

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021 | 8:00 and 10:00

The Rev. Daniel Leatherman – Celebrant and Preacher

Prelude

The Liturgy of the Palms

The congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession.

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

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from the Gospel of Mark (11:1-11)

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

After the Reading, the Lector says

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of

Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The branches of palm to be carried in the procession will be distributed to the people after the prayer of blessing.

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung.

Entrance Hymn

All glory, laud, and honor

Hymnal 154

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following Collect is said

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (50:4-9a)

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

After the Reading, the Lector says

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



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- 9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in *trouble*; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my *belly*.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with *sighing*; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are *consumed*.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my *acquaintance*; *
when they see me in the street they *avoid me*.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of *mind*; *
I am as useless as a broken *pot*.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all *around*; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my *life*.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, "You are my *God*."
- 15 My times are in your *hand*; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who *persecute me*.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your *servant*, *
and in your loving-kindness *save me*."

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians (2:5-11)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and

on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

After the Reading, the Lector says

Lector **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

What wonderful love is this

Hymnal 439

Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)

The musical score is written for a tenor voice and a piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff for the voice and a bass clef staff for the piano. The piano accompaniment is primarily chordal, with some moving lines. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the three verses of the hymn. The first system covers the first line of each verse. The second system covers the second line. The third system covers the third line. The fourth system covers the fourth line. The music concludes with a double bar line.

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People - Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

The Leader and People pray responsively

Celebrant Enter our hearts this day and every day, O Christ, and lead us on this walk of love.

Leader Lead each member of your church in humility as we walk together. Guide our bishops, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Robert our Bishop, Daniel our Priest, and all priests and deacons so that your glory may be revealed through them in your word and sacraments.

People **Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.**

Lead the authorities of every country in the way of justice for all of their citizens and peace between neighbors and nations.

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Lead each us to reach out our hands and hearts in love where there is suffering and anxiety, sickness and grief.

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Lead us to lead lives that please you as we walk this earth so that with those who have died we may join you in our eternal home.

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord. *Next page*

May we live your truth in our lives as we confess your truth with our lips.

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

(Special intentions of the congregation, the diocese, and the Anglican Communion may be added here or before the formal intercessions.)

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory Hymn

Ride on! ride on in majesty

Hymnal 156



1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the
 2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel
 4 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and
 5 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly



1 tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his
 2 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be -
 3 ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and won - dering
 4 fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire
 5 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal

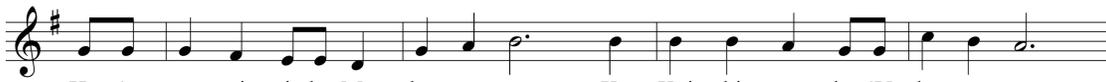


1 road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 2 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 3 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 4 throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
 5 pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the altar. Once the altar is prepared the Doxology may be sung.

Ho'onani i ka Makua mau

Na Himeni 1



Ho - 'o - na - ni i ka Ma - ku - a mau, Ke Kei - ki me ka 'U - ha - ne no,



Ke A - ku - a mau ho - 'o - mai - ka - 'i pu, Ko ke - ia ao, ko ke la ao. A - me - ne.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

8:00 Celebrant and People say together

**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.

10:00 Celebrant and People then sing the Sanctus

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Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, —

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. —

Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen.

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Then may be said 8:00 or sung 10:00 the following Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 grant us peace.

Agnus Dei

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The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us." The first system covers the first two lines of the text. The second system covers the second two lines. The third system covers the final line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

sins of the world, grant us peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Ministration of Communion

The people are seated. In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive the Holy Communion regardless of age or Christian tradition. Anglicans believe in the “Real Presence” where, in the Bread and Wine, Christ is made “real” and “present.” The nature of this grace is that Christ received even if one of the elements is received alone. During this time of pandemic out of an abundance of caution, we will only distribute the Bread in Communion. Those who are not baptized may receive a blessing; please join in the movement to the altar and cross your arms over your heart; this will alert the Celebrant of your desire to receive a blessing.

*Faith @ Home: Prayer/ Act of Reception for those who cannot receive the Sacrament
(from St. Augustine’s Prayer Book, Order of the Holy Cross)*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*

Communion Hymn

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom

Taize

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.

Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant blesses the people

Blessing

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart. **Amen.**

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you this day and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Postcommunion Hymn

Ah, holy Jesus, how has thou offended

Hymnal 158

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
 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 thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

The congregation may be seated.

NARRATOR: **The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, According to Saint Mark** (14:1-15:47)

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

ALL: **“Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”**

NARRATOR: While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

ALL: **“Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than 300-denarii, and the money given to the poor.”**

NARRATOR: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

JESUS: “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

NARRATOR: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

ALL: “Where do you want us to make the preparations to eat the Passover?”

NARRATOR: So 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 asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

NARRATOR: So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

JESUS: “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

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

ALL: “Surely, not I?”

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

NARRATOR: While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

JESUS: “Take; this is my body.”

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

JESUS: “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell 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.”

NARRATOR: After they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus said,

JESUS: “You will all become deserters; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised, I will go before you to Galilee.”

NARRATOR: Peter said to him,

Peter: “Even though all become deserters, I will not.”

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,

JESUS: “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

NARRATOR: But Peter said vehemently,

Peter: “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

NARRATOR: And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

JESUS: “Sit here while I pray.”

NARRATOR: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them,

JESUS: “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.”

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

JESUS: “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.”

NARRATOR: He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS: “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

NARRATOR: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

JESUS: “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

NARRATOR: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas: “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.”

NARRATOR: So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

Judas: “Rabbi,”

NARRATOR: and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS: “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.”

NARRATOR: All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now 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, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

ALL: **“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.’”**

NARRATOR: But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

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

NARRATOR: But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

High Priest: “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: “I am; and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

NARRATOR: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest: “Do we still need witnesses? Blasphemy! What’s your decision?”

NARRATOR: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

ALL: **“Prophesy!”**

NARRATOR: The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

Servant Girl: “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.”

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

Peter: “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.”

NARRATOR: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

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

NARRATOR: But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

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

NARRATOR: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

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

NARRATOR: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

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

NARRATOR: And he broke down and wept.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

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

NARRATOR: He answered him,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

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

NARRATOR: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

Pilate: "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: 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 to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

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

NARRATOR: They shouted back,

ALL: "Crucify him!"

NARRATOR: Pilate asked them,

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

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

ALL: "Crucify him!"

NARRATOR: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then 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 a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

ALL: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

NARRATOR: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

NARRATOR: They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).

(At the mention of Golgotha, all stand as able.)

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

ALL: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

NARRATOR: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

ALL: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

NARRATOR: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

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

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

ALL: "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

NARRATOR: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

ALL: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

NARRATOR: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

NARRATOR: And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion: “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

NARRATOR: 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. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of 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. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Postlude

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