

THE LITURGY OF PALMS AND HOLY EUCHARIST

Palm Sunday

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | APRIL 2, 2023 - 11:00AM

PRELUDE

III. Allegro Deciso from Évocation Op. 37 - Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)



INTROIT

sung by the Choir

Hosanna filio David!

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini,

O Rex Israel, Hosanna in excelsis!

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

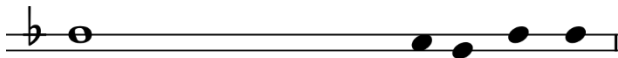
O King of Israel, Hosanna in the highest!

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Ministers gather at the palms to be blessed and the Celebrant intones:

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord:

The People respond:



Peace in heaven and glory in the high-est.

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 BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant

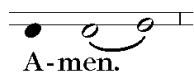
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

People



A-men.

The Celebrant sprinkles the palms with holy water and censes them.

PSALM 118:19-24

*The Cantor sings the refrain, and the People repeat it.
During the chanting of the Psalm, the palms are distributed.*



Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them, I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

Refrain

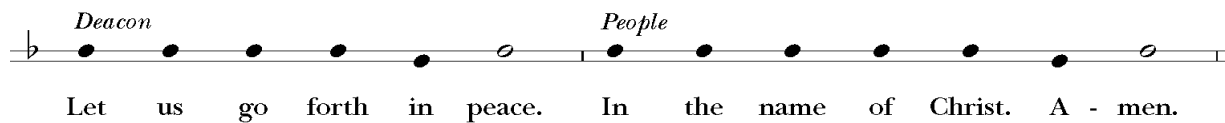
The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Refrain

ACCLAMATION AT THE PROCESSION



The clergy, choir, and other ministers process around the church during the hymn. The People may remain in place waving their palms or join in the procession as it passes by.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

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 - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.

Music: Valet will ich dir geben, melody Melchior Teschner (1584–1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant intones

O God of eternal glory, you anointed Jesus your servant to bear our sins, to encourage the weary, to raise up and restore the fallen. Keep before our eyes the splendor of the paschal mystery of Christ, and by sharing in the passion and resurrection, seal our lives with the victorious sign of his obedience and exaltation. We ask this through Christ, our liberator from sin, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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?

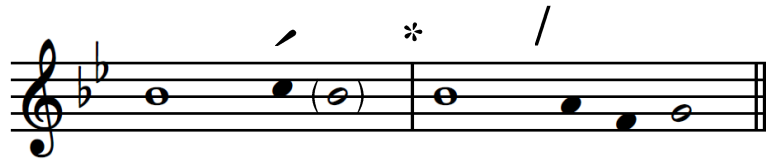
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

*The first verse is intoned by the Cantor.
All who wish may then join in singing with the Choir.*

Psalm 122



I was glad when they **sáid** to me, *
“Let us go to the / house of God.”

Now our feet are **stánding** *
within your gates, O / Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a **cíty** *
that is at unity / with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the **Hóly** One, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the / Name of God.

For there are the thrones of **júdgment**, *
the thrones of the house / of David.

Pray for the peace of **Jerúsalem**: *
“May they prosper / who love you.

Peace be within your **wálls** *
and quietness within / your towers.

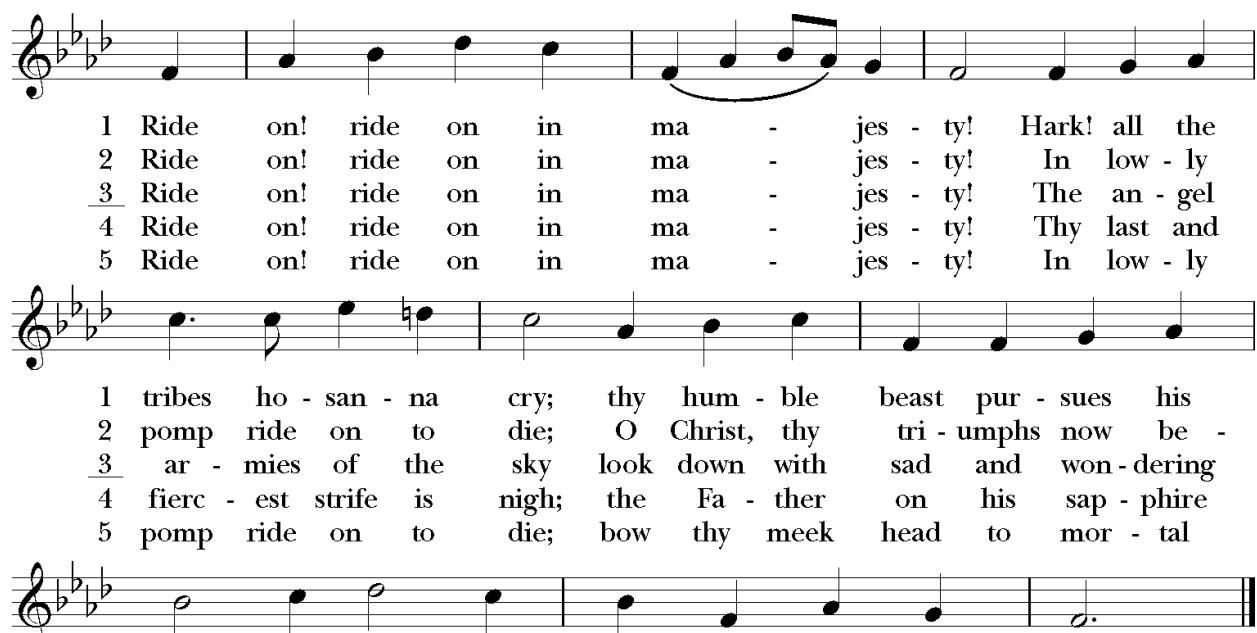
For my kindred and companions' **sáke**, *
I pray for your / prosperity.

