

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT PALM SUNDAY



CHRISTCHURCH
ANGLICAN

29 March 2026

..... The Entrance Rite

Blessing of the Palms *Please stand*

Celebrant Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel!
People **Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord!**
Hosanna in the highest!

Dearly beloved brethren, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by penance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a Cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
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 thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please remain standing for the Hosanna Parade



Processional Hymn 154

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - our, to thee, Re - deem - er King, to
whom the lips of child - ren made sweet hos - ann - as ring!

Verse 1

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Dav - id's roy - al Son, who
in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed one.

Verse 2

The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply.

Refrain

Verse 3

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.

Refrain

Verse 4

To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

Refrain

Verse 5

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

Refrain

Verse 6

Within that blessed city
thy praises may we sing,
and ever raise hosannas
to our most loving King.

Refrain

The Collect for Palm Sunday

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 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 be made partakers in his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

..... **The Liturgy of the Word**

The First Lesson *Please be seated*

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—
¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. ^{53:1} Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who

considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:19-29

¹⁹ Open unto me the gates of righteousness,
that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter into it.

²¹ I will thank you, for you have heard me,
and have become my salvation.

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

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

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Help me now, O LORD;
O LORD, send us now prosperity.

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, who has shown us light;
bind the sacrifice with cords, even 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.

²⁹ O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious;
his mercy endures for ever.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name

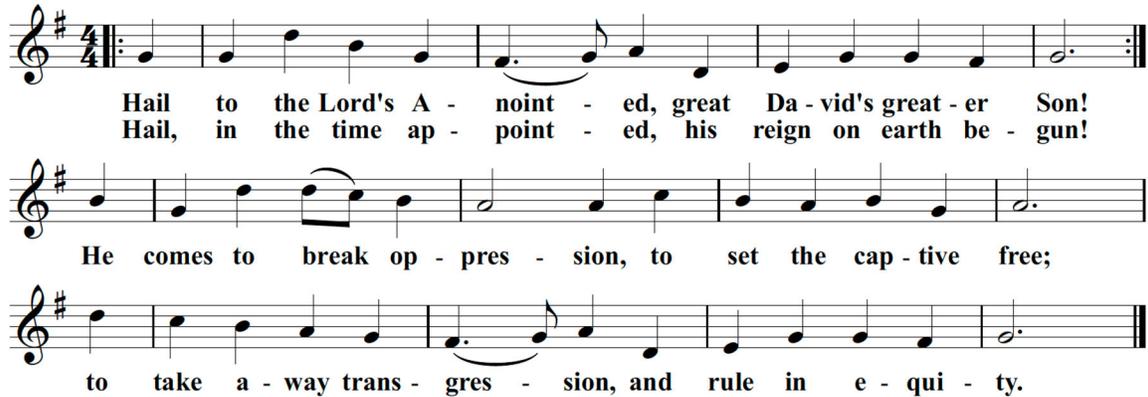
of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 616 *Please stand*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed



Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

Verse 2

*He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.*

Verse 3

*He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth.
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.*

Verse 4

*Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring.
All nations shall adore him;
his praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.*

Verse 5

*O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest.
From age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all blest.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove.
His name shall stand for ever:
that name to us is Love.*



The Gospel *Please remain standing*

Matthew 21:1-11

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king

is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them.⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them.⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?”¹¹ And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon *Please be seated*

The Reverend Canon Andrew M. Rowell

The Nicene Creed *Please stand*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People *Please kneel*

Confession of Sin

Celebrant and People

Almighty and most merciful father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

The Absolution

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace *Please stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Parish Announcements *Please be seated*

..... **The Holy Communion**

At the Offertory

How He Loves

David Crowder Band

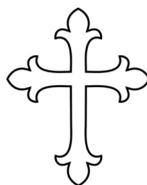
*He is jealous for me, loves like a hurricane;
I am a tree
bending beneath the weight
of his wind and mercy.*

*When, all of a sudden, I am unaware of these afflictions
eclipsed by glory,
and I realize just how beautiful you are,
and how great your affections are for me.*

