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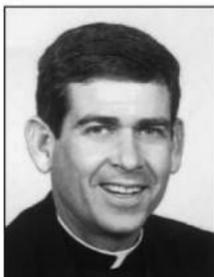
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Fr. Scott's Corner



A favorite movie of mine is the “Dead Poets Society.” The main character, John, is played by Robin Williams, and he is an English professor at a college prep school in New England. The school has a long history and is quite conservative in nature. John, however, is a new teacher filled with enthusiasm and new ideas.

At one point in the film, John wants to demonstrate to his students that the vantage point from which a person looks at a situation can make all the difference. To make this point, he stands on top of a desk and describes to the students how he is able to see things in the classroom from this vantage point as opposed to standing by the blackboard. This is his invitation to his students to look at life differently.

During the holy period of Lent, the Lord invites us to walk with him as we pray, fast, and do acts of kindness for 40 days. On the Second Sunday of Lent, the Lord brings us along with his disciples Peter, James, and John up into the mountains, where he is transfigured before their eyes. The disciples see Jesus in a completely new light as they hear the voice in the cloud cry out, “This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

Jesus is joined in this Gospel passage by Moses and Elijah, two powerful figures from the Hebrew Scriptures. Moses represents the law, and Elijah represents the best of the prophetic tradition. The powerful image given in this Gospel is that both the law and the prophetic tradition are fulfilled in the person of Jesus.

On the mountain, from a different vantage point, the disciples are able to recognize who they have been journeying with throughout Jesus’s public ministry—he who is the beloved of God, the Son of God, the fulfillment of the dreams and aspirations of the Jewish people, and so much more.

This powerful encounter in the mountains is a turning point in the Gospel, because Jesus’s most trusted disciples see the revelation of God in Jesus. This revelation is incredibly important, for while they have witnessed this revelation and Jesus’s greatness, they will soon see the same Jesus be mocked, discouraged, and crucified in Jerusalem.

It is interesting that the disciples wish to stay in the mountains and set up three tents. However, Jesus knows the mission of proclaiming the Kingdom of God does not take place in the mountains but amongst God’s people.

The season of Lent give us all an opportunity to pause, to pray, and to reflect on the life and ministry of Jesus. It invites us to look at him in a new way and be open to his powerful presence and love in our lives.

So, as we come to the table of the Lord to celebrate this Eucharist, we, like the disciples, are nourished and encouraged by the very presence of Christ, the Son of God, to proclaim the Good News of the Lord’s eternal kingdom in what we say and how we act.

Partners in Prayer

When Taysha first arrived at Mercy Home, she made it clear she didn't want to be there. She spent most days in her room, headphones on, shutting out the world.

"I didn't see the point," Taysha admitted. "I thought no one could really help me."

Her mother had begged her to give the program a chance after she had stopped going to school. But for Taysha, every group therapy session, every conversation with her counselor felt like an obligation.

After only a few months, she packed up her things and left. At first, things seemed fine, she picked up a few part-time jobs and made money to support herself. But soon, the same problems crept back in. Her anxiety grew worse, and she started skipping work.

One night, after an argument with a friend, she realized how isolated she had become. She had nobody to talk to.

"That's when I knew I needed help," Taysha said.

A few days later, she decided to go back to Mercy Home. Afraid and unaware of what to expect, she was met with a surprise. "I didn't think they would take me in," Taysha said. "They said the expectations for me had changed, but I was welcomed back."

Since that day, Taysha has taken many leaps. She moved to a new school, and her grades have improved dramatically. She's also become a leader for others living at the Home.

In the fall, she spoke to her Mercy Home peers about her struggles with mental health issues throughout her life.

"You are not alone here," she told them. "It's okay to acknowledge that you're not okay."

She has also taken her family and individual therapy sessions more seriously. Every week, she meets with her therapist to talk about her life at school and at home. She says it's helped her focus on staying in the moment and not worrying about what's to come.

"I didn't realize how many people cared about me," she said. "I'm finally learning that asking for help doesn't mean you've failed."

