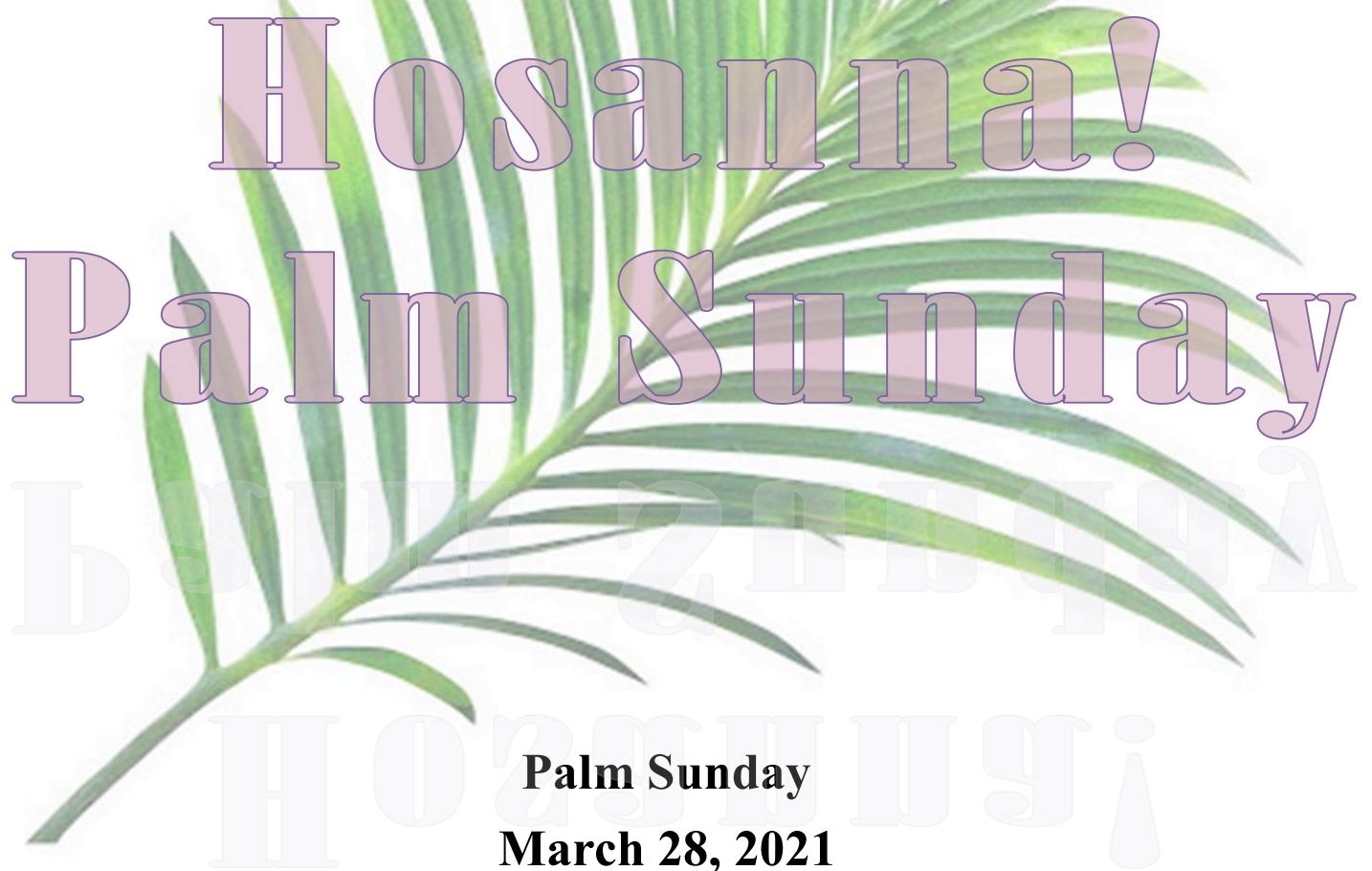


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St. John the Divine Episcopal Church  
17740 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037



