



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

New Orleans

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The Liturgy of the Palms

OPENING ANTHEM

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Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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.*

THE LESSON - 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."

BLESSING OVER THE BRANCHES

Celebrant 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.*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Deacon Let us go forth in peace;

People In the name of Christ. Amen

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant 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.*

THE FIRST LESSON - 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?

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The choir sings

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.

Setting by Henry Purcell

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."

THE SECOND LESSON ~ 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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TRACT ~ Psalm 22:26-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

THE PASSION GOSPEL ~ Matthew 26:14—27:66

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.

Evangelist 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 him to you?"

Evangelist They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

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

Evangelist He said,

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.'"

Evangelist So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

Jesus “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

Evangelist And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

Disciples “Surely not I, Lord?”

Evangelist 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.”

Evangelist Judas, who betrayed him, said,

Judas “Surely not I, Rabbi?”

Evangelist He replied,

Jesus “You have said so.”

Evangelist 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.”

Evangelist 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.”

Evangelist 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, the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”

Evangelist Peter said to him,

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

Evangelist Jesus said to him,

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

Evangelist Peter said to him,

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

Evangelist 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.”

Evangelist 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.”

Evangelist 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.”

Evangelist 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.”

Evangelist 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.”

Evangelist 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.”

Evangelist 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.”

Evangelist At once he came up to Jesus and said,

Judas “Greetings, Rabbi!”

Evangelist and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

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

Evangelist 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?”

Evangelist 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.”

Evangelist 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,

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

Evangelist The high priest stood up and said,

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

Evangelist 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.”

Evangelist 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.”

Evangelist 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?”

Evangelist They answered,

Witnesses “He deserves death.”

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

Witnesses “Prophesy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”

Evangelist 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.”

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

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

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

Servant Girl 2 “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

Evangelist Again he denied it with an oath,

Peter “I do not know the man.”

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

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

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

Peter “I do not know the man!”

Evangelist At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” 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.”

Evangelist But they said,

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

Evangelist Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

Priests “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.” After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.” Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Evangelist Jesus said,

Jesus “You say so.”

Evangelist 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?”

Evangelist 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?”

Evangelist For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's Wife "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

Evangelist 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?"

Evangelist And they said,

Crowd "Barabbas."

Evangelist Pilate said to them,

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

Evangelist All of them said,

Crowd "Let him be crucified!"

Evangelist Then he asked,

Pilate "Why, what evil has he done?"

Evangelist But they shouted all the more,

Crowd "Let him be crucified!"

Evangelist 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."

Evangelist Then the people as a whole answered,

Crowd "His blood be on us and on our children!"

Evangelist 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,

Crowd "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Evangelist 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.

All Stand

Evangelist 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,

Crowd "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."

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

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.'"

Evangelist 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?"

Evangelist that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Crowd "This man is calling for Elijah."

Evangelist 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,

Crowd "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

Evangelist 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!"

Evangelist Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Priests "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first."

Evangelist Pilate said to them,

Pilate "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."

Evangelist So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

THE SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form II

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I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s) _____; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____], Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for _____.

I ask your thanksgiving for _____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially _____ whom we remember today]. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

ANTHEM

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens
usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.

*Christ became obedient for us unto death,
even to the death, death on the cross.*

Music: Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Text: Gradual for Palm Sunday

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ Eucharistic Prayer A

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SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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:

Celebrant and People

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.

Then 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,

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.
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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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 Your peace.

THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

DURING COMMUNION

Little Lamb who made thee Dost thou know who made thee Gave thee life & bid thee feed. By the stream & o'er the mead; Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing wooly bright; Gave thee such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejoice! Little Lamb who made thee Dost thou know who made thee	Little Lamb I'll tell thee, Little Lamb I'll tell thee! He is called by thy name, For he calls himself a Lamb: He is meek & he is mild, He became a little child: I a child & thou a lamb, We are called by his name. Little Lamb God bless thee. Little Lamb God bless thee.
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Music: John Tavener (1944-2013)

Text: William Blake (1757-1827)

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.

THE BLESSING

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #168 - O sacred head, sore wounded *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT THE CATHEDRAL

Even though we are unable to physically commemorate Holy Week and celebrate Easter as we have in the past, it does not mean we are not able to share in these holiest of times together. We invite everyone to join us in this Paschal journey. Below is the schedule of our daily journey and how you may participate

**RADIO AND INTERNET (AUDIO STREAMING)
 OF SUNDAY HOLY EUCHARIST FROM THE CATHEDRAL.**

We will continue to broadcast the Sunday Eucharist on WGSO (990 AM) and wgso.com. Bulletins are available for viewing /downloading on our website cccnola.org.