*And we are his portion and he is our prize,
drawn to redemption by the grace in his eyes.
If his grace is an ocean, we're all sinking.
And heaven meets earth like an unforeseen kiss,
and my heart turns violently inside of my chest.
I don't have time to maintain these regrets
when I think about the way that he loves us.*

Chorus

Chorus
*And, oh, how he loves us!
Oh, how he loves us!
How he loves us all.*



*If you'd like to give an offering this morning, you can place your gift in the offering plate,
scan the QR code to the right, or visit our website and click on the "Give" tab.*

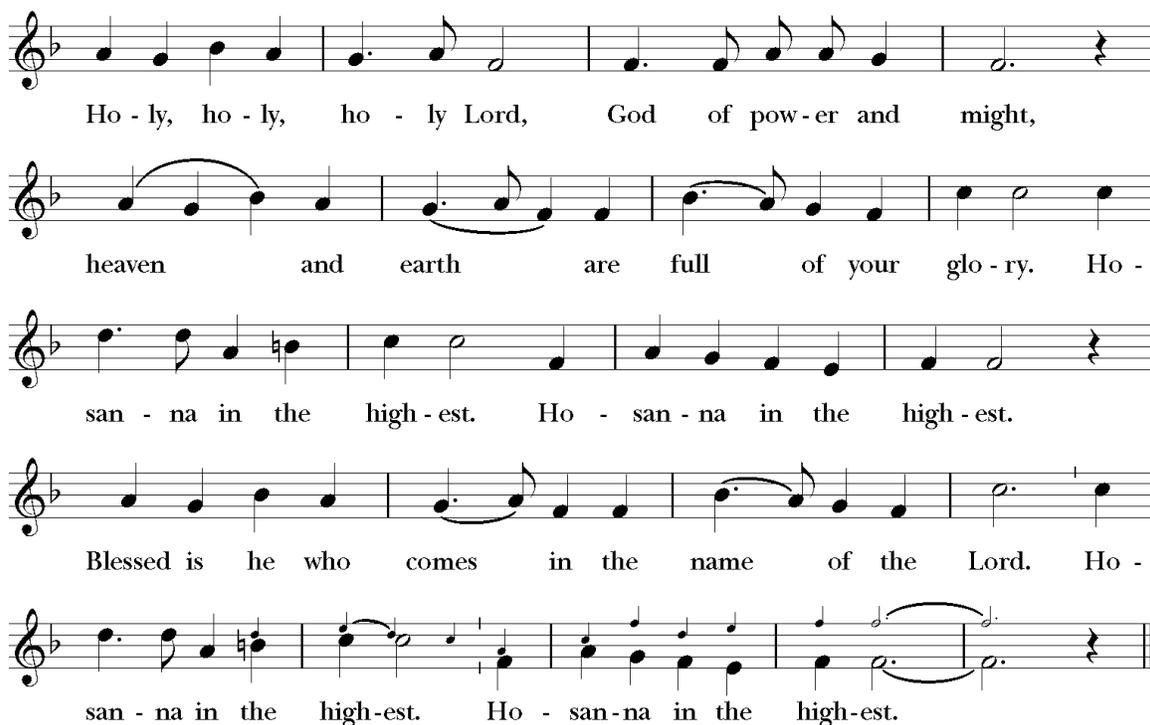


The Great Thanksgiving *Please stand*

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 singing,

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

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

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.

It is customary to omit the word Alleluia during the Lenten season, saving it for the joy of Eastertide.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

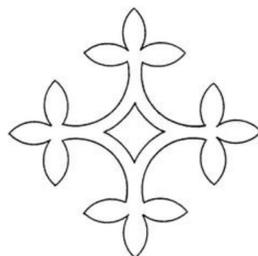
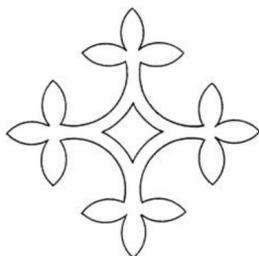
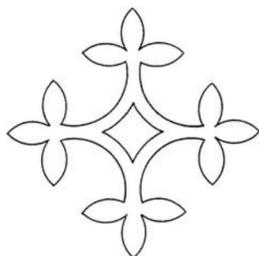
The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated



Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Communion Music

Hosanna

I see the King of glory
coming on the clouds with fire.
The whole earth shakes. The whole earth shakes.

