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The Liturgy of the Palms and Morning Prayer

The Blessing of Palms.

The Liturgy of the Palms

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

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Presider: 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.

A Reading from 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.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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. Amen.

Presider: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

The Procession

Presider: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn During Procession All Glory, Laud, and Honor (this page and the next)

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 - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

At the door of the nave:

Presider: Let us pray.

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 Collect

Presider: Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

People: Whose mercy endures forever.

Presider: Let us pray.

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.*

The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated.

A Reading from 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?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16 *spoken responsively*

In te, Domine, speravi

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."

A reading from 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“My Song is Love Unknown” – verses 1-3

Hymn 458



The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark 14:1--15:47.

The congregation may remain seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.

Dramatis personæ:

- *Narrator: the Deacon*
- *Jesus: the Priest*
- *Chief Priests: the congregation*
- *Crowd: the congregation*
- *Disciples: the congregation*
- *Council: the congregation*
- *Bystanders: the congregation*

Some or all of the following roles may be shared:

- *Peter: Reader**
- *Judas: Reader**
- *High Priest: Reader**
- *Servant-girl: Reader**
- *Pilate: Reader**
- *Centurion: Reader**

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,

Chief Priests: 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,

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.

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 the Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

Disciples: 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,

Disciples: Surely, not I.

Narrator: He 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 he 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: And 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 them said the same. They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he 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 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: He 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 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,

Council: "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,

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

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

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

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,

High 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: “**Prophecy!**“

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-girl: “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.“

Narrator: But he 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-girl: “This man is one if them.“

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

Bystanders: “**Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.**“

Narrator: But he 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, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept. As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and 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 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. The 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: 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,

Crowd: “**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.

ALL STAND

Narrator: 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 head and saying,

Crowd: 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,

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."

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 savachthani?"

Narrator: which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystanders: "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 him to drink, saying,

Bystanders: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

Narrator: 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!”

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.

The Sermon

The Rev. Paul Moore

Sermon notes page at the back of the booklet

The Prayers of the People Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishops Michael and Melissa; for this gathering ; and for all ministers and people.

We pray for the Church.

Silence

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

We pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

We pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

We pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed especially _____.

We pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for _____.

I ask your thanksgiving for _____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially _____ whom we remember today.

We pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

At this time let us pray for those who occupy our thoughts today, silently or aloud.

Presider: Always and ever-faithful God, inspire us with glimpses of your will for the world and grant us strength to give ourselves to it, for the love of your Name. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider speaks an Absolution.

The Presider adds a concluding collect.

The Peace | La Paz

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you. | La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

People: And also with you. | Y con tu espíritu.

Celebrations and Thanksgiving of Life

Offertory

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Doxology

Praise God through-out these for - ty days. Praise

The first line of musical notation for the Doxology. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 2/2 time and key of D major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Praise God through-out these for - ty days. Praise".

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Intinction, also known as dipping the bread in the wine, is not available at this time. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of our chest as the chalice bearer approaches. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to come forward for communion or blessing. Gluten free wafers are available. The assembly is invited to stand for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Presider: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Dear God, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, Christ reconciled us.

By Christ's wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim

with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

And so, Most Gracious God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, ***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

God of our kindred and their generation: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Deborah, Hannah and Rebecca; God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let this grace of this Holy

Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in your Son's name..

Risen and Ascended One, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, O God, Most Merciful, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

AMEN.

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

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread
 The Fraction Song:

Se - ñor y Je-su - cris - to, Hi - jo del Dios vi - vo. Se - ñor y Je-su - cris - to, Hi -
 Lord Je-sus Christ, Son of the li-ving God, Lord Je-sus Christ, Son
 jo del Dios vi - vo. O - ten mi - se - ri - cor - dia de no - so - tros pe - ca - do - res. O -
 of the li-ving God; O have mer - cy on us sin - ners, O
 ten mi - se - ri - cor - dia de no - so - tros pe - ca - do - res.
 have mer - cy on us sin - ners.

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
 People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated.

*Those present are invited to receive Holy Communion.
 You can approach the altar at the direction of the usher.*

*Those with us online, during these next moments of meditation,
 wherever you are, receive God's gifts to you.
 We share spiritual communion today.*

Communion Hymn

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Hymn 474

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors:

The Presider sends forth the Eucharistic Minister with a blessing:

Presider: We who are many are one body

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

Presider: In the name of God and of this congregation we send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: As you have been fed, now feed others in the name of Christ.

