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The Sunday Next Before Easter Commonly called Palm Sunday

29 March 2026

Solemn Procession and Choral Mass

The Blessing and Distribution of Palms

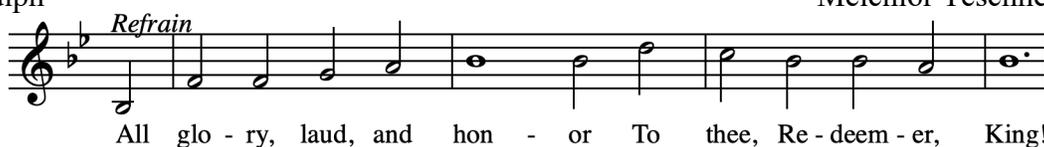
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Please note that today and throughout Holy Week, the Gloria Patri is not said.

Processional

St. Theodulph

Hymn 62
Melchior Teschner, pub. 1615



2. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
3. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prai - sing thee on high;
4. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore thee went:
5. To thee be - fore thy pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise:
6. Thou didst ac - cept their prai - ses; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Who in the Lord's Name com - est, The King and Bless - ed One.
And mor - tal men, and all things Cre - a - ted, make re - ply.
Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore thee we pre - sent.
To thee now high ex - alt - ed, Our me - lo - dy we raise.
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King.



A - men.

St. Theodulph, c. 820; Tr. John Mason Neale, 1854

Kyrie Eleison

Hymn 702

John Merbecke, 1549



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Collect for Palm Sunday

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ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour 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 made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

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BRETHREN: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gradual and Tract

The Passion Gospel

By tradition, all shall hold the palms in their hands while the Passion is pronounced. The salutation, Glory be, and Praise be are always omitted for the Passion.

St. Matthew 27:1-54

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WHEN the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: and when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor. Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me. And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest. And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly. Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas,

or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. When he was set down on the judgment-seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him. And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, they gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched him there; and set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left. And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, and saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

Nicene Creed

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I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one

substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Announcements

Sermon Hymn

Hymn 70

Petra

Richard Redhead, 1853



1. Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, Ye that feel the temp - ter's power;
2. Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; View the Lord of life ar - rained;
3. Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun-tain climb; There, a - dor - ing at his feet,



Your Re - deem - er's con-flict see, Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
O the worm - wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus-tained!
Mark the mi - ra - cle of time, God's own sa - cri - fice com-plete;



Turn not from his griefs a - way, Learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suff - ring, shame, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.
"It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; Learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

James Montgomery, 1825

Sermon

What Did You Go Out to See?

Ken Kubo, Candidate

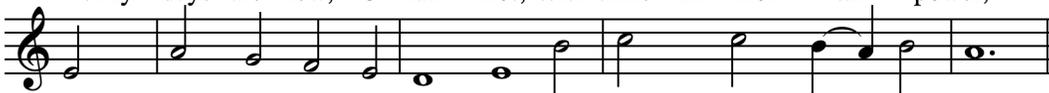
Offertory Verse and Sentences

Offertory Hymn
Passion Chorale

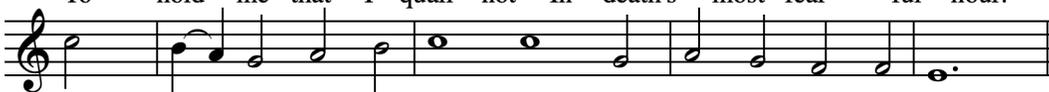
Hymn 75
Hans Leo Hassler, 1601



1. O sa - cred head, sore wound-ed, De - filed and put___ to scorn;
2. Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, Hath van - ished from our sight;
3. In thy most bit - ter pass - ion My heart to share doth cry,
4. My days are few, O fail not, With thine im - mor - tal power,



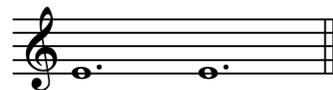
O king - ly head, sur-round - ed With mock - ing crown of thorn:
Thy power is all ex - pir - ed, And quench'd the light___ of light.
With thee for my sal - va - tion U - pon the cross to die.
To hold me that I quail not In death's most fear - ful hour:



What sor - row mars thy grand - eur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
Ah me!_ for whom thou di - est, Hide not so far thy grace:
Ah, keep my heart thus mo - ved To stand thy cross be - neath,
That I___ may fight be - friend - ed, And see in my last strife



O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor The hosts of heav'n a - dore!
Show me,___ O Love most high - est, The bright-ness of thy face.
To mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, Yet thank thee for thy death.
To me___ thine arms ex - tend - ed U - pon the cross of life.



