

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 29, 2025 | 9:00

The Rev. Peter Wallace – Celebrant and Preacher

Aloha! Welcome to St. Timothy's, a place to call your spiritual home.

Whoever you are, no matter how God made you, wherever you are in your spiritual journey, we welcome you!

OUR MISSION: St. Timothy's Episcopal Church is a welcoming and inclusive faith community dedicated to creating a place of belonging, where Christ's love is known and shared through our worship and outreach to the 'Aiea and Pearl City region of O'ahu.

WE ARE HONORED THAT YOU'VE JOINED US TODAY! We'd like to offer you warm hospitality whether you're here for a one-time visit or are seeking a church home. If you're interested in knowing more about St. Timothy's, please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or our Vicar. Please note that the building across the patio from the church is Sumida Hall. As you face it, the restrooms are down the hallways: the women's to the right and the men's to the left.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME IN OUR WORSHIP. If you're interested, we offer Sunday School for preschool and elementary age keiki in the Choir/Library Room down the Ewa breezeway on your right. They will be led back to the chapel to be with you for communion. All our leaders are Safe Church trained or in the training process, and many are teachers or former teachers.

OUR WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICE of Holy Eucharist is a sacred celebration of Jesus' resurrection. It's an ancient yet relevant meal that we believe feeds and forms us for life today. This bulletin is designed to guide you through our worship. Every part of the service is printed here, so there's no need to use the pew books. If you wish to put down the bulletin and simply soak in the service, please do!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER? If you are baptized (or desire to be baptized), want to make St. Timothy's your principal worshiping community, and will support our parish life and ministries, we'd be honored to record you as a member. If you're not a confirmed Episcopalian and wish to explore membership in the greater communion of the Episcopal Church, contact our Vicar.

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER SERVICE FOR COFFEE, REFRESHMENTS, AND FELLOWSHIP in Sumida Hall. We would love to have you join us and talk story!

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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 Matthew (21:1-11)

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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.**

Blessing of the Red Vestments

All of us at St. Timothy's are grateful for the generous donation of the red chasuble and stole, given by Nancy Chun.

Celebrant Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All **Who made heaven and earth.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty everlasting God, giver of all good things and bountiful bestower of all graces, we humbly beg you to endow us with the power of your blessing. May it also please you to bless, by the work of the Holy Spirit, this stole and chasuble, made ready for divine worship. Let the grace of your holy mysteries descend on all who are to use it, so that they may appear holy, pure, and blameless in your presence, and may be aided by your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **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.**

Psalm 31:9-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*



- 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

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.

The Sermon

The Rev. Peter Wallace

A moment of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Prayers of the People

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

The Leader and People pray responsively

Celebrant Brothers and sisters, are we not wholly reliant on God's tender love and mercy? So let us cry out to our Lord, saying, "Look upon us in mercy; and with compassion remember us."

Leader Have mercy on your Church, O Lord, for the times we have denied you. We have not been humble as you are humble. We are too often quick to speak and slow to love. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Robert, our Bishop, Peter, our Vicar, all priests and deacons, and for the search for the next bishop for the Diocese of Hawai'i. *Silence*

Look upon us in mercy;
And with compassion remember us.

Have mercy on those who hold authority in the nations of the world, O Lord, especially those who are threatened by your message of love and mercy. Forgive us for our silence and complicity. *Silence*

Look upon us in mercy;
And with compassion remember us.

Have mercy upon all men and women of our armed forces and their families. Strengthen and protect them with your grace and love. We pray for peace with justice. We pray that we all may act with integrity and courage. *Silence*

Look upon us in mercy;
And with compassion remember us.

Have mercy on those of us who are called to be stewards of your creation, O Lord. We have exploited and mistreated your masterpiece. Teach us to love and care for what you have called good. *Silence*

Look upon us in mercy;
And with compassion remember us.

