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# SUNDAY SERVICE

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*Order of Online Service: Liturgy of the Word*

*Welcome/Introduction*

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*The Liturgy of the Palms*

**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.*

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark (11:1-11)  
Glory to you Lord Christ.**

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

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

**People:** *And, also with you.*

**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 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 forever. Amen.

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

**People:** *Hosanna in the highest.*

### ***The Procession***

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth in peace.

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

### ***Opening Hymn:***

#### **E154 All glory, laud, and honor**

All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

1

Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's Name comest,  
the King and Blessèd One.

All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

2

The company of angels  
is praising thee on high;  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply.

All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

3

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

All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

4

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

All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

5

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

All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

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) This selection is in the public domain.

### ***The Collect of the Day***

Celebrant     Lord be with you.  
People        **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. *Amen.*

### ***Old Testament***

#### ***A Reading from the Book of Isaiah 50:4-9a***

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.*

### **Pagbasa galing kay Isaias 50:4-9**

**Tinuruan ako ng Panginoong DIOS kung ano ang sasabihin ko para mapalakas ang mga nanlulupaypay. Ginigising niya ako tuwing umaga para pakinggan ang mga itinuturo niya sa akin. Nagsalita sa akin ang Panginoong DIOS at ako'y nakinig. Hindi ako sumuway o tumakas man sa kanya. Iniumang ko ang aking likod sa mga bumugbog sa akin, at ang aking mukha sa mga bumunot ng aking balbas. Pinabayaan ko silang hiyain ako at duraan ang aking mukha. Pero hindi ako nakadama ng hiya, dahil tinulungan ako ng Panginoong DIOS. Kaya nagmatigas ako na parang batong buhay dahil alam kong hindi ako mapapahiya. Malapit sa akin ang Dios na nagsasabing wala akong kasalanan. Sino ang maghahabla sa akin? Lumabas siya at harapin ako! Makinig kayo! Ang Panginoong DIOS ang tutulong sa akin. Sino ang makapagsasabing nagkasala ako? Matutulad sila sa damit na mabubulok at ngangatngatin ng mga kulisap.**

**Ang Salita ng Diyos**  
*Salamat sa Diyos*

### ***The Psalm (31:9-16)***

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."

### ***The Epistle***

#### ***A reading from Philipians (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.

#### **Ang Pagbasa galing sa Filipos 2:5-11**

Dapat maging katulad ng kay Cristo Jesus ang pananaw n'yo: Kahit na nasa kanya ang katangian ng Dios, hindi niya itinuring ang pagiging kapantay ng Dios bilang isang bagay na dapat panghawakan. Sa halip, ibinaba niya nang lubusan ang sarili niya sa pamamagitan ng pag-aanyong alipin. Naging tao siyang tulad natin. At sa pagiging tao niya, nagpakumbaba siya at naging masunurin sa Dios hanggang sa kamatayan, maging sa kamatayan sa krus. Kaya naman itinaas siyang lubos ng Dios at binigyan ng titulong higit sa lahat ng titulo, upang ang lahat ng nasa langit at lupa, at nasa ilalim ng lupa ay luluhod sa *pagsamba* sa kanya. At kikilalanin ng lahat na si Jesu-Cristo ang Panginoon, sa ikapupuri ng Dios Ama.

Ang Salita ng Diyos  
*Salamat sa Diyos*

*The Sermon*      *The Rev. David Starr*

### *Prayers of the People*

**Intercessor:** We are in awe of you and your promises. Help us set our minds on you.

Enter our hearts this day and every day, O Christ,  
*And lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.*

Lead each member of Your church in humility as we walk together. Guide our bishops and priests and deacons so that Your glory may be revealed through them in Your word and sacraments.

*Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.*

Lead the authorities of every country in the way of justice for all of their citizens and peace between neighbors and nations.

*Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.*

Lead each of us to reach out our hands and hearts in love where there is suffering and anxiety, sickness and grief.

*Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.*

Lead us to lead lives that please You as we walk this earth so that with those who have died we may join You in our eternal home.

*Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.*

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. Amen.

### *The Peace*

*Presider:*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:*              **And, also with you.**

### *Announcements*

## ***Offertory Hymn:***

E168 O sacred head, sore wounded

1

O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn;  
O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn:  
what sorrow mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom deflower?  
O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heaven adore!

2

Thy beauty, long-desirèd, hath vanished from our sight;  
thy power is all expirèd, and quenched the light of light.  
Ah me! for whom thou diest, hide not so far thy grace:  
show me, O Love most highest, the brightness of thy face.

