



## ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

Our Mission is to **love, praise, welcome, and serve**:

· to **love** one another as Christ loves us,

· to **praise** God in all things,

· to **welcome** and affirm all persons,

· to **serve** the needs of one another and of those  
on the island, the peninsula, and throughout the world.

Pastor Elaine Hewes, Priest in Charge

The Rev. Donna Downs, Celebrant

Connie Mayo, Music Director

**Palm Sunday**

April 13, 2025

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*Celebrant:* We acknowledge that the land we now occupy is the ancestral home of the Wabanaki People. We grieve the history of greed and violence that led to their loss of life, land, language and culture.

*Congregation:* We pray for the courage to find ways of supporting our indigenous neighbors who still face injustice and prejudice. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us; rather, we belong to the Earth.

### The Liturgy of the Palms

*Celebrant:* Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

*Congregation:* **Hosanna 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.

*Congregation:* **Amen.**

### Luke 19: 28-40

After Jesus had told a parable about a nobleman who entrusted money to slaves, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of

you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

### **The Blessing of the Palms**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*Congregation:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Congregation:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* 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.

*Congregation:* **Amen.**

*The palms are distributed among the people*

*Celebrant:* 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.**

### **The Procession**

*Celebrant:* Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

*Congregation:* **Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in peace.

*Congregation:* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The Congregation processes around the nave*

**Hymn 154** *Thou art the King of Israel (in back of bulletin)*

*After the congregation has arrived in their pews, the following is said:*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*Congregation: And also with you.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living 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.

*Congregation: Amen.*

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

#### **First Lesson: Isaiah 50: 4-11**

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?

All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant,  
who walks in darkness and has no light,

yet trusts in the name of the LORD and relies upon his God?

But all of you are kindlers of fire, lighters of firebrands.

Walk in the flame of your fire, and among the brands that you have kindled!

This is what you shall have from my hand: you shall lie down in torment.

*Leader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*Congregation: Thanks be to God.*

#### **Psalm 31**

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

**You are indeed my rock and my fortress;**  
**for your name's sake lead me and guide me,**  
**take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**

**Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD.  
I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction;  
you have taken heed of my adversities,  
and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;  
you have set my feet in a broad place.

**Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;**  
**my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.**  
**For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;**  
**my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.**

I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.

I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.  
For I hear the whispering of many — terror all around! —  
as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

**But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."**  
**My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Do not let me be put to shame, O LORD, for I call on you;  
let the wicked be put to shame; let them go dumbfounded to Sheol.

Let the lying lips be stilled  
that speak insolently against the righteous with pride and contempt.

**O how abundant is your goodness that you have laid up for those who fear you,**  
**and accomplished for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of everyone!**

**In the shelter of your presence you hide them from human plots;**  
**you hold them safe under your shelter from contentious tongues.**

Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me  
when I was beset as a city under siege.

I had said in my alarm, "I am driven far from your sight."  
But you heard my supplications when I cried out to you for help.

**Love the LORD, all you his saints. The LORD preserves the faithful,**  
**but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.**

**Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD.**

### **Second Lesson: Letter to the 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying

*Congregation: Thanks be to God.*

**Sequence Hymn 435** *At the Name of Jesus (verses 1-4, in back of bulletin)*

*Celebrant: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*

*See back of bulletin.*

*At the end of the Passion Narrative silence will commence and end with the sounding of the bell*

### **Prayers of the People**

*Leader: All here and on Zoom are asked to offer your prayers after each invitation.*

*(Note: examine the seven invitations and see where your prayers best fit)*

*Leader: I invite your prayers for the Universal Church, its members, and its mission.*

*People offer prayers*

*Leader: I invite your prayers for our nation.*

*People offer prayers*

*Leader: I invite your prayers for the welfare of the world and the health of our suffering planet.*

*People offer prayers*

*Leader: I invite your prayers for the concerns of this Island and Peninsular community.*

*People offer prayers*

*Leader: I invite your prayers for those who suffer and those in any trouble.*

*People offer prayers*

*Leader: I invite your prayers of lament.*

*People offer prayers*

*Leader: I invite your prayers for those who have died and those who mourn.*

*People offer prayers*

*Leader and Congregation: Oh Lord our God, who takes notice of the marginalized, the alien and the powerless, do not let us forget those who cry out to you. Accept their prayers; look with compassion upon all who turn to you for help; for you stand under us all, and to you we give glory, now and forever. Amen.*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant: Peace within yourself.*