Have mercy on our enemies, O Lord, and on those who persecute us. We pray for peace in all places of war and violence, especially we pray for Ukraine and the Middle East. Teach us the love of Jesus, who from the cross prayed, "Father, forgive them." *Silence*

Look upon us in mercy;
And with compassion remember us.

Have mercy on all who are sick and suffering, O Lord. Strengthen the afflicted. Comfort and care for those wasted with grief. Make your face to shine upon your servants. *The congregation may add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence*

Look upon us in mercy;
And with compassion remember us.

Merciful Lord, you became obedient to death, even death upon a cross. Even as you have shared our mortality, mercifully grant us to share in your resurrection. *Silence*

Look upon us in mercy;
And with compassion remember us.

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever, **Amen.**

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.

Prayers for special occasions

Birthday prayer: Watch over thy *child*, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary prayer: Most gracious God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon this couple. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their work and in the companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; and in their life and in their death. Amen.

Announcements

Celebrant and People then sing the Sanctus

Hymnal S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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 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.

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

People and Celebrant

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, Hal-low-ed be Thy Name.
Thy King dom come. Thy will be done, On Earth as it is in Hea - ven.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give those who
tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, But de-li-ver us from e - vil. For
Thine is the King-dom and the pow - er and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er.
A - - - men.

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.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Ministration of Communion

In The Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion regardless of age or Christian tradition. Anglicans believe in the “Real Presence” of Christ; in the Bread and Wine, Christ is made “real” and “present” to us. By this grace Christ is received even if only one of the elements is received if you so wish.

As you come forward, you may receive the Bread from the priest, then you may go to the chalice on your left (facing the altar) to intinct the bread (“DIP”), or to your right to drink from the cup (“SIP”). Please refrain if you are not feeling well. Those who are not baptized or prefer not to take communion may receive a blessing from the priest; please indicate your request by crossing your arms over your heart.

A Prayer for Those Participating from Home

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.*

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

Communion Hymn 1

There is a green hill far away

Hymnal 167

1 There is a green hill far a-way, out-side a ci-ty wall,
2 We may not know, we can-not tell, what pains he had to bear,
*3 He died that we might be for-given, he died to make us good,
*4 There was no o-ther good e-nough to pay the price of sin,
5 O dear-ly, dear-ly has he loved! And we must love him too,
1 where our dear Lord was cru-ci-fied who died to save us all.
2 but we be-lieve it was for us he hung and suf-fered there.
3 that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his pre-cious blood.
4 he on-ly could un-lock the gate of heaven and let us in.
5 and trust in his re-deem-ing blood, and try his works to do.

Communion Hymn 2 *Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (repeat)* **Taize**

Jacques Berthier

♩ = 69



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

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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.**

Blessing

Celebrant blesses the people

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

Ab, 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 Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew. (26:14f)

Remaining seated, the congregation reads the words in bold during the reading of the Passion Gospel.

- Narrator* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.
- Narrator* One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,
- Judas* “What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?”
- Narrator* They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment Judas began to look for an opportunity to betray him.
- On the first day of Unleavened Bread, Jesus said to his disciples,
- Jesus* “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’”
- Narrator* So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, Jesus took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,
- Jesus* “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”
- Narrator* And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,
- Disciples* “Surely not I, Lord?”
- Narrator* He answered,
- Jesus* “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 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* Judas, who betrayed him, said,
- Judas* “Surely not I, Rabbi?”
- Narrator* He replied,
- Jesus* “You have said so.”
- Narrator* While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

Jesus "Take, eat; this is my body."

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

Jesus "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Narrator When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

Narrator Peter said to him,

Peter "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you."

Narrator Jesus said to him,

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

Narrator Peter said to him,

Peter "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

Narrator And so said all the disciples.

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

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

Narrator He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

Jesus "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

Narrator And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

Jesus "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

Narrator Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Narrator Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

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

Narrator Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

Jesus “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Narrator While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.”

