

Serving God's People At The Liturgies

Preaching & Presiding
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The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM
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Assisting Minister

8:30 a.m.

John Bricker

Crucifer

8:30 a.m.

Jonah Petruschke

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Easter Lily Decoration Fund

Please return this slip with your contribution
(any amount you'd like) to the church office, to be put toward
the Easter Decoration Fund. The various dedications (below)
will be printed in alphabetical order by last name in our
Upcoming Easter bulletins.

Thank You!

_____ To the Glory of God _____ In Memory Of

_____ In Honor Of _____ In Celebration Of

Submitted by: _____

Amount: _____

Funeral Luncheon Update

Funeral Lunches are hosted by the Hospitality Committee, coordinated by Susan Master. **Please indicate your interest in helping with these efforts by completing and returning this form to Susan Master's mailbox or by placing it in the offering plate during worship.**

NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Set-up Volunteers: Set up the library and the ASH for the luncheon (tables/chairs, table linens, centerpieces, etc.).

Food Prep and Servers: Organize and prepare food to be served.

Clean-up Volunteers: Clean up ASH, the library, and the kitchen after the luncheon.

Donations: Please indicate below what you would be willing to make or donate (recipes provided if needed).

Entrees

___ Beef Barbecue ___ Chili

Sides

___ Mac & Cheese ___ Baked Beans

___ Scalloped Potatoes

___ Corn or Baked Corn

___ Devilled Eggs ___ Applesauce

___ Creamy Cole Slaw

Desserts

___ Cake: _____ (type)

___ Angel Food Cake ___ Brownies

___ Homemade Cookies _____ (type)

___ Eclairs/Cream Puffs ___ Other

Salads

___ Tossed/Green ___ Potato

___ Macaroni ___ Three Bean

___ Carrot and Raisin

___ Ambrosia ___ Other

___ Fruited Gelatin

___ Fresh Veggie Tray with dip

___ Fresh Fruit Salad or Tray

Breads

___ Sandwich Rolls

Beverages

___ Punch ___ Iced Tea

___ Lemonade



Holy Eucharist Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 5, 2020
8:30 a.m.

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

Gathering

Prelude

The assembly stands.

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

C Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.



When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵“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.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus of Nazareth in Galilee.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



GIVING OPTIONS are available. During this time of social distancing, and at other times (for convenience or for when you are unable to be in worship), offerings may be mailed to the church office; you may request that your financial institution make a check to be sent to Good Shepherd; or, an automatic payment may be established through your financial institution. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES will be live streamed on Facebook—search “Good Shepherd Paxtang”— and posted on the church website, www.goodshepherdpaxtang.com.

CONFESSIONS FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY may be mailed to the church—please mark the envelope “confession.” All confessions will remain sealed and confidential, to be absolved on Maundy Thursday.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING CANCELLED: Due to COVID-19, the Semi-annual meeting scheduled for April 26 is cancelled. Worship scheduled that day will be streamed on Facebook live at 8:30 a.m. with a video to be uploaded to the website later. Semi-annual reports will be prepared and made available to parishioners by April 19.

APRIL BIRTHDAY PARTY AT FREY VILLAGE CANCELLED: Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the April Birthday Party at Frey Village has been cancelled. In lieu of the gathering, gift bags will be delivered to those celebrating April birthdays. Donations are invited for gift bags as well as for the Frey Village Activities Department. Contact Sylvia McAnnaney for more information.

From the Broader Church and Community

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY is in need of substitute volunteers, as many of their volunteers are elderly and at risk. Contact Lynn Bertram at 717-329-2078. Food already collected may be dropped off—please call ahead 717-233-6731. But, please, no additional food collections at this time.

FAMILY PROMISE is in urgent need of monetary donations to cover food expenses as they shelter in place. Checks may be mailed to Family Promise, 56 Erford Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011, or donations may be made directly on their website, www.familypromisehcr.org.

Announcements

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who, because of illness or infirmity, are unable to be with us for worship. Your prayers, cards, and visits to them are invited so that Christ may be glorified by the manner in which his people care for one another. At the time of publication, Kathy Greene was recovering at home.

FAITHFUL, SAFE RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS: All services and activities at Good Shepherd are suspended through and including April 30. This includes early and later Sunday services, Saturdays, Wednesday mornings, and Sunday school. We will worship together via Facebook Live and/or through another digital format. During the week, Pastor Baker and Beth Fine will be working remotely. You may reach the church office via email, and you are invited to contact Pastor Baker at 717-213-9443. Throughout the scriptures, we are called to pay attention to people on the margins. Pray for those who are ill. Be patient with one another. Consider our neighbors who are being economically impacted by this pandemic, including people who cannot work because their children need to stay at home. Pray for our healthcare workers and for our government that they will continue to use their positions to care for everyone.