Because of the house of the Holy One our **Gód**, *
I will seek to / do you good.”

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL PROCESSION *standing; all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People*


1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the
 2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel
 4 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and
 5 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly

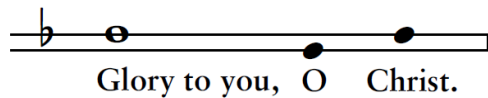
1 tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his
 2 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be -
 3 ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and won - dering
 4 fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire
 5 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal

1 road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 2 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 3 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 4 throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
 5 pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Words: Henry Hart Milman (1791–1868); alt.

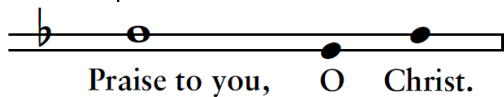
Music: The King's Majesty, Graham George (1912-1993)

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



When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

seated

The Rev. Daniel Simons

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The meaning of “Hosanna” in Hebrew is “Save us, we pray.”

We pray for world leaders: that they may make wise decisions for the common good. O Holy One, to you we cry:

Hosanna! God, save us, we pray.

We pray for people who are poor, or displaced, or facing any kind of difficulty: that they may find the help and support they need to build a better future. O Holy One, to you we cry:

Hosanna! God, save us, we pray.

We pray for our parish, our families, and our friends: that we may always stand with one another no matter how difficult our path may be. O Holy One, to you we cry:

Hosanna! God, save us, we pray.

We pray for all the individual needs and thanksgivings of our lives.

*Please call out your prayers in the silence,
then:*

O Holy One, to you we cry:

Hosanna! God, save us, we pray.

The Celebrant concludes

Save us, we pray, O God. Lead us in your paths of peace, forsaking all violence and walking with Jesus, your beloved, in his way of Love; forgive us all our betrayals, empower us with your Spirit, and guide us through the shadow of death to the fullness of Christ’s risen life; O Holy One, to you we cry:

Hosanna! God, save us, we pray. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir*

Ave Verum Corpus

Tómas Luís de Victoria (1548-1611)
Words: Matthew 21:8-9

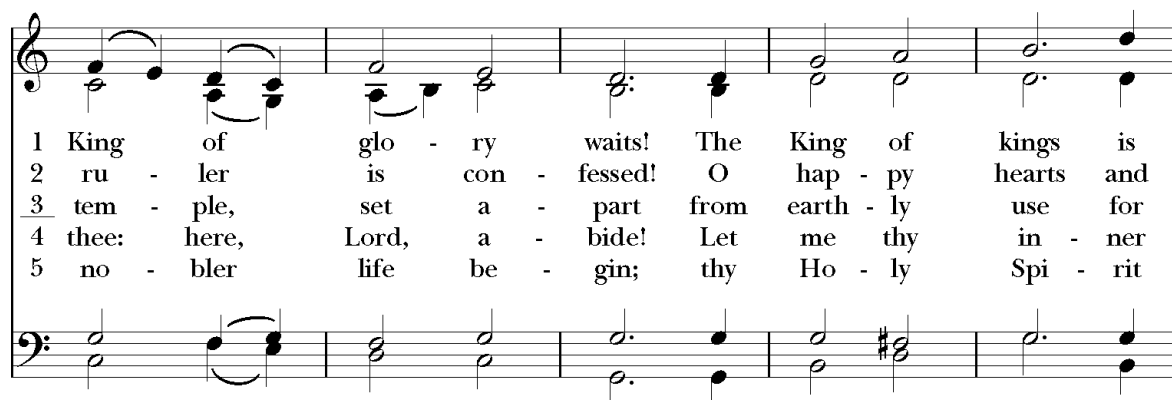
*Pueri Hebraeorum vestimenta
prosternebant in via,
et clamabant dicentes:
“Hosanna Filio David:
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.”*

