

S. Stephen's Church
In Providence

Palm Sunday

The Sunday of the Passion



Missa II
(Kyrie fons bonitatis)
Plainchant

28 March 2021
10 am

A Word about Holy Week at S. Stephen's

The liturgies of Holy Week are some of the most ancient and unchanged liturgies of the Church, which we know from the written accounts of Egeria, a nun from Western Europe who made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the Holy Land in the 380s. And so, as we “enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts,” we are also stepping into a period of time outside of time. We join the faithful across the millennia of contemplating once again that sacrifice made “once and for all” upon the Cross on Calvary’s hill.

Yes, it happened in time only once. But by reenacting we remember, and when we remember, we make present once again the sacrifice of love made on our behalf. We will also experience anew the profound joy of light bursting out of the darkness, as we remember once more Christ’s victory over sin and death with triumphant exultation.

True, Holy Week this year won’t look exactly the same as it has in years past, though we are certainly blessed to be back in our church this year. But even without a Palm Sunday procession from the Lady Chapel, or without a full solemn mass, we still enter once more this holiest of weeks. We will still journey with our Lord once more into the Holy City, and experience once more the love of his final night with his friends, and the profound and sobering grief of Good Friday. We will enter once again in our minds and our hearts “the contemplation of those mighty acts,” whereby we are given life and immortality.

Come, let us enter, and adore.

Yours in the love of our Crucified and Risen Lord,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Benjamin".

The Rev. Benjamin Straley, Rector

Cover Art: Entry into Jerusalem by Giotto di Bondone (c. 1267-1337). Fresco. Scrovegni Chapel, Padua, Italy.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Members of the congregation take a palm as they come into the church and go to their seats in the Nave. Please stand when the bell is rung.

ORGAN – Preamble for a Solemn Occasion

Aaron Copland (1900 – 1990)

ANTIPHON – *Hosanna to the Son of David*

Mode VI

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord. Thou that sittest in the highest heavens. Hosanna.

COLLECT

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
(11:1 - 11)

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

And when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Beth'phage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If any one says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!" And he entered Jerusalem, and went into the temple; and when he had looked round at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The congregation holds the palm branches aloft for the following blessing:

It is right to praise thee, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which thou hast redeemed us through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of Kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Bless, O Lord, these branches. Let them 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 leadeth to eternal life; who liveth and reigneth in glory with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The celebrant sprinkles and censes the palm branches,
after which the choir sings the following*

ANTIPHON – *Pueri Hebraeorum*

Mode I

The children of the Hebrews, bearing branches of olive, went out to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: “Hosanna in the highest.”

THE PROCESSION

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

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

*The Choir and Sacred Ministers process simply this year, from the back of the Nave up to the Altar.
Please allow the Choir to sing on your behalf at this time, and meditate upon the hymn text as a
devotional aid to focus your heart and mind.*



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

1. Thou art the King of Israel
Thou David’s royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s Name comest,
The King and Blessed One.
Refrain

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

3. The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went:
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before thee we present.
Refrain

4. To thee before thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise:
To thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.
Refrain

5. Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.
Refrain

St. Theodulph, c. 820, tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866

THE LITURGY OF THE LORD’S PASSION

COLLECT OF THE DAY *(Please remain standing)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – *Isaiah 50:4-9a (Please be seated)*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him that is weary. Morning by morning he wakens, he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I turned not backward. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been confounded; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL – *Christus factus est (Please remain seated)*

Tone V

Christ became obedient for our sakes unto death: even the death of the cross.
V. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him: and given him the Name which is above every name.

EPISTLE READING – *Philippians 2:5-11*

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

TRACT – *Deus, Deus meus (Please stand)*

Tone VIII

MY God, my God, look upon me: why hast thou forsaken me? V. And art so far from my health : and from the words of my complaint? V. O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not : and in the night season also I take no rest. V. And thou continest holy : O thou worship of Israel. V. Our fathers hoped in thee : they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them. V. They called upon thee, and were holpen : they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded. V. But as for me, I am a worm, and no man : a very scorn of men, and the outcast

of the people. V. All they that see me laugh me to scorn : they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying; V. He trusted in God, that he would deliver him : let him deliver him, if he will have him. V. They stand staring and looking upon me: they part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. V. Save me from the lion's mouth: thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns. V. O praise the Lord, ye that fear him: magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob. V. They shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation: they shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness. V. Unto a people that shall be born: whom the Lord hath made.

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK (14:32 - 15:47)**

Please be seated when the choir sits after the Gospel is announced.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The congregation may remain seated for the first part of the Passion Gospel.

And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray. And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words. And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him. And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand. And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead him away safely. And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Master, master; and kissed him. And they laid their hands on him, and took him. And one of them that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and with staves to take me? I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled. And they all forsook him, and fled. And there followed

him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him: And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked. And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes. And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire. And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none. For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together. And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, we heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands. But neither so did their witness agree together. And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses? Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death. And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophesy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands. And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest: And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth. But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew. And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them. And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilaean, and thy speech agreeth thereto. But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak. And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept. And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate. And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering said unto them, Thou sayest it. And the chief priests accused him of many things: but he answered nothing. And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee. But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled. Now at that feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired. And there was one named Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection. And the multitude crying aloud began to desire him to do as he had ever done unto them. But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews? For he knew that the

chief priests had delivered him for envy. But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them. And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews? And they cried out again, Crucify him. Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him. And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified. And the soldiers led him away into the hall, called Praetorium; and they call together the whole band. And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head, And began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews! And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him. And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross.