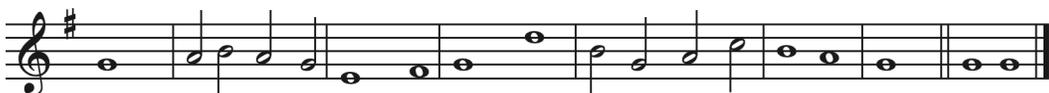
A - men.

Paulus Gerhardt, 1656; Tr. Robert Bridges, 1899

Doxology (Hymnal 139, 1st verse)



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;



Praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

Orate, Fratres

Celebrant: Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: 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. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church

General Confession

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

The Comfortable Words

Sursum Corda

Priest The Lord be with you. *All* And with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts

All We lift them up unto the Lord

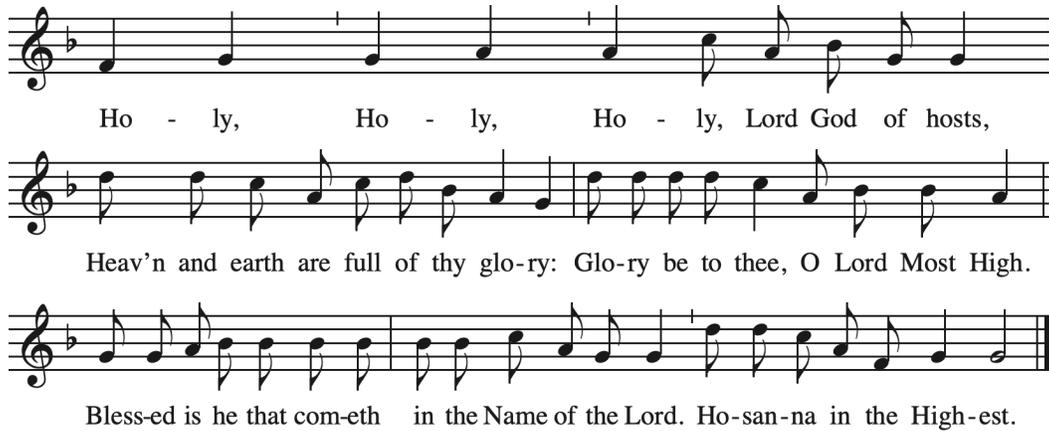
Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All It is meet and right so to do