Presider: Our prayers go with you, go in peace. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer over the People

Closing Hymn

O Sacred Head Now Wounded –next page



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed
 2 What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners'
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est

down, now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly
 gain; mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly
 friend, for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out

crown: O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was
 pain. Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy
 end? O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing

thine; yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 place; look on me with thy fa - vor, and grant to me thy grace.
 be, Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Variations on Sacred Head Now Wounded

Offertory - Thank you for giving!

Please drop your offering in the church's mailbox or mail it to:

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Mount Vernon, WA 98274

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Serving Today:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Presider and Preacher:	The Reverend Paul Moore
Deacon:	Rev. Dennis Taylor, Rev. Vicki Johnson
Organist and Music Director	Nancy Blaire Serrano
Eucharistic Minister:	Acacia McDermott
Greeters:	Don & Arlene Zimmerman
Lector(s):	Margie Lauer & Sherri Greenleaf
Counters:	Elizabeth Tucker & Margie Lauer

St. Paul's Prayer Team prays daily for those on the prayer list.

Please email Penny Worrell at penny.worrell@gmail.com.

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Announcements for March 24, 2024

Welcome to our guests: We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today! Please put your name and contact information in our guest book so that we may get to know you better.

Paths to Understanding

Pastor Terry Kylo, formerly of this parish, has written a book called, Go and Do Likewise, and there are several interesting Zoom conversations in honor of the book's launch. Details on the conversations and how to register are in your email newsletter.

Cathedral Day

Please save April 27th for Cathedral Day. At it, people who would like to officially join St. Paul's can do so. The rest of us can go along to support them. We will coordinate transportation. A number of people from Resurrección will also be going. If you are one of those who would like to join us, please speak with Fr. Paul.

SonShine Stitchers

The SonShine Stitchers meet the first and third Wednesdays from 1 to 3 pm in the church. Please join us this upcoming Wednesday, March 13. Bring a project, an idea, a friend. All are welcome.

Covid Tests

There are free covid tests in the Parish Hall. It's a good idea to have one in advance of needing one, so stop by and get one as necessary. It's just one more way to show caring to those around you.

Vestry

Vestry meetings are every second Tuesday at 4:30, usually in the Fireside room. Your Vestry are:

Rector: The Rev. Paul Moore

Treasurer:..... Margaret Bird

Clerk: Joe Thomas

Senior Warden: . Margie Lauer

Junior Warden: . Carol Boss

Member Sue Shepherd

Member Tony Smith

More Announcements for March 24, 2024

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Easter Sunday Altar Flowers

We have a young woman in the Resurreccion congregation that has volunteered to design a few arrangements for the Easter Sunday Services. If you would like to donate funds toward Easter Flowers, please add "Easter Flowers" to the memo line of your check and put it in the offering plate, attached to the form that you can pick up from the round table in the Narthex. The form is designed for you to designate your thanksgiving or memorial to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin. For more information, please speak with Bonnie Schuh.

Flowering of the Cross

The flowering cross will meet you in the Narthex on Easter Sunday morning waiting to be filled with offerings of beautiful flowers and greens. Please look around your yard for flowers or greens that you would like to add to this community collection. It is always a blessing to see the beautifully flowered cross on Easter Sunday!

Fire Blanket

Thanks to Acacia there is now a fire blanket at the kneeler near the candles at the back of the sanctuary. Please stop by to read the instructions on how to use it.

Welcome to Saint Paul's!

We hope that your worship with us will be both inspirational and spiritually nurturing. Please feel free to participate in the worship service as much or as little as you wish. The prayer book gives directions as to when we stand, sit, or occasionally kneel; these are guidelines. What is more important is that you bring your complete self to worship God.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. We use real wine in the cup. Intinction, which is also known as dipping the bread in the wine, is not available at this time. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of your chest as the chalice bearer approaches. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread, which is gluten free.

We ask that those worshipping with us online reverently pray and meditate on God's grace and blessing whenever you observe the Eucharist being taken.



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Please spend 5 minutes in silence reflecting on...

Put yourself there. Make it personal.

What do you see?

What stands out?

What scene strikes you? Moves you? Challenges you? Convicts you?

Be a witness. Watch. Wonder.

How does this story speak to your life?

Where does it resonate with you?

Locate yourself in the biblical story.

What is your experience of the story (not what you think about the story)?

With whom does God invite you to share these reflections?