3

In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry,  
with thee for my salvation upon the cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus moved to stand thy cross beneath,  
to mourn thee, well-belovèd, yet thank thee for thy death.

4

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever! and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never, outlive my love for thee.

5

My days are few, O fail not, with thine immortal power,  
to hold me that I quail not in death's most fearful hour;  
that I may fight befriended, and see in my last strife  
to me thine arms extended upon the cross of life.

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## ***Spiritual Communion***

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

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, reciting first in English and sung in Tagalog,  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.



Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

***Ama Namin (sung)***

Ama namin sumasalangit ka  
Sambahin ang Ngalan Mo  
Mapasaamin ang kaharian Mo  
Sundin ang loob Mo  
Dito sa lupa para nang sa langit  
Bigyan mo kami ngayon  
Nang aming kakanin sa araw -araw  
At patawarin mo kami  
Sa aming mga sala  
Para ng pagpapatawad namin  
Sa nagkakasala sa amin  
At huwag mo kaming, Ipahintulot sa tukso  
At iadya mo kami, Sa lahat ng masama.

***The General Thanksgiving (BCP 836)***

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

***The Gospel Hymn:***

**E474 When I survey the wondrous cross**

1  
When I survey the wondrous cross  
where the young Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the cross of Christ, my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3

See, from his head, his hands, his feet  
sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

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## The Gospel

### *The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark Glory to you Lord Christ.*

#### *Dramatis personæ:*

- **Mark:** *the narrator*
- **Jesus:** *the president, or another*
- **the chief priests and scribes:** *the congregation, or some other group*
- **Roman Soldiers:** *the congregation, or some other group*
- **the Disciples:** *the congregation, or some other group*
- **the Crowd:** *the congregation*

#### *some or all of the following roles may be shared:*

- Peter
- Judas
- the High Priest
- Pontius Pilate
- a Bystander
- the Centurion
- a Servant Girl

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**Mark:** Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.  
(*Mark 14.1 – 15.end* or [Mark 15.1–39 \[40–47\]](#))

**Mark:** 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,

**Chief Priests:** Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.

**Mark:** 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,

**Crowd:** Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.

**Mark:** 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.

**Mark:** 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, the disciples said to Jesus,

**Disciples:** Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

**Mark:** 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.

**Mark:** 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, Jesus 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.

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

**Disciples:** Surely, not I?

**Mark:** 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.

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

**Jesus:** Take; this is my body.

**Mark:** 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.

**Mark:** 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.

**Mark:** Peter said to him,

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

**Mark:** 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.

**Mark:** But Peter said vehemently,

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

**Mark:** And all of them said the same.

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

**Jesus:** Sit here while I pray.

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

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

**Mark:** 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.

**Mark:** 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.

**Mark:** 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.

**Mark:** 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.

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

**Judas:** Rabbi!

**Mark:** 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.

**Mark:** All of them 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,

**Crowd:** 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.'

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

**High Priest:** Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

**Priest:**

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

**High Priest:** Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?

**Priest:**

**Mark:** 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.’

**Mark:** Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

**High Priest:** Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?

**Priest:**

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

**Chief Priests:** Prophesy!

**Priests:**

**Mark:** 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 Girl:** You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

**Girl:**

**Mark:** But he denied it, saying,

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

**Mark:** 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 Girl:** This man is one of them.

**Girl:**

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

**Crowd:** Certainly, you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.

**Mark:** But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

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

**Mark:** At that moment, the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, ‘Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.’ And he broke down and wept.

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*Mark 15.1*

**Mark:** 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?

**Mark:** Jesus answered him,

**Jesus:** You say so.

**Mark:** 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.

**Mark:** 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?

**Mark:** 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?

**Mark:** They shouted back,

**Crowd:** Crucify him!

**Mark:** Pilate asked them,

**Pilate:** Why, what evil has he done?

**Mark:** But they shouted all the more,

**Crowd:** Crucify him!

**Mark:** 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,

**Soldiers:** Hail, King of the Jews!

**Mark:** 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). 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,

**Crowd:** Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

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

**Chief Priests:** 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.

**Mark:** 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?

**Mark:** which means,  
**Jesus:** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
**Mark:** When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,  
**Crowd:** Listen, he is calling for Elijah.  
**Mark:** And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,  
**Bystander:** Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.  
**Mark:** Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. 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!

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**Mark:** 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 Jesus saw where the body was laid.

### ***The Dismissal***

*Deacon*      Go in peace

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