All stand.

And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull. And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not. And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take. And it was the third hour, and they crucified him. And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS. And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors. And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, Save thyself, and come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save. Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him. And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias. And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down. And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

All genuflect and keep silence a space. Then all rise.

And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God. There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome; (Who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him;) and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem. And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid.

Gospelers

Peter Gibson, *Evangelist*

Jason Connell, *Various Roles*

Robert Henry, *Jesus*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we stand at the foot of the cross, beholding Christ in his suffering, let us pray for ourselves, for the church, and for the world:

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,

Silence.

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,

Silence.

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ,

Silence.

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them,
that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,

Silence.

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,

Silence.

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and
peace,

Silence.

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and
encouragement,

Silence.

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is
far from them,

Silence.

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,

Silence.

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have ✠ died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ,

Silence.

let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

The following is said three times.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON – *Improperium [...et dederunt]*

Tone II

Thy rebuke hath broken my heart, I am full of heaviness; I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man: neither found I any to comfort me; they gave me gall to eat, and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

HYMN 458 – My Song is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

1 My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

2 He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow,
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend.

3 Sometimes they strew his way, and his strong praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and splite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Ye they at these themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet steadfast he to suffering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heaven was his home; but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
never was love, dear King! never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.
Samuel Crossman (1624 – 1683)

ORATE, FRATRES

Celebrant Pray, brothers and sisters, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus. Domine Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

✠ Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ *Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I *(Please kneel or stand)*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat,

THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.
Do this in remembrance of me.”



Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this;

FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD,
OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU,
AND FOR MANY, FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”



Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, ✠ be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

✠ By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant & People

Our Father, **who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb
of God, that takest away the sins of the
world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of
God, that takest away the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.*

THE INVITATION – ECCE AGNUS DEI

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof:
But speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON – *Pater, si non potest*

Mode VIII

O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it: thy will be done.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of thy Church, where thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to thee. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch thy Body, so the soul of thy servant may be healed by like faith in thee, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through thy tender mercy, who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.

HYMN – O Sacred Head, sore wounded

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

1. O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn:
what sorrow mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heaven adore!

2. Thy beauty, long-desired, hath vanished from our sight;
thy power is all expired, and quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest, hide not so far thy grace:
show me, O Love most highest, the brightness of thy face.

3. In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry,
with thee for my salvation upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved to stand thy cross beneath,
to mourn thee, well-beloved, yet thank thee for thy death.

Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676,) tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)

THE CLOSING RITE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please kneel if you are able to do so)*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

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

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

By ancient tradition, on this day the Sacred Ministers, Acolytes, Choir, and people depart in silence.

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOLA CANTORUM:

Lori Harrison, *soprano*
Cory Maclean, Celia Russo, *altos*
Jason Connell, Brian Lopipero, *tenor*
Peter Gibson, Robert Henry, Corey Mulvey, Devon Russo, *basses*

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THIS WEEK AT S. STEPHEN'S

Saturday 3 April, 2:30-4:00 pm
Epiphany Soup Kitchen (Pickup Only)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & SERVICE SCHEDULE

Monday 29 March
Monday in Holy Week
John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, 1866
Evening Prayer 5:30 pm
Low Mass 6:00 pm

Tuesday 30 March
Tuesday in Holy Week
Innocent of Alaska, Bishop, 1879
Noonday Prayer 12 noon
Low Mass 12:10 pm

Wednesday 31 March
Wednesday in Holy Week
"Spy Wednesday"
John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631
Sung Evening Prayer 5:30 pm
Low Mass 6 pm

Thursday 1 April
MAUNDY THURSDAY
No Noon Mass

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, Footwashing,
Procession to the Altar of Repose, Stripping of the Altars,
Watch before the Altar of Repose
7:00 pm

Friday 2 April

GOOD FRIDAY

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, Solemn Collects, Veneration of the Cross, Mass of the
Presanctified

12:00 noon

Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm

Saturday 3 April

HOLY SATURDAY

No 9:30 Morning Prayer

Office of Holy Saturday

10:00 am

EASTER VIGIL

Lighting of the New Fire, the Prophecies,
Blessing of the Baptismal Waters, First Mass of Easter

7:00 pm

Sunday 4 April

EASTER SUNDAY

Morning Prayer & Low Mass 8:00 am

Sung Mass 10:00 am

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers have been requested for: Richard Budlong, Lola Campagna, Ruby Campagna, Fr. Norman Catir, Diana Clarke, Sarah Clarke, Harrington Gordon, Joan Gordon, Barbara Hartford, Fr. Jay C. James, Conrad Johnson, Ann Brooke Mason, Beverly Myers, Rhoda Steinhart, Crystal Sylver, and Christopher Whittingham.

The faithful departed: Recently Departed: Paul Burke Sylvia. Year's mind: Richard Sherman Nutt (4/1).

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we are asked to pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

We will be glad to accept donations for flowers which will adorn the altar and sanctuary on Easter. Special envelopes are being provided at in-person worship the next few Sundays and will be included in a parish mailing as well. You may also select “Flower Offerings” and indicate any names on our online giving form, or simply send a check with the names of those being remembered or honored to the parish office. Your gift and the names of those beloved to you will be included in the Kalendar for Easter Day. Please call the office with any questions.

GIVING TO S. STEPHEN’S

You can mail your pledge card back to the church office, leave it in the offering plate at the back of the church on Sunday, or pledge online (sstephens.org/donate). Thank you for all the many ways in which you are already supporting S. Stephen’s.

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Sharon Lloyd Clark, Bobby Rose, Louis Verdelotti

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