**Hosanna!**  
**Palm Sunday**  
blessing  
Hosanna

Palm Sunday  
March 28, 2021

## About the Service

The Palm Sunday procession is a service of the blessing of the palms and a procession or parade representing our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As early as the fourth century, there is evidence of the Palm Sunday procession in the streets of Jerusalem. Pilgrims from Jerusalem brought the Palm procession to their cities, towns, and villages in Europe. It became the custom to process from one church to another, often carrying a wooded donkey in the procession and some representation of Christ, a cross or the Gospel Book. Later the Gospel reading was added to the rite and the Latin hymn *Gloris Laus* was sung. This Sunday has two names: Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. In many churches the Passion Gospel is read on this day. It highlights the two crowds in Jerusalem: one crowd yelled, "Hosanna, hosanna, blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; and the other crowd yelled, "Crucify him." Thus this day acknowledges the Agony and the Ecstasy that begins our celebration of Holy Week.

## Liturgy of the Palms

Palm branches are distributed.

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

**People: Peace in Heaven and Glory in the Highest.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

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

## Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

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

**People:** It is right to give him 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 on 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 forever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

**People:** In the name of Christ. AMEN.

## Processional Hymn:

Please play both verses through twice

# Hosanna

## Renew! #71

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1. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high - est! Ho - san - na, Ho  
 2. Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo-ry to the King of kings! Glo - ry, Glo - ry,  
 san - na, Ho - san-na in the high - est! Lord we lift up your name  
 Glo - ry, Glo-ry to the King of kings!  
 with hearts full of praise Be ex - alt - ed, oh  
 Lord my God! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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.

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People:** And Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

**The Collect of the Day**

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

**Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*A Reading from the book of Isaiah*

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?

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

*Confitemini Domino*

9. Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \* my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
10. For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \* my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
11. I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \* when they see me in the street they avoid me.
12. I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \* I am as useless as a broken pot.
13. For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; \* they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
14. But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \* I have said, "You are my God."
15. My times are in your hand; \* rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
16. Make your face to shine upon your servant, \* and in your loving-kindness save me."

## New Testament Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

*A Reading from the book of Isaiah*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Gradual:**

### Go to Dark Gethsemane

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Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt - er's power;  
 Fol - low to the judg - menthall; view the Lord of life ar - raigned;  
 Cal - vary'smourn - ful moun - tainclimb; 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 sustained!  
 mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice complete;

turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to die.  
 Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.  
 "it is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

## The Gospel: Mark 14:1 to 15:47

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*Narrator* It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

*C. Priest* “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

*Narrator* While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

*Bystndr 1* “Why was the ointment wasted in this way?”

*Bystndr 2* For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.”

*Narrator* And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

*Jesus* “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

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

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

*Disciple* “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

*Narrator* So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

*Jesus* “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

*Narrator* So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

*Jesus* “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

*Narrator* They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

*Disciple 1* “Surely, not I?”

*Narrator* Jesus said to them,

*Jesus* “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

*Narrator* While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it Jesus broke it, gave it to them, and said,

*Jesus* “Take; this is my body.”

*Narrator* Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

*Jesus* “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

*Narrator* When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

*Jesus* “You will all become deserters; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”

*Narrator* Peter said to him,

*Peter* “Even though all become deserters, I will not.”

*Narrator* Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

*Narrator* But he said vehemently,

*Peter* “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

*Narrator* And all of the disciples said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples,

*Jesus* “Sit here while I pray.”

*Narrator* He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them,

*Jesus* “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.”

*Narrator* And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

*Jesus* “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.”

*Narrator* Jesus came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

*Jesus*     “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

*Narrator*   And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

*Jesus*     “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

*Narrator*   Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

*Judas*     “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.”

*Narrator*   So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

*Judas*     “Rabbi!”

*Narrator*   and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

*Jesus*     “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.”

