

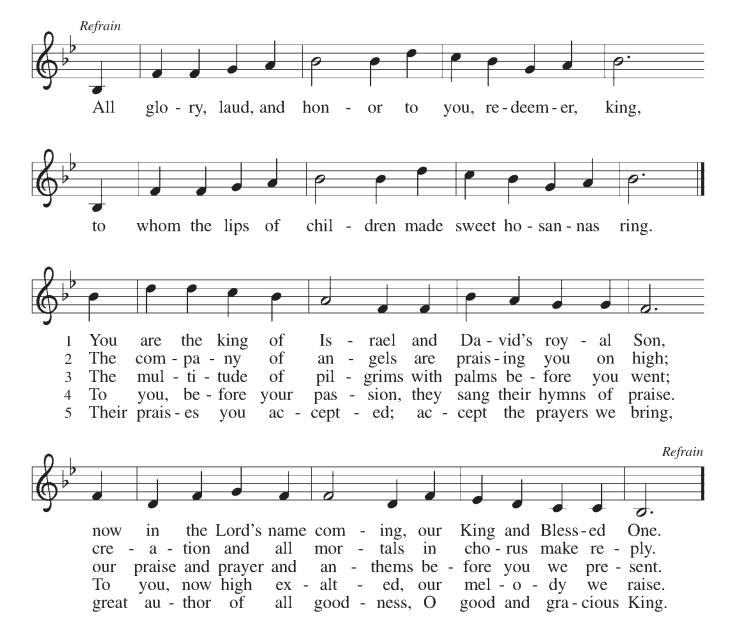
Divine Service



March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday

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Opening Hymn All Glory Laud and Honor



Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

Gospel Processional

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

1 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples 2 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. 3 If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " 4 They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, 5 some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" 6 They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. 9 Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! 10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

11 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 Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you O Christ.

Blessing of Palms

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

Songs of Praise

Blessed Be Your Name

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name When I'm found in the desert place Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise When the darkness closes in Lord Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me When the world's all as it should be Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise When the darkness closes in Lord Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

Bridge

You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name

Chorus

Hosanna (Will You RIse?)

Verse 1

When the waters rise all around When the rocks and trees they cry out

Pre-Chorus

Your kingdom come Your will be done Here on earth as it is in heaven Your kingdom come Your will be done Here on earth as it is in heaven

Chorus

Hosanna hosanna Will You rise will You rise

Verse 2

Fill us with Your breath to renew To care for what You've made as You do

Pre-Chorus

Your kingdom come Your will be done Here on earth as it is in heaven Your kingdom come Your will be done Here on earth as it is in heaven

Chorus

Hosanna hosanna Will You rise will You rise

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray...

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 50

4 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 wakenswakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. 5 The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 6 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. 7 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; 8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. 9 It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

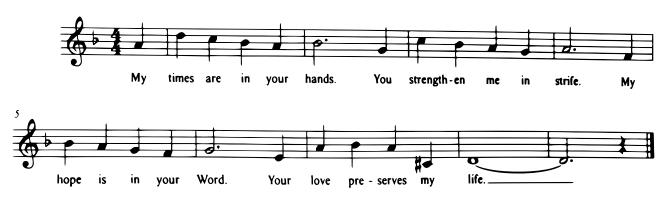
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Psalm Psalm 31

Tone



Refrain



Refrain: My times are in your hands. You strengthen me in strife. My hope is in your Word. Your love preserves my life.

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 am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to • my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street • they avoid me.

- 12 Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
 - l am as useless as a broken pot.

Refrain: My times are in your hands. You strengthen me in strife. My hope is in your Word. Your love preserves my life.

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 Let your face shine up- • on your servant; save me in your • steadfast love."

Glory be to the Father and • to the Son and to the Holy • Spirit; as it was in the be - • ginning, is now, and will be forever. • Amen.

Refrain: My times are in your hands. You strengthen me in strife. My hope is in your Word. Your love preserves my life.

Second Reading

Philippians 2

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the pame

- and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus
- every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess
- that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Monique Nunes

Gospel Acclamation

My times are in your hands. You strengthen me in strife. My hope is in your Word. Your love preserves my life.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifteenth chapter. Glory to You, O Lord!

1 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. 2 Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." 3 Then the chief priests accused him of many things. 4 Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." 5 But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

6 Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. 7 Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. 8 So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. 9 Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" 10 For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. 12 Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" 13 They shouted back, "Crucify him!" 14 Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" 15 So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

16 Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. 17 And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. 18 And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 19 They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. 20 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.

