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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



*"We are an emergent church practicing an ancient faith in new ways;
a church of inclusivity where ALL ARE WELCOME!"*

- Bishop Peter Hickman

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP
(a liturgical aid to today's Mass)
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Gathering Song: ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

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. To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
(Refrain)
3. Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
Great source of love and goodness, Our Saviour and our King.
(Refrain)

The Blessing of Palms and Procession

Presider Almighty and Ever Living God, we pray you to bless+ these
branches of palm and make them holy.

Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus to be our Messiah and King.

May we reach one day the blessedness of the new and eternal

Jerusalem by faithfully following Him

who lives and reigns with You, and

the Holy Spirit,

One God, forever and ever.

All: Amen!

Deacon or Priest: A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (21:1-11)

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

When reading is over:

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Song for Procession into the Church:

Hosanna. Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna. Hosanna to the King of Kings

(repeat as needed)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song : THE KING OF GLORY

Refrain:

**The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.**

**1. Who is the King of glory; how shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages. *Refrain***

**2. In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among his people curing their illness. *Refrain***

**3. Sing then of David's Son, our Savior and brother;
In all of Galilee was never another. *Refrain***

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

ALL AMEN.

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

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Priest: We rely on the redeeming mercy of God.

And so we call out to Christ, our compassionate Saviour.

SUNG RESPONSE:

LORD, HAVE MERCY. CHRIST HAVE MERCY. LORD HAVE MERCY

at end of each verse and last time ALL SING:

HEAR US, HEAR US.

Priest: Let us pray...with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL : A -MEN, A-MEN, A-MEN, A-MEN, A-MEN.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (50:4-7)

Psalm Response:

"MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?"

A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians (2:6-11)

Gospel Acclamation

Praise To You, Lord, Jesus Christ
PRAISE TO YOU, LORD, JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF ENDLESS GLORY! (repeat)

Verse is sung, then repeat above.

The Gospel Reading Priest: The Passion according to Matthew (27: 11-54)

All: Glory to you, Lord. *The gospel is read.*

please be seated

Response during reading of the Passion:

"FATHER, I PUT MY LIFE IN YOUR HANDS."

When the reading is over: Deacon/Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST!

All Sing: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF ENDLESS GLORY! (repeat)

Homily

Sign Of Peace

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you
peace, my peace I give you.....

.....of your kingdom where
you live forever and ever. **All: Amen!**

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Deacon: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts- Preparation of the Altar

Presider: 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.

All: Blessed be God for ever!

Presider: 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 cup of salvation. **All: Blessed be God for ever!**

Song at Offertory: SONG OF THE CROSS

Refrain

Love lifted on the cross for me:
my Lord, my God, my salvation.

Love lifted high to set me free:
my Lord, my God, my salvation.

1. Behold the wood of the cross,
behold the lamb that was slain.
Behold your king comes victorious,
behold he has risen again.

Refrain

2. O be exalted, O God,
above the heavens and the earth.
For by your cross and resurrection
you have redeemed the world.

Refrain

3. Give glory to the Father,
give glory to the Son,
give glory to the Holy Spirit;
give glory to the Holy One. (Refrain)

Presider: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and
glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all God's Church.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Introductory Dialogue

Preface

Presider: The Lord be with you. **ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

ALL: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

**The Holy
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna, in the highest.
Blest is he, blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna, in the highest.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues... Words of Consecration:

**ALL:
"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT.
THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU."**

**ALL:
"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT.
THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING
COVENANT. IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL SO THAT SINS MAY BE
FORGIVEN. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME."**

The Memorial Acclamation

**Cantor: As grain is transformed into the bread we eat,
ALL: AS GRAIN IS TRANSFORMED INTO THE BREAD WE EAT,
Cantor: And grapes are transformed into the wine we drink,
ALL: AND GRAPES ARE TRANSFORMED INTO THE WINE WE DRINK,
Cantor: We share in your death; ALL: WE SHARE IN YOUR DEATH
Cantor: We share in your life; ALL: WE SHARE IN YOUR LIFE;
Cantor: Until we are transformed into your glory.
ALL: UNTIL WE ARE TRANSFORMED INTO YOUR GLORY.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, then concludes with:

**Doxology & Great Amen
Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.
Amen! Amen! Amen!**

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

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

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

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

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are they to be called to this supper.

**ALL: LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY TO RECEIVE YOU,
BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND I SHALL BE HEALED.**

Celebrant: May the body and blood.....ALL: AMEN

Communion

ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Song: AT THE NAME OF JESUS

Refrain

At the name of Jesus, ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess him: King of glory now.

Jesus is Lord, King of glory now!

1. He emptied himself, as a slave, yet free,
came in human likeness for you and for me;
in human likeness for you and for me.

Refrain

2. He humbled himself, and obeyed God's will.

On a cross he died on Calvary's hill;
for you and me he obeyed God's will.

Refrain

3. God exalted him, raised him up on high,
so above all others his name will not die;
that name we honor and glorify.

Refrain

4. Christ Jesus will come at the end of time,
come with jubilation to call us home.

Until that day you and I will proclaim:

Refrain

CONCLUDING RITE

Dismissal

Closing Song: OUR GOD REIGNS

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him
Who brings good news, good news;
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness:
Our God reigns, our God reigns!

Refrain

Our God reigns! Our God reigns!
Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

He had no stately form, He had no majesty
That we should be drawn to Him.
He was despised and we took no account of Him.
yet now He reigns with the Most High!

Refrain

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, March 30th @ 7pm
Chrism Mass

Thursday, April 2nd @ 7pm
Holy Thursday/ Jueves Santo
(a bilingual liturgy)

Friday, April 3rd @ 12noon
Stations of the Cross followed by Passion reading

Saturday, April 4th @ 5pm
Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 5th
9:30am – English
12noon - Spanish

We hope you will join us for this very sacred week!