*Narrator*   All of Jesus’ followers deserted him and fled. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire.

Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

*Witness*    “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’”

*Narrator*   But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

*H. Priest*    “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

*Narrator*    But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

*H. Priest*    “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

*Narrator*    Jesus said,

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

*Narrator* Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

*H. Priest* "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?"

*Narrator* All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

*Council* "Prophesy!"

*Narrator* The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

*Servant* "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."

*Narrator* But Peter denied it, saying,

*Peter* "I do not know or understand what you are talking about."

*Narrator* And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, *Servant* "This man is one of them."

*Narrator* But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

*Bystndr* "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."

*Narrator* But Peter began to curse, and he swore an oath,

*Peter* "I do not know this man you are talking about."

*Narrator* At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

*Jesus* "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

*Narrator* And Peter broke down and wept.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

*Pilate* "Are you the King of the Jews?"

*Narrator* He answered him,

*Jesus* "You say so."

*Narrator* Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

*Pilate* "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

*Narrator* But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate

to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

*Pilate* “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

*Narrator* For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

*Pilate* “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”

*Narrator* They shouted back,

*Crowd* “Crucify him!”

*Narrator* Pilate asked them,

*Pilate* “Why, what evil has he done?”

*Narrator* But they shouted all the more,

*Crowd* “Crucify him!”

*Narrator* So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

*Soldier* “Hail, King of the Jews!”

*Narrator* They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).

## ALL STAND

*Narrator* And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

*Passer-by* “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!”

*Narrator* In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

*C. Priest* “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.”

*Narrator* Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

*Jesus* "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

*Narrator* which means,

*Jesus* "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

*Narrator* When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

*Bystndrs* "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

*Narrator* And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to Jesus to drink, saying,

*Bystndrs* "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

*Narrator* Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

(SILENCE)

*Narrator* And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

*Centurion* "Truly this man was God's Son!"

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

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph.

Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

*A period of silence is observed.*

## O Sacred Head

Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676)

♩ = 88

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*Herzlich tut mich verlangen (Passion Chorale)*

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

1. O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;  
 2. Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;  
 3. In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,

O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.  
 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.

what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:  
 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be neath,

O coun-ten-ance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - nes of thy face.  
 to mourn thee, wel - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.

Homily: The Rev. Karen Cuffie

**The Nicene Creed (*Please stand as you are able*)**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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**

**Presider:** As we near the end of Lent's forty-day journey of repentance and renewal, we bend our knees and confess with our tongues that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Leader:** That the church, teaching in the name of Christ, may sustain the weary with words of courage, righteousness and hope. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** That civil authorities may open their ears and listen to the voices that cry out for food and shelter, for dignity, for equality and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** That those who face insult, degradation, and violence because of their race, may be supported by all followers of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** For the sick and those who have asked our prayers, we pray for.... That those who by their sufferings share in the passion of Christ may share fully in Christ's exaltation. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** For the blessings of this life.... Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** For all those who have died, especially for those we now name (either silently or aloud), that they may serve as examples to us who continue in our pilgrimage on earth. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** That, as we celebrate Holy Week and the Triduum, we may empty ourselves as Christ Jesus did, serving in unselfish love. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Presider:** Take away our sin, Lord Christ, by your glorious passion, and mercifully hear our prayers, you who are our Passover and our Peace.