Taysha plans to attend some sort of college in the future when she moves out of Mercy Home. She also hopes to stay involved in Mercy Home's Community Care program, a resource for former residents that can utilize our resources while no longer living at the Home.

But none of that would be possible without partners in prayer like you.

"Thank you so much to Mercy Home for giving me a second chance," she said. "I never thought I would be where I am today."

Father Scott's Partners in Prayer:

*A special Partnership for the sake of Mercy's kids
and for our Sunday TV Mass.*

You can make a difference in the life of a troubled child. Father Scott needs Partners to pray for our kids at Mercy Home—and also faithful Partners to help broadcast *Sunday Mass at Mercy Home*.

By pledging your support and your prayers, you're offering a precious gift to Mercy's kids—and helping our community of faith join together every week.

Dear Father Scott,

Yes, I'll be a Partner in Prayer for our kids. I will also try to send a monthly offering to our *Sunday Mass at Mercy Home* of \$ _____

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Communion Hymn

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

O God of all the broken, Look and see: your children die;
They are grieving, lost, forsaken. Do you hear them when they cry?
Yet, even now, we remember, and we hope, still we hope:

Refrain:

For the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,

God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning.

How great is your faithfulness, great is your faithfulness, O God!

O God, do not keep silent While the strong oppress the weak.
While your children groan and suffer, Have you no kind word to speak?
Yet, even now, they remember, and they hope, still they hope:

Refrain

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Prayer for the Children of Mercy Home

Our Lady of Mercy,

We pray that you will guide, protect and bless all boys
and girls who this day have a home called Mercy.

May they find the Father's mercy as we offer them our
hearts in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

May they see God's mercy in action
through our love, prayers and sacrifices.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

Intentions of our TV Mass Parishioners

Please pray...

“For grace to pray better, for a stronger faith, and peace of mind.”

Elfriede

“For the eternal peace of deceased family and friends.”

Judy

“May God’s unending love be felt by the children at Mercy Home for Boys & Girls”

Thomas

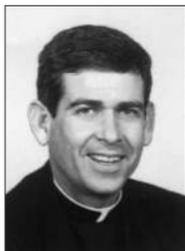
“For the Holy Father and religious leaders, may they help bring an end to war and conflict by instilling love in all who hear their words.”

Jackson

Please pray for these and all of the intentions of our Sunday Mass at Mercy Home Parish!

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Weekly Mass Schedule

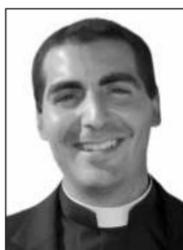


March 1 Second Sunday of Lent

Celebrant: Fr. Scott Donahue,
President, Mercy Home for Boys & Girls)

Lector: Elizabeth Norden

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Pianist:** Tom McNamara

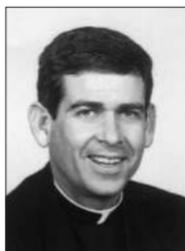


March 8 Third Sunday of Lent

Celebrant: Fr. James Wallace,
Pastor, Saint Paul of the Cross, Park Ridge

Lector: Molly Riley

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Pianist:** Tom McNamara



March 15 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Celebrant: Fr. Scott Donahue,
President, Mercy Home for Boys & Girls)

Lector: Morgan Kuhn

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Pianist:** Tom McNamara

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- Digital Multicast Channel: 9.1
- AT&T U-verse Channel: 1009
- Charter Channel: 617
- Comcast Channel: 192



March 22 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Celebrant: Fr. James Wallace,
Pastor, Saint Paul of the Cross, Park Ridge

Lector: Molly Riley

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Pianist:** Tom McNamara

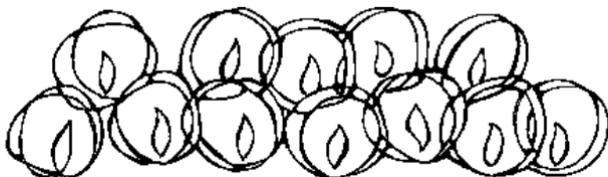


March 29 Palm Sunday
of the Passion of Our Lord

Celebrant: Fr. Greg Sakowicz,
Rector, Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago

Lector: David Ryan

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Pianist:** Tom McNamara



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SUNDAY
Mass
AT MERCY HOME

ORDER OF THE MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE CHANT

GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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

Or:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Or:

The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SECOND READING

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to___.
People: Glory to you, O Lord.
Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Sunday, March 1
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram:

“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk
and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.