I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek.
We're on our knees. We're on our knees.

I see his love and mercy washing over all our sin.
The people sing. The people sing:

Chorus

Chorus
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Hosanna in the highest!

Heal my heart and make it clean.
Open up my eyes to the things unseen.
Show me how to love like you have loved me.
Break my heart for what breaks yours;
everything I am for your kingdom's cause,
as I walk from earth into eternity.

I see a generation rising up to take their place
with selfless faith, with selfless faith.

Chorus

Communion Music

I Will Trust My Saviour Jesus

I will trust my Saviour Jesus,
when my darkest doubts befall,
trust him when to simply trust him
seems the hardest thing of all.

I will trust my Saviour Jesus;
he has said his way is best,
and I know the path he's chosen
leads to everlasting rest.

I will trust my Saviour Jesus,
trust him when my strength is small,
for I know the shield of Jesus
is the safest place of all.

Oh, on that cross, how it was seen!
I can go now ever trusting
in the one who died for me!
What can I bring, for your gift is complete?
So, I trust you, simply trust you, Lord,
with every part of me.

Jesus, only Jesus,
help me trust you more and more.
Jesus, only Jesus,
may my heart be ever yours.

Communion Music

Blessed Assurance

All my attempts to be satisfied
were vain and empty
until the moment you rescued me
and your love filled me.
My soul sings, now my soul sings,

*What blessed assurance
I've found in you, I've found in you!
I won't be shaken; I will not be moved.
How steadfast your strong hand
is keeping me, is keeping me!
I won't be shaken; I will not be moved.
O blessed assurance!*

No other love that I've ever known
compares to you, God.
No other love that I've ever found
has done what you've done.
My soul sings, now my soul sings,

Ever my anchor, ever my strength,
ever my portion, and all I need!
Ever my healing, ever my hope,
ever the truth that leads me home,
that leads me home.

Post Communion Prayer *Please kneel*

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.*

Prayer over the People

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*

The Passion Gospel *Please stand*

Matthew 27:11-54



My song is love un - known: my Sav-iour's love to me. Love
 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O,
 who am I that, for my sake, my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Verse 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!*

Verse 3

*Sometimes they strew his way,
 and his sweet praises sing,
 resounding all the day
 'Hosannas' to their King.
 Then 'Crucify!'
 is all their breath,
 and for his death
 they thirst and cry.*

Verse 4

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

Verse 5

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

Verse 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?
 Heav'n was his home.
 But mine, the tomb
 wherein he lay.*

Verse 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.*

The Dismissal

Gospeler God is good,
People **All the time!**
Gospeler All the time,
People **God is good!**
Gospeler Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God!**

Serving in the Liturgy

Celebrant	The Reverend Alan L. Reid
Gospeler	The Reverend Deacon Leah M. Slawson
Assisting	The Reverend Canon Andrew M. Rowell
Director of Music	The Reverend Jack N.T. Lindsay
Vergers	Angela Schofield and Bryan McLaughlin
Lectors and Chalice Bearers	David Rees, Jimmy Seay, and Charles Edmondson
Crucifer	Molly Daniel
Server	Will Steinwinder
Gospel Torches	Isabella Reynolds and Wilson Craven
Cross Torches	Haven Cornwell and Claire Blanks
Greeters	Shannon Crane and Jeff Crane
Altar Guild	Linda Cobb, Kim Dennis, Leslie Hahn, and Kim Craven
Prayer Team	Judy Derickson, Emma Durham, Merrily Brewer, Kelly Oates, and the Daughters of the Holy Cross
Ushers	Price McLemore, Trey Starke, Dan Schofield, Bill Palmer, and Harold Mann



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