*Peace with Creation.*

*Peace with you who are with us remotely today.*

*Peace with one another.*

*The peace of Christ be always with you.*

*Congregation: And also with you.*

*The people exchange the peace*

### **The Holy Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn 313** *Let thy blood in mercy poured* (in back of bulletin)

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant: The Lord be with you.*

*Congregation: And also with you.*

*Celebrant: The Lord be with you.*

*Congregation: And also with you.*

*Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.*

*Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.*

*Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant: Lord God, you have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have reconciled us to you and to one another in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life*

*Therefore, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name singing...*

**Sanctus** (next pages)

## Sanctus

Words: Liturgical traditional  
Music: John L. Bell

Sanc - tus, sanc - tus, sanc - tus Do - mi - nus,  
 Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, dominus,

Sanc - tus, sanc - tus, sanc - tus

De - us, Sab - ba - oth, De - us, Sab - ba - oth.  
 Deus, Sabbaoth, Deus, Sabbaoth.  
 Deus, Sabbaoth, Deus, Sabbaoth.

De - - - - - us, De - - - - - us.

Ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra, ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra,  
 Ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra, ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra,  
 Ple - ni sunt coe - li, ple - ni sunt coe - li,  
 Ple - ni sunt coe - li,

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ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a.  
 ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a.  
 ple - ni sunt coe - li glo - ri - a tu - a.  
 ple - ni sunt coe - li glo - ri - a tu - a.

Ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra, ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra,  
 Ple - ni sunt coe - li, ple - ni sunt coe - li,  
 Ple - ni sunt coe - li, ple - ni sunt coe - li,  
 Ple - ni sunt coe - li, ple - ni sunt coe - li,  
 ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a.  
 ple - ni sunt coe - li glo - ri - a tu - a.  
 ple - ni sunt coe - li glo - ri - a tu - a.  
 ple - ni sunt coe - li glo - ri - a tu - a.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and on the cross opened his arms to all.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this

is remembrance of me.

Remembering therefore, his life, death, resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

**Congregation: Pour out your Holy Spirit, O Lord, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all of your people and of your creation in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:*

*Congregation:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
And the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Fraction Anthem**

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**Congregation: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. United by the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst, we acknowledge the Holy Sacrament of communion and the fullness of Christ's presence in the gifts of the bread and the wine and in countless other ways in our lives. As a community of faith, nothing can separate us from the love of God nor are we separated from one another.**

The gifts of God for the people of God ...

*Those gathered at St. Brendan receive the bread and wine.*

*Celebrant: And now may the Presence of Jesus, in whatever form it has come to you this morning, nourish you in grace, comfort you in love, and inspire you to be Christ's presence in the world.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**Loving God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation.**

**Give us grace in this season, as we walk with Jesus toward the cross,  
to fast from anything that leads us away from you and  
to feast on those things that draw us nearer to you,  
so we might be signs of your healing and redeeming love for all the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

**Sending Hymn 474 *When I survey the wondrous cross (in back of bulletin)***

**Postlude:** *O sacred head now wounded*

Johan Wagenaar

## **Dismissal**

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## **CALENDAR**

**All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.**

Monday, April 14	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, April 16	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Kindness Rock Painting - everyone welcome 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Thursday, April 17	5:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding
Good Friday, April 18	5:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy with The Rev. Timothy Ensworth as presider and reflector
Saturday, April 19	8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in Parish Hall 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. Francis
Easter Sunday, April 20	6:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at Commercial Pier Stonington 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding

## **Looking Ahead**

Tuesday, April 22	A Journey of Peace begins at the Penobscot Nation boat landing 4:00 p.m. A Gathering for these Difficult Times
Sunday, April 27	Two Ukrainian students who are studying at George Stevens Academy will share with us their experiences in Ukraine and the current situation.
May 7 and 14	1:00-4:00 p.m. Creating Mandalas Workshop with Sensei Frederica Marshall