“I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you
and curse those who curse you.
All the communities of the earth
shall find blessing in you.”

Abram went as the LORD directed him.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 1:8b-10

Beloved:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel
with the strength that comes from God.

He saved us and called us to a holy life,
not according to our works
but according to his own design
and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began,
but now made manifest
through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus,

who destroyed death and brought life and immortality
to light through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun
and his clothes became white as light.

And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them,
conversing with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,
“Lord, it is good that we are here.

If you wish, I will make three tents here,
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

While he was still speaking, behold,
a bright cloud cast a shadow over them,
then from the cloud came a voice that said,
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.”

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate
and were very much afraid.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying,
“Rise, and do not be afraid.”

And when the disciples raised their eyes,
they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain,
Jesus charged them,
“Do not tell the vision to anyone
until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Sunday, March 8
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water,
the people grumbled against Moses,
saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?

Was it just to have us die here of thirst
with our children and our livestock?"

So Moses cried out to the LORD,
"What shall I do with this people?
A little more and they will stone me!"

The LORD answered Moses,
"Go over there in front of the people,
along with some of the elders of Israel,
holding in your hand, as you go,
the staff with which you struck the river.

I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb.
Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it
for the people to drink."

This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel.
The place was called Massah and Meribah,
because the Israelites quarreled there
and tested the LORD, saying,
"Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have gained access by faith
to this grace in which we stand,
and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been poured out into our
hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
For Christ, while we were still helpless,
died at the appointed time for the ungodly.
Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,
though perhaps for a good person one might even find
courage to die.
But God proves his love for us
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42*

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar,
near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.
Jacob's well was there.
Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well.
It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water.
Jesus said to her,
"Give me a drink."
His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.
The Samaritan woman said to him,
"How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"
—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—
Jesus answered and said to her,
"If you knew the gift of God
and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,'
you would have asked him
and he would have given you living water."
The woman said to him,
"Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep;
where then can you get this living water?
Are you greater than our father Jacob,
who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself
with his children and his flocks?"
Jesus answered and said to her,

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again;
but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst;
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

The woman said to him,

“Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty
or have to keep coming here to draw water.

“I can see that you are a prophet.

Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain;

but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem.”

Jesus said to her,

“Believe me, woman, the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You people worship what you do not understand;

we worship what we understand,
because salvation is from the Jews.

But the hour is coming, and is now here,

when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and
truth;

and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him.

God is Spirit, and those who worship him

must worship in Spirit and truth.”

The woman said to him,

“I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ;
when he comes, he will tell us everything.”

Jesus said to her,

“I am he, the one who is speaking with you.”

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him.

When the Samaritans came to him,

they invited him to stay with them;
and he stayed there two days.

Many more began to believe in him because of his word,

and they said to the woman,

“We no longer believe because of your word;

for we have heard for ourselves,

and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord. [Longer: 4:5-42]

Sunday, March 15
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A

FIRST READING

A reading from the first Book of Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel:

“Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way.

I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,

for I have chosen my king from among his sons.”

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice,

Samuel looked at Eliab and thought,

“Surely the LORD’s anointed is here before him.”

But the LORD said to Samuel:

“Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature,
because I have rejected him.

Not as man sees does God see,

because man sees the appearance
but the LORD looks into the heart.”

In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel,

but Samuel said to Jesse,

“The LORD has not chosen any one of these.”

Then Samuel asked Jesse,

“Are these all the sons you have?”

Jesse replied,

“There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said to Jesse,

“Send for him;

we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here.”

Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them.

He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold

and making a splendid appearance.