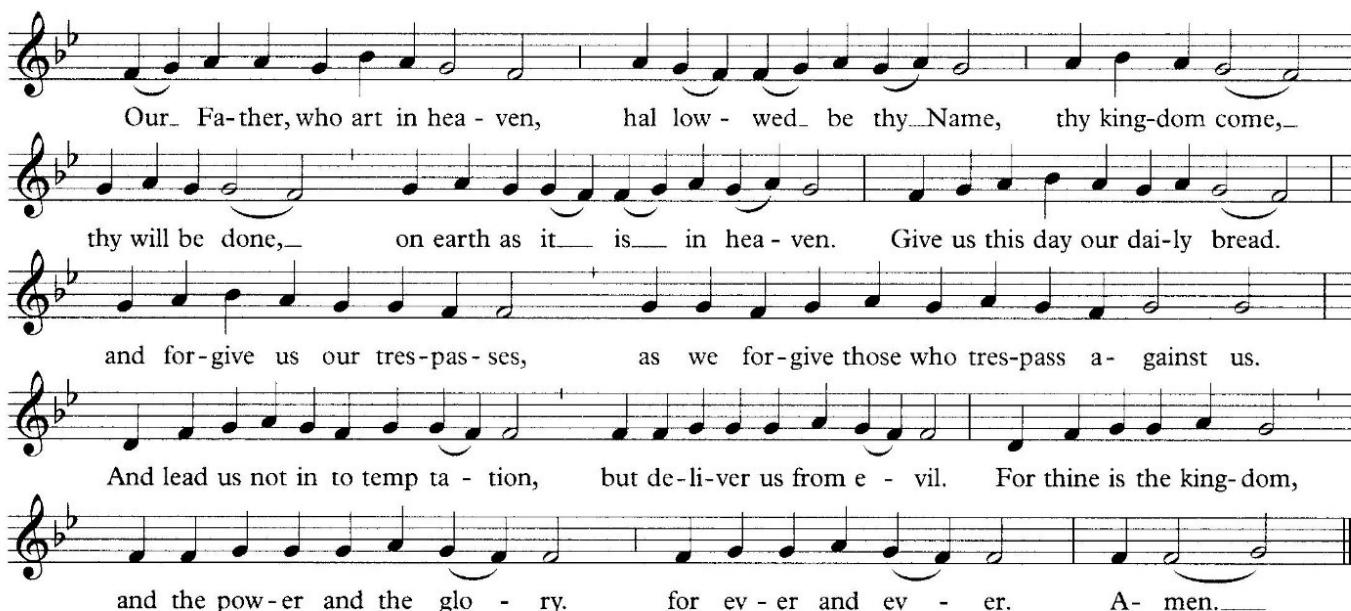
**People:** **Amen.**

**Celebrant:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Exchange peace*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,



The musical notation consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are as follows:

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea - ven, hal low - wed 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-pas-ses, as we for-give those who tres-pass a- gainst us.  
And lead us not in to temp ta - tion, but de-li-ver us from e - vil. For thine is the king-dom,  
and the pow-er and the glo - ry. for ev - er and ev - er. A- men.

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Presider and People

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come Amen**

## What Wondrous Love is This

H # 439

What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What won-drous love is  
 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the  
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm  
 this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to  
 Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while  
 free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joy - ful be, and  
 lay a - side his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
 mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

## The Blessing

*Presider* May God, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to eternal life.

*People* Amen

*Presider* May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

*People* Amen

*Presider* May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace.

*People* Amen

*Presider* And the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

## Closing Hymn

F. Pratt Green (1903 - 2000)

♩ = 82

## To Mock Your Reign

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THE THIRD TUNE

Thomas Tallis (1505? - 1585)

1. To mock your reign, O dear - est Lord, they made a crown of thorns;  
 2. In mock ac - claim, O gra - cious Lord, they snatched a pur - ple cloak,  
 3. A scep - tered reed, O pa - tient Lord, they thrust in - to your hand,

set you with taunts a - long that road from which no one re - turns.  
 your pas - sion turned, for all they cared, in - to a sol - dier's joke.  
 and act - ed out their grim cha - rade to its ap - point - ed end.

They did not know, as we do now, that glo - rious is your crown;  
 they did not know, as we do now, that though we mer - it blame  
 they did not know, as we do now, though em - pires rise and fall,

that thorns would flower u - pon your brow, your sor - rows heal our own.  
 you will your robe of mer - cy throw a - round our na - ked shame.  
 your King - dom shall not cease to grow till love em - bra - ces all.

## Dismissal:

4. Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Andoni Bundros