21 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. 22 Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). 23 And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. 24 And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

25 It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. 26 The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." 27 And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. 29 Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, 30 save yourself, and come down from the cross!" 31 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. 32 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.

33 When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 34 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?" 35 When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." 36 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." 37 Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. 38And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 39 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!"

[40 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. 4] 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.

42 When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, 43 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. 44 Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. 45 When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. 46 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. 47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.]

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. John Arthur Nunes, PhD

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, + and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Following each prayer petition:

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Offering

The Sacrament of the Altar

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed our duty and our joy…evermore praising You and saying:

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.

We proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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, forever and ever. Amen.

O Lamb of God...

Ways to Commune

Intinction – Dipped bread placed into hands or directly in the mouth

Sealed Cups – Gluten-Free in Blue and Alcohol-Free in Pink are available (take to seat, and we will commune together)

Prayer – Approach the communion table with arms crossing your chest

Communion Songs

Behold the Lamb

Verse 1

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away Slain for us and we remember The promise made that all who come in faith Find forgiveness at the cross So we share in this Bread of Life And we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of peace Around the table of the King

Verse 2

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ Torn for you eat and remember The wounds that heal the death that brings us life Paid the price to make us one So we share in this Bread of Life And we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of love Around the table of the King

Verse 3

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin Shed for you drink and remember He drained death's cup that all may enter in To receive the life of God So we share in this Bread of Life And we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of grace Around the table of the King

Verse 4

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise To respond and to remember Our call to follow in the steps of Christ As His body here on earth As we share in His suffering We proclaim Christ will come again And we'll join in the feast of heaven Around the table of the King

Above All

Verse 1

Above all powers above all kings Above all nature and all created things Above all wisdom and all the ways of man You were here before the world began

Verse 2

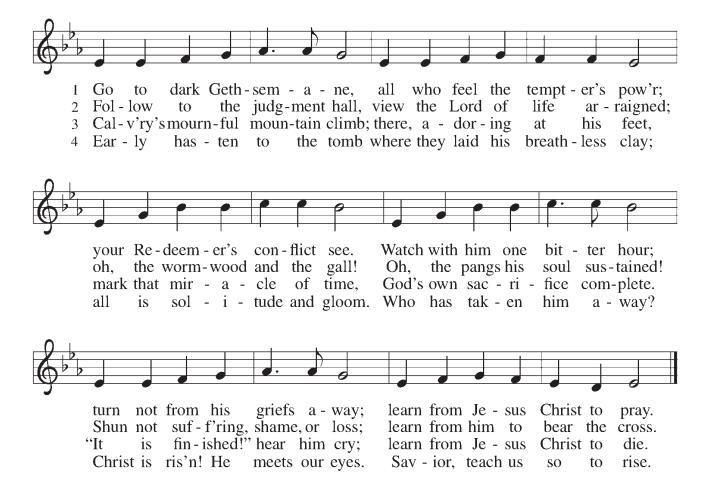
Above all kingdoms above all thrones Above all wonders the world has ever known Above all wealth and treasures of the earth There's no way to measure What You're worth

Chorus

Crucified laid behind the stone You lived to die rejected and alone Like a rose trampled on the ground You took the fall and thought of me Above all

Blessing

Closing Hymn Go to Dark Gethsemane



Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854 Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

Announcements

Jesus Messiah

Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin That we might become His righteousness He humbled Himself and carried the cross Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel The Rescue for sinners The Ransom from heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine Broken and poured out all for love The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel The Rescue for sinners The Ransom from heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Bridge

All our hope is in You All our hope is in You All the glory to You God The Light of the world

Chorus

Please use the basket in the Narthex to dispose of your used Holy Communion Cups as you leave the Sanctuary

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Upcoming Events



Learn more about all upcoming events at pilgrimsm.org/calendar

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday March 28, 2024 at 6pm *Divine Service*

Good Friday March 29, 2024 at Noon Solemn Prayers and Readings

Easter Sunday March 31, 2024 at 10am *Festival of the Resurrection* Ushers

Acolytes

Pilgrim Giving



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Happening this Week

Sunday, March 24 Bible Study, 8:30 am Divine Service, 10:00 am

Monday, March 25 Alpha Prayers, 9:00 am Online Contact Barbara P. to join.

Tuesday, March 26

Wednesday, March 27

Thursday, March 28 Divine Service, 6:00pm

Friday, March 29 Solemn Prayers and Readings, Noon

Saturday, March 30



Called by the Holy Spirit, we are an intergenerational community of worship and service that invites the people of Santa Monica and beyond to flourish in the love of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacraments.

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