Preface of Lent

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymn 796
John Merbecke, 1549



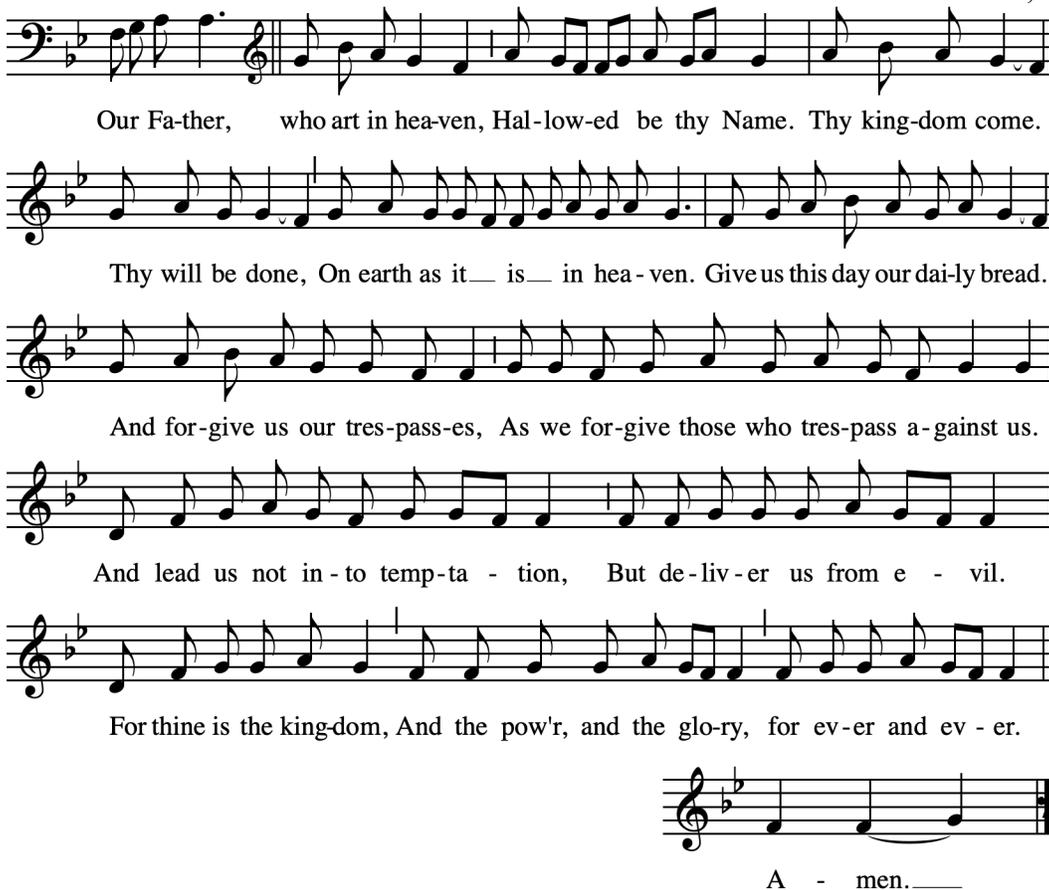
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts,
Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry: Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the High-est.

Prayer of Consecration

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Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 722
Traditional, very ancient



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, Hal-low-ed be thy Name. Thy king-dom come.
Thy will be done, On earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.
And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.
And lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion, But de-liv-er us from e - vil.
For thine is the king-dom, And the pow'r, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev - er.
A - men. —

The Fracture

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And with thy spirit.



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

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By traditional use, prayed by the Priest on behalf of all who will receive. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:

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.*

Communion of the Faithful

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

People: (3x) Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

For those attending in person, we have resumed the custom of kneeling or standing at the Altar Rail to Receive. Here are the various Ways of Receiving:

1. *Receive the Host into your hands, or directly onto the tongue.
Receive directly from the Chalice, guiding it gently by the base.*
2. *Receive by Intinction, receiving the Host into your hands and leaving it there; the Deacon will take it and dip it in the Chalice and place it onto your tongue.*
3. *You may receive only the Host of itself, either in your hands or on your tongue. Our Lord is equally present in either Form.*

As a precaution and courtesy to others and for your own safety, we respectfully request that in the event you are currently suffering from a cold or other communicable illness, please refrain from receiving from the Chalice.

For those attending remotely: Please take a moment of silence to realize the presence of Jesus Christ in your soul and make your spiritual communion.

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood have been 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.