*The children of the Hebrews spread
their garments on his way
and cried out, saying:
Hosanna to the son of David:
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord.*

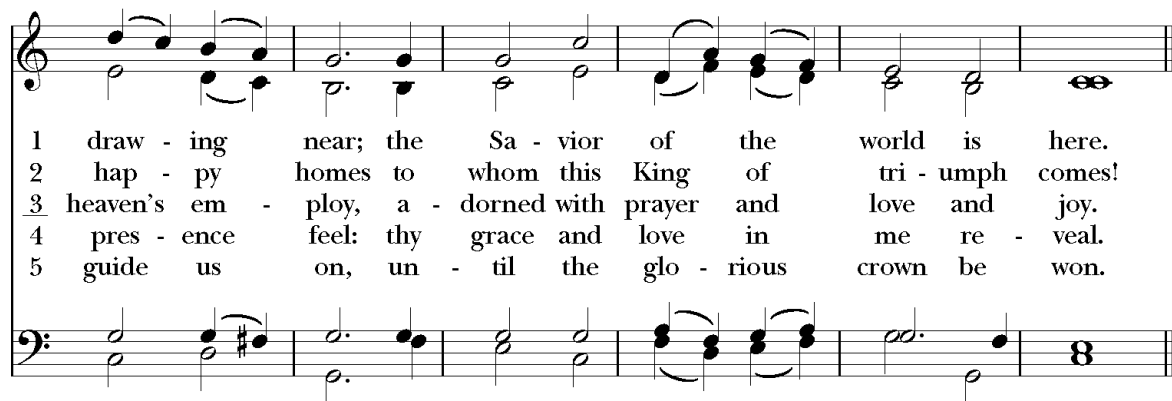
HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 *4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and



1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit



1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Music: Truro, melody from Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

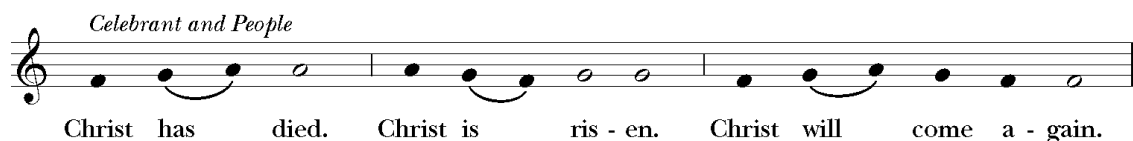
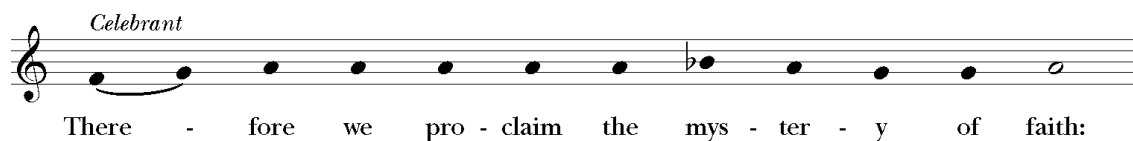
Setting: James McGregor (b.1930)
Music: *Verbum Caro factum est*, Hans Leo Hassler (1565-1612)

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself for the life of the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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. Do this for the remembrance of me."



The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

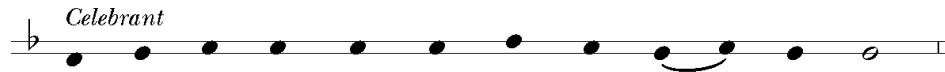
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



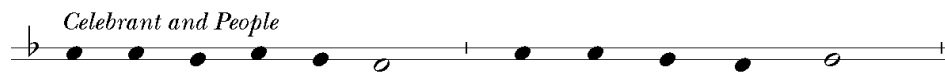
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

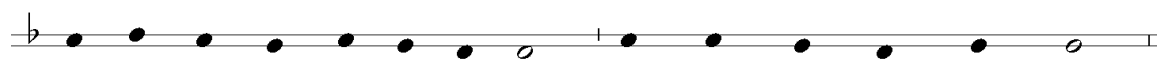


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

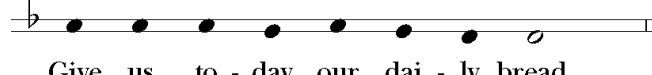
Celebrant and People



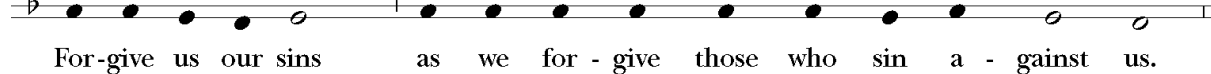
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