The LORD said,

“There—anoint him, for this is the one!”

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,

anointed David in the presence of his brothers;

and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon
David.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters:

You were once darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.

Live as children of light,
for light produces every kind of goodness
and righteousness and truth.

Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness;
rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention
the things done by them in secret;
but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,
for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore, it says:

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light.”

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38*

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.
He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva,
and smeared the clay on his eyes,
and said to him,
“Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” — which means Sent —.
So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a
beggar said,

“Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?”

Some said, “It is, “

but others said, "No, he just looks like him."
He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.
Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath.
So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.
He said to them,

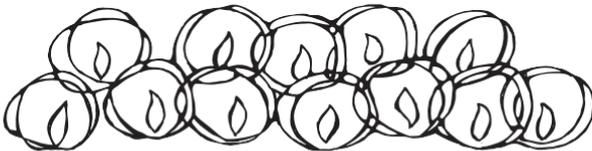
"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."
So some of the Pharisees said,
"This man is not from God,
because he does not keep the sabbath."

But others said,
"How can a sinful man do such signs?"
And there was a division among them.
So they said to the blind man again,
"What do you have to say about him,
since he opened your eyes?"
He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered and said to him,
"You were born totally in sin,
and are you trying to teach us?"
Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
He answered and said,
"Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"
Jesus said to him,
"You have seen him, and
the one speaking with you is he."
He said,
"I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

The Gospel of the Lord. [Longer: 9:1-41]



Sunday, March 22
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year A

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD:

O my people, I will open your graves
and have you rise from them,
and bring you back to the land of Israel.

Then you shall know that I am the LORD,
when I open your graves and have you rise from them,
O my people!

I will put my spirit in you that you may live,
and I will settle you upon your land;
thus you shall know that I am the LORD.

I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh;

on the contrary, you are in the spirit,
if only the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong
to him.

But if Christ is in you,

although the body is dead because of sin,
the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in
you,

the one who raised Christ from the dead
will give life to your mortal bodies also,
through his Spirit dwelling in you.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying,
“Master, the one you love is ill.”

When Jesus heard this he said,
“This illness is not to end in death,
but is for the glory of God,
that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

So when he heard that he was ill,
he remained for two days in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to his disciples,
“Let us go back to Judea.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus
had already been in the tomb for four days.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,
she went to meet him;
but Mary sat at home.

Martha said to Jesus,
“Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,
God will give you.”

Jesus said to her,
“Your brother will rise.”

Martha said,
“I know he will rise,
in the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus told her,
“I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes, Lord.

I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,
the one who is coming into the world.”

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said,

“Where have you laid him?”

They said to him, “Sir, come and see.”

And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.”

But some of them said,

“Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb.

It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.

Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him,

“Lord, by now there will be a stench;
he has been dead for four days.”

Jesus said to her,

“Did I not tell you that if you believe
you will see the glory of God?”

So they took away the stone.

And Jesus raised his eyes and said,

“Father, I thank you for hearing me.

I know that you always hear me;

but because of the crowd here I have said this,
that they may believe that you sent me.”

And when he had said this,

He cried out in a loud voice,

“Lazarus, come out!”

The dead man came out,

tied hand and foot with burial bands,
and his face was wrapped in a cloth.

So Jesus said to them,

“Untie him and let him go.”

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary
and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

[Longer: John 11:1-45]

Sunday, March 29
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD - Year A

GOSPEL AT THE PROCESSION

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem
and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,
“Go into the village opposite you,
and immediately you will find an ass tethered,
and a colt with her.

Untie them and bring them here to me.
And if anyone should say anything to you, reply,
‘The master has need of them.’

Then he will send them at once.”

This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet
might be fulfilled:

Say to daughter Zion,

“Behold, your king comes to you,

meek and riding on an ass,

and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them.

They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them,
and he sat upon them.

The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road,
while others cut branches from the trees
and strewed them on the road.

The crowds preceding him and those following
kept crying out and saying:

“Hosanna to the Son of David;

blessed is the he who comes in the name of the Lord;

hosanna in the highest.”

