

Welcome to Advent Episcopal Church, offering worship in the Episcopal tradition to the Northwest Valley. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, worship is presently limited to 90 persons indoors at 8 AM, as well as livestreamed through the Advent Facebook page and on our YouTube channel. Our 10 AM service today is outdoors with no limit of attendees.

Wearing facemasks and social distancing are required at all services. The Holy Eucharist as outlined in this service bulletin is according to the Book of Common Prayer with a sermon. Thank you for being with us for worship today, and again: *Welcome to Advent!*

Prelude (10:00am)

Liturgy of the Palms

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People ***Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark [11:1-11]

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.

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your 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. Let these branches 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 lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

The following or some other suitable anthem may then be said

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People ***Hosanna in the highest.***

The Procession

Deacon/Priest Let us go forth in peace.

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

The people will hold their palm branches in their hands while reciting in unison:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 *In unison* *Confitemini Domino*

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

² Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."

²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

²² The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

We pause while the Celebrant says the following

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

²⁴ On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
LORD, send us now success.

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the
horns of the altar.

²⁸ "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

Opening Hymn (10:00 AM)

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HOMILY / REFLECTION:

"The Mysteries of Christ's Entry into The City"

Selections from: *A Procession of Prayers: Meditations and Prayers from Around the World*

Celebrant Jesus is passing this way
this way, this way.

People **Jesus is passing this way
He's passing this way today.**

Seated upon the throne in heaven and upon the colt on earth, O Christ our God, you accepted the praise of angels and the songs of the children who cried out: Blessed are you comes to recall Adam from the dead.

*(Eastern Orthodox Church: Kontakion
Our Lord's entry into Jerusalem)*

Gracious God, as we come together to celebrate the entry into Jerusalem of the Prince of Peace, we confess to you that we are like the people who carpeted the road and waved their branches, but who understood so little of this King.

We are tempted to put our trust in powerful Warrior-Messiahs of our day, and find it hard to believe that the way to life passes through death.

We prefer protection to vulnerability, control over our destiny rather than faith in God, who brings life out of self-giving death.

We want our own life to continue, and find it hard to look beyond our shores to nations whose ways differ from ours, but who, like us, need trust, love and life instead of our mutual defensiveness and fear.

Forgive us in our hostile world, for we find it hard to follow the Prince of Peace in faith, or to trust God instead of weapons.

Set us and our world free, we pray. **Amen.**

(Australia: Confession for Palm Sunday)

From a wandering nomad, you created your family;
for a burdened people, you raised up a leader;
for a confused nation, you chose a king;
for a rebellious crowd, you sent your prophets.
In these last days, you have sent us your Son,
your perfect image, bringing your Kingdom,
revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning,
redeeming your people for yourself.

(Kenya: Eucharistic liturgy)

Jesus, ride again into our cities,
temples, upper rooms and Gethsemanes.

Give us sight so that this time we
might recognize you.

(USA: Prayers for Peace)

Lord of all creation, you speak to us through your creatures of your beauty and grace and humor and the loveliness of your form. So often Lord, we take your gifts for granted, so often we are blind, so often we are brutal, so often we try to prove our superiority or make a profit out of your creatures. In their silence and suffering you rebuke us and sometimes by riding on a donkey you show us their beauty. Lord, this day let me not miss the loveliness of flowers or reject the loveliness of your animals, for if I do that, I fear I may miss you altogether. **Amen.**

(India: Subir Biswas)

Celebrant Jesus is passing this way
this way, this way.

People **Jesus is passing this way
He's passing this way today.**

Homage, homage of flowers
To the Son of God, homage of flowers
To the flower that blossomed in Jerusalem.
Adoration of the living soul
Adoration, adoration.

(South Indian: A Malayalam Bhajan)

Surely, Jesus, good Lord,
you are a mother?
Are you not a mother who,
like a hen, gathers her chicks under her wings?
Indeed, Lord, you are a mother.

(St. Anselm, 1033-1109)

O Lord Jesus, who would gather up your children in your
arms as a mother hen gathers up her brood under her
wings, hear our prayer:

for young people with no prospect of employment;
older people who see no chance of returning to work;
those dispirited by many years of unemployment;
women seeking jobs to provide their families with the
necessities of life;
for those who suffer disproportionately from
unemployment;
people of other races who experience the vitriol of
racism;
people with disabilities who are so often ignored and
overlooked;
those without skills or schooling who are dismissed out
of hand.

Impress each unemployed person with your loving care
of them, that they may be made newly aware of the
proper value and respect that your love gives them as
part of your Father's creation.

(United Kingdom: Christians Unemployment Group, Sheffield)

Servant Christ,
help us to follow you into the temple of your chosen
people, to erase from the worship of your church all that
hinders the sense of your presence, and the free flow of
your word; to open up your house that it may be a
House of prayer for all people.
Servant Christ, help us to follow you.

Amen.

(India: Litany of the Disciples of Christ the Servant)

Jesus, King of the universe;
Ride on in humble majesty,
ride on through conflict and debate,
ride on through sweaty prayer and betrayal of friends,
ride on through mockery an unjust condemnation,
ride on through cruel suffering and ignoble death,
ride on to the empty tomb and your rising and triumph,
ride on to raise up your Church,
a new body for your service,
ride on, King Jesus,
to renew the whole earth in your image:
In compassion come to help us.

(India)

Celebrant Jesus is passing this way
this way, this way.

People **Jesus is passing this way
He's passing this way today.**

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that
I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to
listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened
my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks
to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set
my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to
shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend
with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my
adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God
who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9-16 *Responsively by half verse*

⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *

**my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.**

¹⁰ For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *

**my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹ I have become a reproach to all my enemies and
even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *

when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹² I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *

I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *

***they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.***

¹⁴ But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *

I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵ My times are in your hand; *

***rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.***

¹⁶ Make your face to shine upon your servant, *

and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. Remain seated until directed to stand.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can

show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written,

***'I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered.'***

But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the

courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus said, "I am; and

'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept. 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, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." 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, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" 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, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" 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, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 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).

All stand.

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, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "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." 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, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Silence is observed.

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

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Silence is observed.

Prayers of the People, Form III

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Jennifer, our Bishop; for Debbie, Gary, Janet, Janice, Meg and Timothy, our clergy; for Sharon, our Licensed Lay Pastoral Care Minister; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons,
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We honor and pray for our Indigenous neighbors.
That we may dwell together in respectful harmony.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A concluding collect is added.

When the Liturgy of the Palms has preceded, the Nicene Creed and the Confession of Sin may be omitted at this service.

Peace *All stand*

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Maintaining proper social distance, the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory Sentence and Music

Offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, given by the People, are presented, and placed on the Altar.

The people remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People **(S-124 at 10:00 AM)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us

also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

People and Celebrant

***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 *A period of silence is kept*

The Fraction Anthem

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.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

An Act of Spiritual Communion *(When livestreaming)*

The celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The ministers at the altar receive the Sacrament and then deliver it to the People. The People come forward single file, one at a time at each communion station to receive the bread, returning to their seat before lifting their face mask to consume it.

Communion Hymn (10:00 AM only) H 474

After communion the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Lenten Blessing

Closing Hymn (10:00 AM only) H 458

Please be seated for the hymn to sing softly or meditate on its text.

After the altar party leaves quietly, the congregation leaves the worship space in silence to begin Holy Week with meditation and solemnity.



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