These Sunday services will be rebroadcasted on WGSO on Sunday at 6:00 pm and Tuesday at 8:00 pm and are available on the “archived recordings page” of our website.

Our Sunday and other Holy Week liturgies feature elements of music and the choir from archived services along with live sermons.

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday (April 9) – Dean David duPlantier preaching.
 This service will be available on facebook and website

Good Friday (April 10) – Dean David duPlantier preaching
 This service will be available on facebook and website

EASTER

Easter Day (April 12) - Bishop Morris Thompson will be preaching. This service will be broadcast as our normal radio and internet (audio streaming) beginning at 10:00 am .

MEDITATIVE TABLEAUS

Beginning Palm Sunday (April 5), from Palm Sunday though Holy Week and Easter Day, we will display on the Cathedral front porch every-day scenes which symbolically depict the important events throughout these days. These expressions will offer a source for spiritual reflection. These will be made available each day as we journey through this Holy Time — for those who drive or walk by the Cathedral, as well as, posted on our Facebook Page and Instagram Page. Links to these are platforms are available on website cccnola.org.

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Dear Beloved,

In our desire to be faithful to the Gospel, the clergy and lay leadership of the Cathedral has been and continues to be aware of the current health situations and serious concerns surrounding the spread of this illness. We are also aware of our desire and need to respond in a healthy way to the pastoral needs of our parish and greater community.

In response, the Cathedral is doing the following:

- The Cathedral and Advent House buildings are and will remain closed to the public until further notice.
- We will continue to broadcast our Sunday Eucharist at 10:00 am on the radio (WGSO 990 AM) and internet.
- We will be making pastoral calls to parishioners on a regular basis. If you do not receive a call or have an immediate pastoral need, please contact Canon Steven Roberts stevenroberts@cccnola.org or (504) 352-4564; he or someone will respond as soon as possible.
- We will continue to send our weekly e-blast to keep everyone up to date with current Cathedral news.
- We will continue to expand our reach and connection through the variety of social media platforms available: Facebook, YouTube, Instagram etc. (See links below)

Because isolation is a destructive symptom of this crisis, we encourage everyone to reach out to one another by whatever means you can...phone, email, social media.

Please know that as we reach out to you, we also continue to hold you in our prayers and encourage you to do the same.

Lastly, we also encourage everyone to endeavor to adhere to the guidelines of our health officials.

Faithfully,

David duPlantier+
Dean and Rector

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April 5, 2020 – Palm Sunday (A)
Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent - Worship

Drawing on the ancient practice of setting aside Lent as a period of study and preparation for living as a Christian disciple, we are pleased to present weekly teachings from *Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent*. Learn more at episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed.

READ Zephaniah 3:12-20

One of the most dramatic elements of WORSHIP in the Easter Vigil is the element of surprise and delight baked into the liturgy. We start in darkness and subdued energy only to have a burst of worship-filled energy when we get to the ultimate song of worship: the Gloria! When we arrive at the Gloria, we throw on the lights, ring bells, sing at our loudest, and may even have a gleeful asperging (sprinkling of holy water as a reminder of our baptism). We are celebrating the greatest surprise of all: the resurrection of Jesus, which put an end to death. This drama is an invitation to let our hearts be moved from fear and despair into gratitude and joy.

In this final oracle from Zephaniah, we hear a distinct call to worship that follows the same dramatic arc that we find in the Easter Vigil. God has come. It is a time for celebrate. We are told to “Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you.... On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion ... he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.” Here we see that God intends to turn all our fear into rejoicing, which means our worship should well up as an overwhelming act of gratitude.

In Jesus, the prophecy of Zephaniah is fulfilled. From the very moment he was born, the angels cried out to say “fear not” before breaking into their own Gloria song, mirroring ours during the Easter Vigil. In response to this wonderful gift from God, the shepherds ran to his stable to worship the newborn King of Peace. As their fears subsided, their gratitude naturally flowed. Yet, by the time Jesus’ life is ending, when faced with the possibility of following him to the cross, the disciples are once again filled with fear. When they are reunited with the resurrected Jesus, the doors of a new future are flung open and they return to a stance of gratitude and worship. Their fear of eternal death, as well as our own, has been buried in the empty tomb. We are invited to rejoice and let our gratitude for the gift of new life draw us to worship God.



REFLECT: In our reading this week, we are called let go of our fears so that we might truly worship God. What brings you the most joy in your life? Can that joy be offered up to God as an act of worship?

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THE WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2020

SUNDAY

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sung)
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