



The Eucharist at 9.15 am
on Palm Sunday

The Passion according to Mark

Commemoration of Our Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

After collecting our palm crosses, we assemble outside the cathedral below the south porch before the service begins.

Greeting and Introduction

The president says

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice
for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection.

Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration
in union with the Church throughout the world.
Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour,
to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love,
so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

All hold up palms for blessing.

God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;
bless these palms that they may 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 is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Palm Gospel

A minister reads the Palm Gospel

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The president says

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

Hymn

During the hymn we process into the cathedral.

***All glory, laud and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.***

**Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed one.**

**The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.**

**The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went:
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before thee we present.**

**To thee before thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise.**

**Thou didst accept their praises,
Accept the prayer we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious king.**

**Do thou direct our footsteps
Upon our earthly way,
And bring us by thy mercy
To heaven's eternal day.**

Words *Theodulph of Orleans*
Tr. J M Neale 1818-66

Tune VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
M Teschner 1584-1635

The Collect

The president says 'Let us pray' and silence is kept.

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

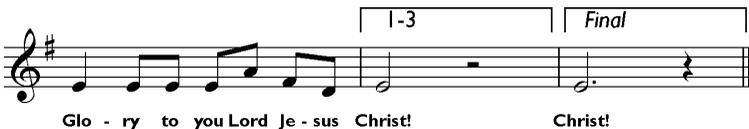
Please sit. At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand and repeat the refrain after the choir and after the verses



The Passion Gospel

*The dramatic reading of the Passion replaces the usual Gospel reading. The reading is long, and you may wish to sit if standing is uncomfortable. The congregation is asked to read aloud all the parts in **bold type**.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Evangelist As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

Pilate "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Evangelist He answered him,

Jesus "You say so."

Evangelist Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

Evangelist But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

Pilate "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

Evangelist For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

Evangelist They shouted back,

Crowd "Crucify him!"

Evangelist Pilate asked them,

Pilate "Why, what evil has he done?"

Evangelist But they shouted all the more,

Crowd (louder) "Crucify him!"

Evangelist So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

Soldiers "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Evangelist They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Passers-by "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

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

Priests **"He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."**

Evangelist Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

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

Bystanders **"Listen, he is calling for Elijah."**

Evangelist And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Bystanders **"Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."**

Evangelist Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Pause

Evangelist And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Address

After a short silence follows the address. Please sit.

Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit.

Let us pray for grace to accompany Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness when we have declined the way of the cross,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to overcome the sin which mars our lives,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to work for the unity of all Christ's people,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to establish justice and peace in our world,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the conversion of those who seek war and violence,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who live in fear or darkness,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those weighed down with failure and sorrow,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who abandon the way of the cross,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have died, whose hope is in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

All **Holy God, holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand. The president says

Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus
we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

We sing an Offertory Hymn.

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The president takes the bread and the wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president says

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near,
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.
The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world,
and the triumph of Christ crucified.
He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended
he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, 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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together
for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with (*N and*) all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Silence is kept. Please kneel or sit.

**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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup.

All **We proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Agnus Dei

We sing

All **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. Grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The president invites the congregation to receive Holy Communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

The president and people receive Communion. Please follow the guidance of stewards and wardens.

We welcome communicant members of all Christian denominations to receive Communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please carry this booklet with you. During Communion hymns and anthems are sung.

Prayer after Communion

All say this prayer

All **Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Notices

Any notices are given.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

Please stand. The president says

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Please face the procession.

The Dismissal

A minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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