Narrator At once he came up to Jesus and said,

Judas “Greetings, Rabbi!”

Narrator and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus “Friend, do what you are here to do.”

Narrator Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?”

Narrator At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

Jesus “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.”

Narrator Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

Accusers “This fellow said, `I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’”

Narrator The high priest stood up and said,

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

Narrator But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

High Priest “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

Narrator Jesus said to him,

Jesus “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Narrator Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?”

Narrator They answered,

Chief Priests **“He deserves death.”**

Narrator Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

Chief Priests **“Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”**

Narrator Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

Servant Girl You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”

Narrator But he denied it before all of them, saying,

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

Narrator When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

Servant Girl This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

Narrator Again he denied it with an oath,

Peter “I do not know the man.”

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

Bystander Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.”

Narrator Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter “I do not know the man!”

Narrator At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said,

Jesus “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

Narrator And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

Judas “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

Narrator But they said,

Chief Priests “What is that to us? See to it yourself.”

Narrator Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself.

Pilate Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Narrator Jesus said,

Jesus “You say so.”

Narrator But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?”

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

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

Narrator For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”

Narrator And they said,

Congregation **“Barabbas.”**

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

Narrator All of them said,

Congregation **“Let him be crucified!”**

Narrator Then he asked,

Pilate “Why, what evil has he done?”

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

Congregation **“Let him be crucified!”**

Narrator So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”

Narrator Then the people as a whole answered,

Congregation **“His blood be on us and on our children!”**

Narrator So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers “Hail, King of the Jews!”

Narrator They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

At the mention of Golgotha, the congregation should stand and remain standing for the remainder of the reading.

Narrator As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Bystanders **“You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”**

Narrator In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Chief Priests “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’”

Narrator The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”

Narrator that is,

Jesus “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Narrator When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystanders “This man is calling for Elijah.”

Narrator At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

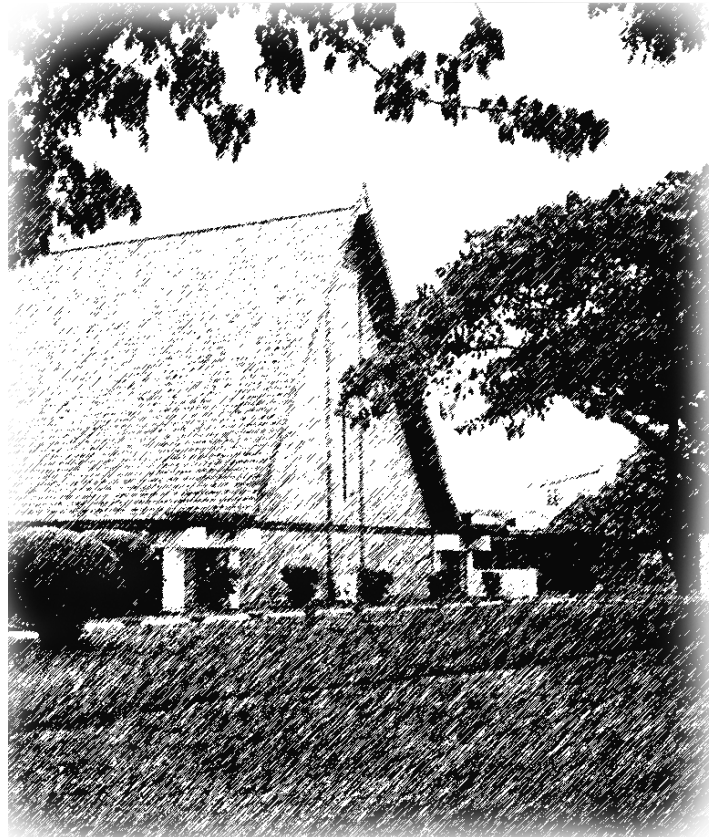
Bystanders “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

Narrator Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion “Truly this man was God’s Son!

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Postlude



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