A FEW NOTES ABOUT WORSHIP, DEVOTIONS, AND PRAYER in COVID times—**Palm Sunday:** Following our live streaming of worship at 8:30 a.m. on Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020, you are invited to join in a “procession” at the church. Drive by the Wilhelm Road entrance between 9:30-11:30 AM where you will receive a palm and proclaim your “Hosanna” out your car window!

Devotionals: Daily devotional booklets (*The Word in Season, Christ in Our Home*) will be distributed, along with your palm, during the Palm Sunday drive-by processional to anyone who is interested. For those who have internet access, God Pause is a daily devotional from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN that is delivered to your email inbox every morning. Interested individuals can subscribe at luthersem.edu/godpause/ for this free service.

Prayer Chain: If you have a prayer request, please contact Edna Hafer (ehafer92@verizon.net or 717-652-1534) or Suzie Crist (bc36sc@verizon.net or 717-545-0275). We know there is power in prayer, so even when the congregation is not gathered in the building, Good Shepherd members will thankfully lift your prayer requests to God. As we Shelter in Place, may we Shelter in Peace.

HOMILY

BLESSING OF PALMS

Those in the congregation raise their branches.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly is encouraged to join the procession, following the cross.

Procession

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBE

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1 You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*
 - 2 The company of angels
are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals
in chorus make reply. *Refrain*
 - 3 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. *Refrain*
 - 4 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. *Refrain*
 - 5 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. *Refrain*
- P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
C Hosanna in the highest.



Worship Memorials

The bulletins are given to the glory of God; in celebration of the birthday of Dawn's daughter, Michele, who spent 30+ years as a med tech; and with gratitude for all the medical people whose lives are spent taking care of us by Dawn Deaner.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and with prayers that our church family be healthy and blessed from Sandy and Bill Baum

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will resume when worship resumes at the church on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Last Week

Our praise and thanksgiving to God for our many blessings reflected in our tithes and offerings each week.

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| Spending Proposal Per Week | \$ 3,676.00 |
| Total Received | 3,344.00 |
| Difference | - 222.00 |

This Week

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| Today Palm Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | Word & Sacrament (Nave) to be streamed on Facebook Live with a video link to be posted on www.goodshepherdpxtang.com |
| Thursday Maundy Thursday | 7:30 p.m. | Word & Sacrament (Nave) to be streamed on Facebook Live with a video link to be posted on www.goodshepherdpxtang.com |
| Friday Good Friday | 7:30 p.m. | Word & Sacrament (Nave) to be streamed on Facebook Live with a video link to be posted on www.goodshepherdpxtang.com |
| Saturday | 7:30 p.m. | Easter Vigil (Nave) to be streamed on Facebook Live with a video link to be posted on www.goodshepherdpxtang.com |
| Sunday April 12 | 8:30 a.m. | Word & Sacrament (Nave) to be streamed on Facebook Live with a video link to be posted on www.goodshepherdpxtang.com |

Daily Readings

M Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 36:5-11, Hebrews 9:11-15, John 12:1-11
 T Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 71:1-14, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, John 12:30-36
 W Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 70, Hebrews 12:1-3, John 13:21-32
 Th Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19,
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35
 F Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-19:42
 Sa Romans 6:3-11, John 20:1-18
 Su Easter Day: Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4,
 Matthew 28:1-10
 Easter Evening: Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 114, 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8,
 Luke 24:13-49

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A A reading from Isaiah.
 4The 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 awakens—
 awakens my ear
 to listen as those who are taught.
 5The Lord God has opened my ear,
 and I was not rebellious,
 I did not turn backward.
 6I 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.
 7The 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;
 8he who vindicates me is near.
 Who will contend with me?
 Let us stand up together.
 Who are my adversaries?
 Let them confront me.
 9It is the Lord God who helps me;
 who will declare me guilty?

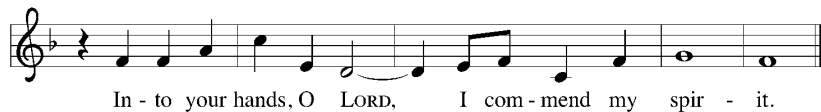
A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16

*The refrain will be sung by the cantor/choir and repeated by the assembly.
The Psalm is sung antiphonally with congregation singing verses in bold.
The refrain is then repeated as indicated R.*

Psalm refrain



Psalm tone



⁹Have 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.**

¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to [|] my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street [|] they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, [|] out of mind;
I am as useless as a [|] broken pot. R**

¹³For 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.**

¹⁵My times are [|] in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who [|] persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine up- [|] on your servant;
save me in your [|] steadfast love." R**

Sending Song

Ah, Holy Jesus

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**1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.**

**2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.**

**3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.**

**4 For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.**

**5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Invitation To Communion

P This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

C Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The assembly may be seated.

Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to share faithfully in the Holy Eucharist. In this sacrament, by the power of God's Word and Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness and salvation, as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints...

Please come by the center aisle from both sides of the nave at one time as directed by the ushers. As you are able, kneel at the rail. Return to your pew by the side aisles.

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you, and each person may respond **Amen**.*

Music During Distribution

Song After Communion
Jesus, Remember Me

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The assembly stands.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Prayer After Communion*Sending*

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

P Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ☩ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

C Amen.

A A reading from Philippians.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING
TO ST. MATTHEW** **Matthew 26:14--27:66**

A The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

¹⁴One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

¹⁷On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸He said, "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.' " ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. ²⁰When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; ²¹and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." ²²And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" ²³He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The 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." ²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I 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."

³⁰When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹Then Jesus said to them, "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.'

³²But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." ³³Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." ³⁴Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night,

Offertory Prayer

P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

C **Blessed be God forever!**

P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

C **Blessed be God forever!**

A Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. You have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving
Dialogue**

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Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Eucharistic Prayer

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At the Presiding Minister's invitation... "Do this for the remembrance of me."



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Eucharistic prayer concludes "in your holy Church, both now and forever."



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

The Lord's Prayer

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P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **Our Father, who art in heaven... and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offertory

Offertory Song

There in God's Garden

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The assembly stands as the ushers come forward with the gifts.

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| 1 | There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom, whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations: Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion, Tree of all beauty. | 4 | See how its branches reach to us in welcome; hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary! Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow, I will give blessing." |
| 2 | Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!" There on its branches see the scars of suff'ring; see where the tendrils of our human selfhood feed on its lifeblood. | 5 | This is my ending, this my resurrection; into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit. This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy. |
| 3 | Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage; our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it. Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not destroyed it nor fire consumed it. | 6 | All heav'n is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose passion offers in mercy healing, strength, and pardon. Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!" Amen! My Master! |

before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." ³⁵Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." ³⁹And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." ⁴⁰Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?" ⁴¹Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴²Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this can not pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "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. ⁴⁶Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

⁴⁷While 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. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." ⁴⁹At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹Suddenly, 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. ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?" ⁵⁴But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" ⁵⁵At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "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. ⁵⁶But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. ⁵⁷Those who

had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered.⁵⁸ 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.⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death,⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward⁶¹ and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" ⁶²The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" ⁶³But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." ⁶⁴Jesus said to him, "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."

⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy." ⁶⁶What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death." ⁶⁷Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, ⁶⁸saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." ⁷⁰But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." ⁷¹When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁷²Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." ⁷³After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." ⁷⁴Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. ⁷⁵Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.^{27:}

Prayers Of The People

Hearing the Word of God in Scripture and in Preaching moves us to pray for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, the R3 team, and our special concerns. The intercessor moves to stand with the assembled people of God, as a rich symbol of the petitions truly being the Prayers of the People.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Response at the conclusion of the prayers of the people:

C Amen.

Peace

The words of the Peace are an ancient solemn blessing signifying the reconciliation that we have with God and, through Christ, with one another. Please do not use this time for casual greetings or conversations.

P Through Christ, we have been reconciled to God, who has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Let us be reconciled with one another.

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please share some sign (a handshake, an embrace, a bow, etc.) with one another as you exchange the greeting of peace with similar words:

Greeting: Peace be with you. Response: Peace be with you.

The assembly is seated.

Hymn of the Day

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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The assembly stands at last stanza.

- 1 O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.
- 2 How pale thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn;
how does thy face now languish,
which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion
were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.
- 3 What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever,
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.
- 4 Lord, be my consolation;
shield me when I must die;
remind me of thy passion
when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving,
from thee shall never move;
for all who die believing
die safely in thy love.

¹When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. ²They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

³When 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. ⁴He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." ⁵Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. ⁶But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." ⁷After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. ⁸For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then 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, ¹⁰and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" ¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with

Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁴So 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, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and 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, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. ³²As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "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." ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴²"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." ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.' " ⁴⁴The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. ⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three

In the afternoon. ⁴⁶And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸At 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. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴Now 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, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

⁵⁵Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. ⁵⁶Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth ⁶⁰and 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. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. ⁶²The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' " ⁶⁴Therefore 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." ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." ⁶⁶So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.