And when he entered Jerusalem

the whole city was shaken and asked, “Who is this?”

And the crowds replied,

“This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me
a well-trained tongue,
that I might know how to speak to the weary
a word that will rouse them.
Morning after morning
he opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.
I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.
Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him

and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
27:11-54*

Jesus stood before the governor, Pontius Pilate, who questioned him,
“Are you the king of the Jews?”

Jesus said, “You say so.”

And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders,
he made no answer.

Then Pilate said to him,

“Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against
you?”

But he did not answer him one word,
so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast
the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd
one prisoner whom they wished.

And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.

So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them,

“Which one do you want me to release to you,
Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?”

For he knew that it was out of envy
that they had handed him over.

While he was still seated on the bench,
his wife sent him a message,

“Have nothing to do with that righteous man.

I suffered much in a dream today because of him.”

The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds

to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus.
The governor said to them in reply,
“Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”
They answered, “Barabbas!”
Pilate said to them,
“Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?”
They all said,
“Let him be crucified!”
But he said,
“Why? What evil has he done?”
They only shouted the louder,
“Let him be crucified!”
When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all,
but that a riot was breaking out instead,
he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd,
saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood.
Look to it yourselves.”
And the whole people said in reply,
“His blood be upon us and upon our children.”
Then he released Barabbas to them,
but after he had Jesus scourged,
he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium
and gathered the whole cohort around him.
They stripped off his clothes
and threw a scarlet military cloak about him.
Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head,
and a reed in his right hand.
And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,
“Hail, King of the Jews!”
They spat upon him and took the reed
and kept striking him on the head.
And when they had mocked him,
they stripped him of the cloak,
dressed him in his own clothes,
and led him off to crucify him.

As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon;

this man they pressed into service
to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha
— which means Place of the Skull —,
they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall.

But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink.

After they had crucified him,

they divided his garments by casting lots;

then they sat down and kept watch over him there.

And they placed over his head the written charge against him:

This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Two revolutionaries were crucified with him,

one on his right and the other on his left.

Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,

“You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days,
save yourself, if you are the Son of God,
and come down from the cross!”

Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him
and said,

“He saved others; he cannot save himself.

So he is the king of Israel!

Let him come down from the cross now,

and we will believe in him.

He trusted in God;

let him deliver him now if he wants him.

For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

The revolutionaries who were crucified with him

also kept abusing him in the same way.

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon.

And about three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

“*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*”

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

Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

“This one is calling for Elijah.”

Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge;

he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed,

gave it to him to drink.
But the rest said,
“Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him.”
But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice,
and gave up his spirit.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

And behold, the veil of the sanctuary
was torn in two from top to bottom.
The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened,
and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised.
And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection,
they entered the holy city and appeared to many.
The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over
Jesus
feared greatly when they saw the earthquake
and all that was happening, and they said,
“Truly, this was the Son of God!”

The Gospel of the Lord.
[Longer Form: Matthew 26:14-27:66]



MAY
GOD'S
PEACE
GUARD
YOUR HEARTS
AND MINDS

PROFESSION OF FAITH

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Or:

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

PREPARATION OVER THE GIFTS

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.

MEMORIAL (ACCLAMATION)

Priest: The mystery of faith.

People: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Or:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Or:

Save us, Savior of the world,
or by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

CONCLUDING ACCLAMATION

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ...for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

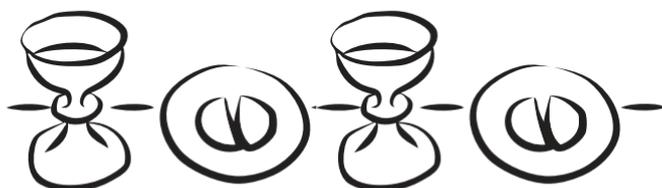
Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

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



COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

Communion minister: The Body of Christ.

Communicant: Amen.

Communion minister: The Blood of Christ.

Communicant: Amen.

PRAYER OF SILENCE OR SONG OF PRAISE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended.
Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God

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