## **GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM**

### **Care for Creation**

#### **Save the Date**

In April and into May, GPS focuses on actions and activities that prioritize Care for Creation. While Earth Day is officially on Tuesday, April 22, please save the date for Deer Isle Spring Roadside Cleanup, our own Earth Day. The town cleanup dates are **April 25, 26, and 27**. We had a great time doing this last year, and we'd like to have a great team to do this again this year. Last year, we covered from INH to Hardy Hill Rd, but another individual has signed up to do from Reach Rd north. So, the town has asked if we would cover Rt 15 from the Lowe Road to Reach Road. Easy peasy! See the map at <https://www.townofdeerisle.org/environment>

Because we will be hosting a couple of Ukrainian students at coffee hour after the service on April 27, a Sunday team would need to plan a slightly later start time. We will have sign-up sheets for periods both on Saturday and Sunday, for your convenience. If you can't get enough of this great work, you can join John to work on the first chunk of the Reach Road!!! Bring your reflective wear and gloves! We will have trash bags.

THANKS!

Thou art the King of Israel *The Hymnal 1982, #154*

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 3 our praise and prayers and an - them be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

*The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.*  
 Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

**At the Name of Jesus *The Hymnal 1982*, #435**

1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name  
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,  
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,  
 \*5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
 \*6 Chris-tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,  
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,  
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;  
 5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;  
 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;

1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord  
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;  
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,  
 5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;  
 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.  
 4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.  
 5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.  
 6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt. Music: *King's Weston*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Let thy Blood in mercy poured *The Hymnal 1982*, #313

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious  
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou  
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound  
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,  
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give  
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now  
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

*Refrain*

of thy bound-less love the to - ken.  
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -  
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.  
 of thy match-less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925). Music: *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

## When I survey the wondrous cross *The Hymnal 1982*, #474

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1970; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807).

## PASSION NARRATIVE- LUKE

### Luke 22:14-23:56

**Narrator:** The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

**Jesus:** I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

**Narrator:** Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

**Jesus:** Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

**Narrator:** Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

**Jesus:** This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

**Narrator:** And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

**Jesus:** This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed.

**Narrator:** Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

**Jesus:** The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

**Peter:** Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

**Jesus:** I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

**Narrator:** Jesus said to the apostles,

**Jesus:** When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

**Congregation: No, not a thing.**

**Jesus:** But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, "And he was counted among the lawless"; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

**Congregation:** Lord, look, here are two swords.

**Jesus:** It is enough.

**Narrator:** He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

**Jesus:** Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

**Narrator:** Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

**Jesus:** Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

**Narrator:** Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

**Jesus:** Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

**Narrator:** While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

**Jesus:** Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

**Narrator:** When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

**Congregation: Lord, should we strike with the sword?**

**Narrator:** Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

**Jesus:** No more of this!

**Narrator:** And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

**Jesus:** Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

**Narrator:** Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the

middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

**Servant:** This man also was with him.

**Peter:** Woman, I do not know him.

**Narrator:** A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

**Servant:** You also are one of them.

**Peter:** Man, I am not!

**Narrator:** Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

**Servant** Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

**Peter:** Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

**Narrator:** At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

**Congregation: Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?**

**Narrator:** They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

**Congregation: If you are the Messiah, tell us.**

**Jesus:** If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

**Congregation: Are you, then, the Son of God?**

**Jesus:** You say that I am.

**Congregation:** What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!

**Narrator:** Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

**Congregation:** We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

**Pilate:** Are you the king of the Jews?

**Jesus:** You say so.

**Pilate:** I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

**Congregation:** He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.

**Narrator:** When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

**Pilate:** You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him"

**Congregation:** Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

**Narrator:** (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

**Congregation:** Crucify, crucify him!

**Pilate:** Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

**Narrator:** But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

**Jesus:** Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then

they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

**Narrator:** Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

**Jesus:** Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

**Narrator:** And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

**Congregation:** He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

**Narrator:** The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

**Congregation:** If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

**Narrator:** There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

**First Criminal:** Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

**Second Criminal:** Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

**Jesus:** Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

**Narrator:** It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

**Jesus:** Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

**Narrator:** Having said this, he breathed his last.

*Silence*

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

**Soldier:** Certainly this man was innocent.

**Narrator:** And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town

of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.