But he denied it, saying,

Peter: "I do not know or understand what you say."

Narr: And Peter went out into the forecourt. And the servant-girl, having seen him, began again to say to those standing by,

Servant Girl: "This man is one of them."

Narr: But again, Peter denied it. And in a little while again those standing by said to him,

PEOPLE: "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."

Narr: But Peter began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter: "I do not know this man you are talking about."

Narr: And immediately the cock crowed for the second time. And Peter remembered the word that Jesus had said to him,

Jesus: "Before the cock crows twice, three times you will deny me."

Narr: And having collapsed, he wept. And immediately in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. Having bound Jesus, they led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. And Pilate asked him,

Pilate: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Narr: And answering, Jesus said,

Jesus: "You say so."

Narr: And the chief priests accused him of many things. But Pilate asked him again,

Pilate: "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

Narr: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate is amazed. But during the feast he released to them one prisoner, whomever they petitioned for. But a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. And, having come up, the crowd began to ask that he do this for them. But Pilate answered them saying,

Pilate: "You wish me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

Narr: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd so that they would rather have Barabbas released to them. But Pilate, having answered, again spoke to them;

Pilate: "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

Narr: But again they cried out;

PEOPLE: "Crucify him!"

Narr: But Pilate said to them,

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

Narr: But they cried out even more;

PEOPLE: "Crucify him!"

Narr: And Pilate, determining to make the crowd satisfied, released to them Barabbas and handed over Jesus, having flogged him, so that he could be crucified. But the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in purple and crowned him, having plaited a thorny crown. And they began to salute him,

Centurion: "Rejoice, King of the Jews!"

Narr: And they struck his head with a reed, and spat upon him, and kneeling down they worshipped him. And when they had mocked him, they took the purple off of him and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out so that they could crucify him. And they forcibly enlisted someone passing by, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

Crucifixion

Narr: And they led Jesus to the place, Golgotha, which being translated is "Skull Place." And they gave him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucify him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour (9:00 a.m.) and they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him was written, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucify two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those passing by blasphemed him, shaking their heads and saying,

PEOPLE: "Aha! You who claim to be able to destroy the Temple and build it in three days, save yourself by coming off the cross!"

Narr: And likewise, the chief priests, mocking him among themselves with the scribes, said among themselves,

High Priest: "He saved others yet, he does not have the power to save himself. The Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross so that we may see and we may have faith."

Narr: And those who were being crucified with him, derided him. And when it became the sixth hour (noon), darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour (3:00 p.m.) And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a great voice,

Jesus: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

Narr: which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" [Psalm 22] And some of those standing by, having heard him, say,

PEOPLE: "Behold, he calls Elijah."

Narr: But someone running, having filled a sponge with sour wine, and having put it on a

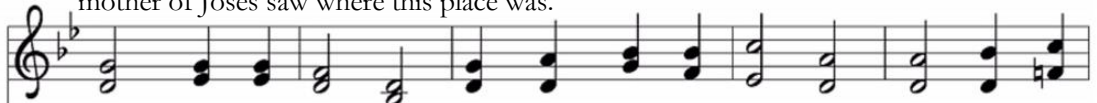
stick, gave it to him to drink saying,

Bystander: "'Keep him alive', I want to see if Elijah will come to take him down."



Narr: But Jesus, having released a great sound, expired. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. But the centurion, standing opposite him, seeing how he breathed his last, said,

Centurion: "Truly this man was God's Son!"


Narr: And there were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. They used to follow him and serve him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. And evening having come, which is the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph from Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. But Pilate was amazed that he was already dead; and having summoned the centurion, asked him if he had been dead long. And becoming informed by him, he presented the dead body to Joseph. And having bought a linen cloth, and having taken him down, Joseph wrapped Jesus in the linen cloth, and placed him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where this place was.

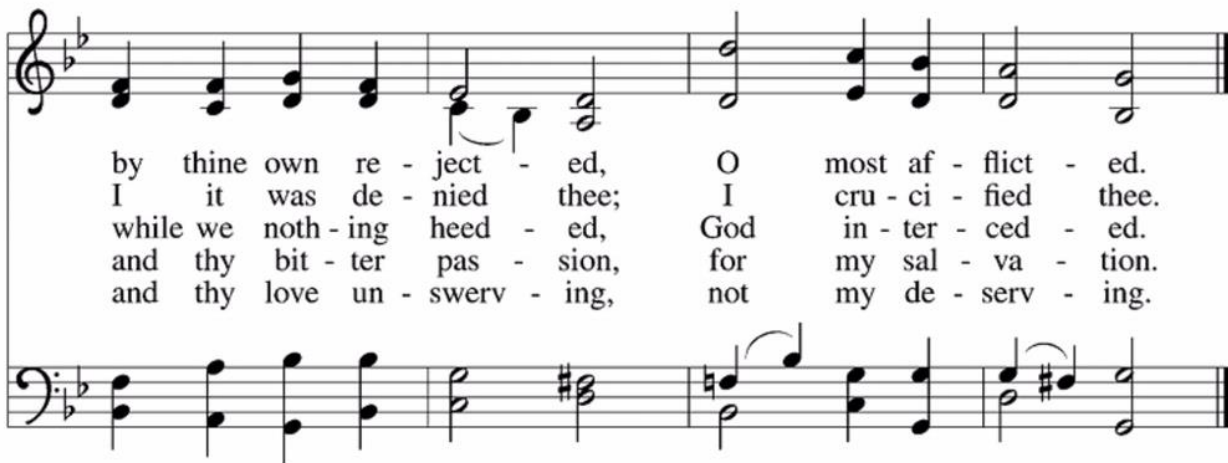


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2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There-fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



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sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
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 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
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Dismissal

Holy Week Continues

Maundy Thursday Noon & 7:00 p.m.
Laying of Hands for Absolution & Eucharist

Good Friday
Seven Last Words Tenebrae Noon
Passion, Readings & Sealing 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil 7:00 p.m.
Service of Light & Readings & Eucharist

Easter Day 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Festival of the Resurrection

Grace's Palms come from ECO-PALMS

Harvesting palm products is an important source of supplemental income for many indigenous families and communities in Guatemala and Mexico. However, over-harvesting palm can threaten the livelihood of these communities as well as the forests where the palm plants thrive and provide the shade required by the palms. The palm producing areas tend to be the home of poorer segments of the rural population where the people rely heavily on the palm harvest for income. But, although purchases of palms in the U.S. may reach as high as \$4.5 million each year, the palm harvesters themselves earn very little. Typically, palm harvesting is done by community members hired by local contractors, who then sell palms to large floral export firms. Payment is based on volume, so the harvesters are motivated to gather a large number of palms without regard for the quality. As a result, up to 50% or more of the palms are later discarded because of poor quality. This method risks the rapid depletion of the forest's rich biodiversity, including the many bird species that migrate to these regions during the winter. Called *Eco-Palms*, the palms are harvested in a more sustainable way, whereby the harvesters are paid on the quality of the palms they harvest rather than the quantity, which helps to limit the amount of palms taken from the forest. These communities have taken upon themselves to learn about harvesting practices that minimize impact on the natural forest where the palm grows, and ways to protect this wild species of palm. In some areas where the waste ratio reached as high as 50% before, now the discarded palms account for only 5-7% of the harvested volume. And, rather than sending the harvested palms off to a distant warehouse for sorting and packaging, the community members complete those tasks themselves and sell their palms directly rather than relying on middlemen-ensuring that more of the money paid for the palms actually goes to those who worked the hardest to provide them. Eco-Palms protect the unique and important biodiversity of the region and maintain the local communities' standard of living.