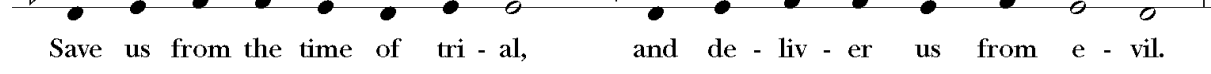
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



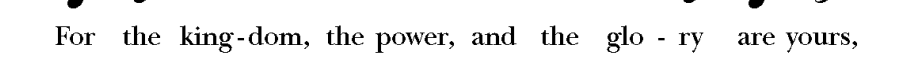
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



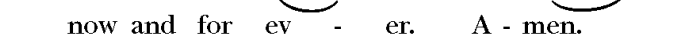
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

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THE COMMUNION

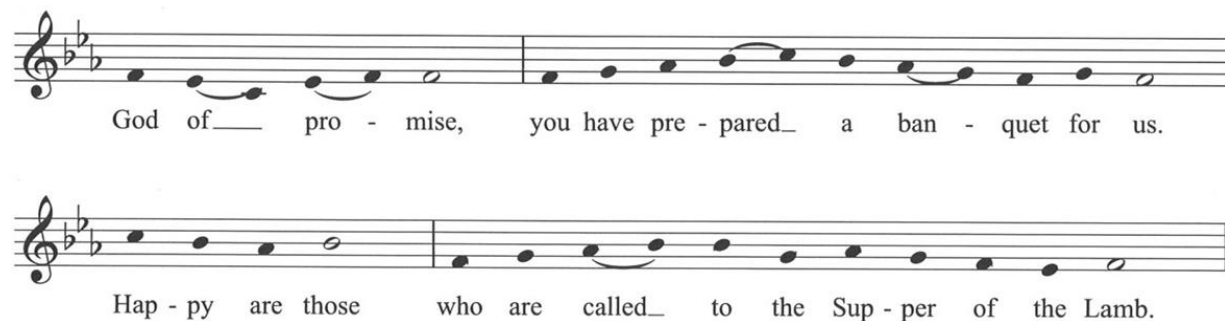
The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

This is the Bread of Heaven.

Broken for the life of the world.

Everyone, without exception, is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request; grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups. Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.

The Cantor sings the Refrain, and all repeat it.



God of — pro - mise, you have pre - pared — a ban - quet for us.

Hap - py are those who are called — to the Sup - per of the Lamb.

How shall I repay God *
for all the good things done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of God.

I will fulfill my vows to God *
in the presence of all people.

All repeat Refrain

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Hymn: The royal banners forward go *12th cent. chant: Vexilla Regis prodeunt, harm. David Hurd*

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION *Today, sing the final hymn seated or kneeling.*



1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3, 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt.
 Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); adapt. And harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Priest alone stands and prays over the People:

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of the violent, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

There is no Dismissal or organ postlude at this service (as all services of Holy Week are considered to be the continuation of a single liturgy throughout the week until Easter.)

Following the final prayer, all depart quietly. You are also welcome to remain for reflection as long as you wish.

There is no coffee hour scheduled today following the liturgy.

Continue Holy Week at St. Paul's on the Green

HOLY WEEK EVENING PRAYER – MONDAY, APRIL 3 & TUESDAY, APRIL 4 – 7:30 PM

Join these ancient, reflective prayer services for the first part of Holy Week, preparing us for the great three days of the Triduum. Brief, online only service of music and prayer led by Phoebe Oler begins each night on Facebook at 7:30 pm.

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 – 7:30 PM

Join this ancient, reflective service of evening prayers of the church for the first part of Holy Week, preparing us for the great three days of the Triduum.

MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING EUCHARIST – THURSDAY, APRIL 6 - 7:30 PM

The Maundy Thursday liturgy, focused on the marks of service in the ritual of foot-washing, and the institution of the Eucharist. Remain and keep watch with the Maundy Thursday Vigil - quiet reflection until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES – FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Stations of the Cross – Noon

Pray with the St. Paul's stations in a service of readings and music.

Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday – 7:30 pm

Service includes the Passion sung by the St. Paul's Adult Choir

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER – SATURDAY, APRIL 8 – 7:30 PM

Celebrate the principal liturgy of the church year. This service is an extended reflection on the salvation story, culminating in the joyous first Eucharist of Easter Day.

EASTER DAY – SUNDAY, APRIL 9 – 9 AND 11 AM

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Celebrate Easter at St. Paul's on the Green with Holy Eucharist with festive music led by the Adult Choir at 9 am and the Adult choir and Choristers at 11 am.

EASTER EGG HUNT – SUNDAY, APRIL 16 – 12:00PM

Kids of all ages are invited to gather on the front lawn of the church for an Easter Egg Hunt. In person, *RSVP requested*.

THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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The Rev. Louise Kalemkerian *Priest Associate*

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