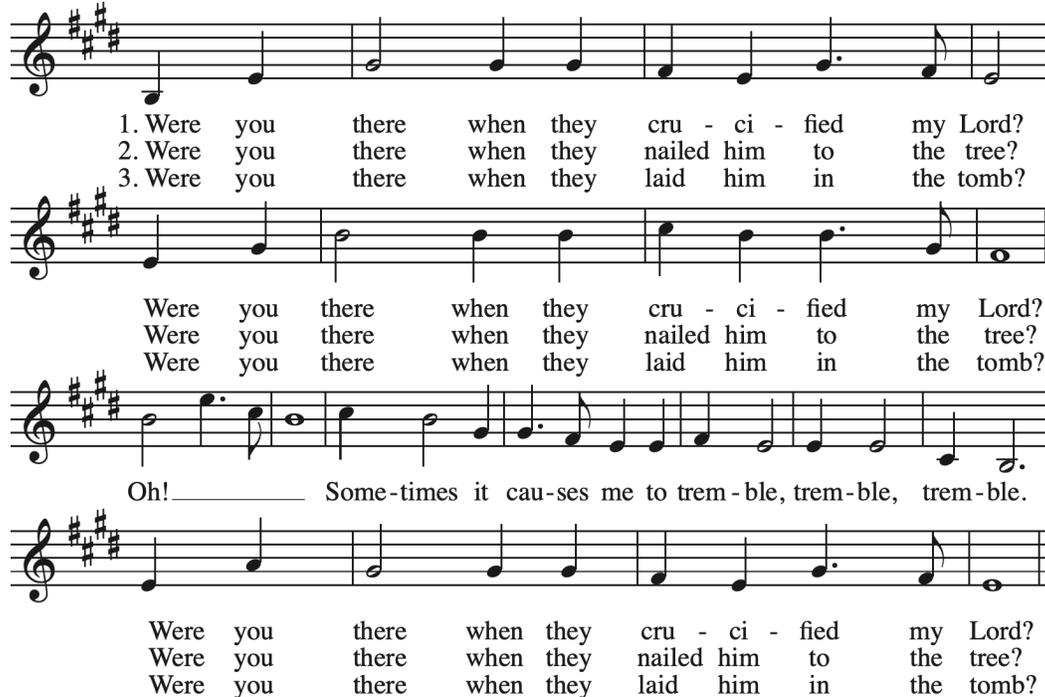
Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the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

Communion Hymn

Were You There

Hymn 80

Negro Melody



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh! _____ Some-times it cau-ses me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Negro Spiritual

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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By traditional use, prayed by the Priest. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. 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 honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Communion Verse and Post-Communion Prayers

Dismissal

Episcopal Blessing

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord
 People: From this time forth forever more.
 Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord
 People: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop: The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the ✠Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Retiring Processional:
Winchester New

Hymn 64, 2nd Tune
Adapted from

Musikalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690



1. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho -
 2. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride
 3. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel ar - mies
 4. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and fier - cest
 5. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride



san - na cry; Thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road With
 on to die: O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin O'er
 of the sky Look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes To
 strife is nigh; The Fa - ther on his sap - phire throne Ex -
 on to die; Bow thy meek head to mor - tal pain, Then



palms and scat - ter'd gar - ments strowed. A - men.
 cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.
 see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
 take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Henry Hart Milman, 1827, alt.

Announcements

Celebrant	The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch
Assisting	The Reverend Deacon John Yeager
Sermon	Ken Kubo, Candidate for Holy Orders
Epistoler	Robert Jones
Acolytes	Tony Shehata, Robert Yeager, Evan Sears
Altar Guild	Tori Wood
Zoom Wrangler	Landon Melamed

Happy Birthday!
Tori Wood (3 April)

Thanks to all who helped decorate the Church for today's Palm Sunday service. And thanks also to Tori Wood for ordering the palms and providing the Palm Crosses.

Again, our thanks to all who volunteered use of their homes for the Wednesday Evening Lenten Classes.

Should you wish to contribute toward Easter Altar Flowers, please use one of the Flower envelopes from the tract table, enclose your contribution, and place it in the Alms Basic at today's Offertory. Or give your donation to Beth Kubo directly today after the Mass.

The First Quarter Missionary Mite Box Offering will be collected today and on Easter Day.

Holy Week 2026

- April 2nd 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Mass. Institution of the Lord's Supper and Stripping and Washing of the Altar Mensa
- April 3rd 12:00 noon Good Friday Liturgy (Approx. 2 ½ hours)
“Were You there when they Crucified my Lord?”
- April 5th 10:00 am Solemn High Mass of the Resurrection
Remember to bring a hand bell (to be rung at the Intonation of the Gloria in Excelsis), and Ladies please remember to wear your Easter Bonnet.