



Bringing home palms

The Holy Thanksgiving of the People of God

The Great Liturgy of Holy Week at Saint Peter's Episcopal Church Lebanon, Indiana 46052

The Great Liturgy of Holy Week is a sequence of individual liturgies that make up one continuous act of worship beginning with Palm Sunday and ending at Easter with each liturgy blending into the next over the course of the week. This is why there is no blessing or benediction at the end of each liturgy until the first Easter celebration.

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The Liturgy of the Palms



The People assemble in the Gathering Area near the kitchen.

The Priest: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
The People: *Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*

The Priest: 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.

The People: *Amen.*

The Reading of the Palm Sunday Gospel

(Year A: Matthew 21.1-11, Year B: Mark 11.1-11a, Year C: Luke 19.29-40)

The Blessing of the Palms

The Priest: The Lord be with you.

The People: *And also with you.*

The Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Priest: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed King of kings by those who spread garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear 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.

The People: *Amen.*

The Palms are distributed among the people.

The Procession of Palms

The Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

The People: In the Name of Christ. Amen.



Hosannah! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

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.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

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

MUSIC: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.;
 harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1880)

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The Station before the baptismal font recalls our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection.

The Priest: Let us pray.

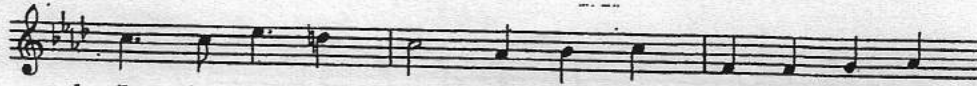
Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The People: Amen.

The Procession continues into the Church with the people entering their pews while singing:



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 (b. 1912)

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The Holy Thanksgiving of the People of God Palm Sunday

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Our Liturgy of the Word of God

The Prayer for the Day

The Presider greets the people in Jesus Christ:

The Lord be with you.

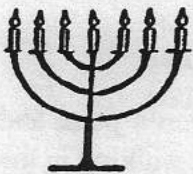
The People respond: *And also with you.*

The Presider: Let us pray.

The Presider prays the prayer for this day.

The People respond: *Amen.*

The Lessons

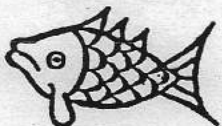


The Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

The Reader: The Word of the Lord.

The People respond: *Thanks be to God.*

Our Psalm prayer for this day in response to the reading



The Reading from the Christian New Testament

The Reader: The Word of the Lord.

The People respond: *Thanks be to God.*

Our Hymn prayer to move us from these readings to the Gospel

See Insert for Hymn number

The Passion of Our Lord according to Matthew, Mark, or Luke

All rise when indicated.

It is an ancient and salutary custom to kneel in silence at the death of Christ.

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People

All rise as they are able.

Our Sharing the Peace of Jesus Christ

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

The People respond: *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord making peace with one another before bringing their gifts to the altar.

Our Announcements gather the life, concerns, and events of this community into our worship.

Our Liturgy of the Holy Communion

The Offering of Our Lives and of Our Gifts back to God

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the deacon or Presider of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, as we offer our lives back to God in faith and in faithful life and work.

The people stand while the offerings are gathered and placed on the Altar and sing:

The Offering Hymn *See insert for hymn number.*

Our Great Thanksgiving Prayer to God

The people remain standing. The Presider, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings:

People

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

People

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where 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:

All sing or say:

The "Holy, Holy, Holy" from Isaiah 6:3

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics, and the bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and".

might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The piano accompaniment features a prominent bass line with a long note in the first measure.

God of power and might, — hea - ven and earth are

The third system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "God of power and might, — hea - ven and earth are". The piano accompaniment continues with a steady bass line.

full, — full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The fourth system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "full, — full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The piano accompaniment features a melodic line in the bass.

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

The fifth system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na". The piano accompaniment continues with a steady bass line.

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes —

The sixth system of musical notation concludes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes —". The piano accompaniment features a melodic line in the bass.

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *Deutsche Mess*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1957)

All kneel as they are able

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 in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for 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. Do this for the remembrance of me." 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

The People: *AMEN.*

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

All say:

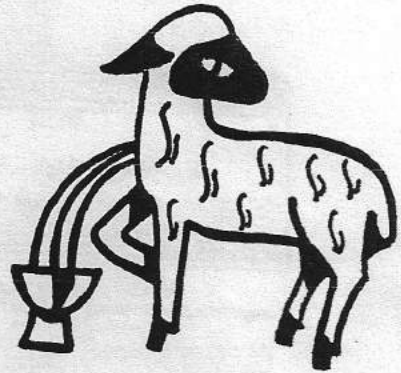
*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as ~~in~~ in heaven.*

Give us today our daily bread.

*Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.*

*Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen*



Behold the Lamb of God

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.*

Then may be said the Fraction Anthem.

The Presider: O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

The People: *Have mercy upon us.*

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The Presider: O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

The People: *Give us peace.*

The Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to come to our Lord's table for a blessing. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the blessing of communion. Others may come forward for a blessing from the priest indicating this by crossing their arms over their chest.

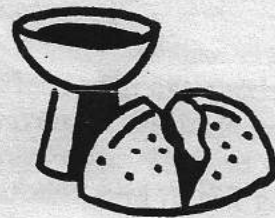
The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The People respond: *Amen.*

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

The People respond: *Amen.*



The Communion Meditation in Music

"Agnus Dei" by Samuel Barber

In place of a communion hymn we will be listening to a choral setting of "O Lamb of God" during communion set to the well known orchestral, "Adagio for Strings," by Samuel Barber. Sung in Latin, it gradually expands to an intense "Dona nobis pacem" (Give us peace) and then returns to a meditative mode. The text is as follows: Agnus (Lamb) Dei (of God), qui (who) tolis (takes away) peccata (the sins) mundi (of the world), Miserere (Have mercy) nobis (on us). Dona (Give) nobis (us) pacem (peace).

A Lenten Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and everliving God, you bid your faithful people cleanse our hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, we may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. And so, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Recessional Hymn *See insert for number.*

A Prayer for Those who have now entered into Holy Week

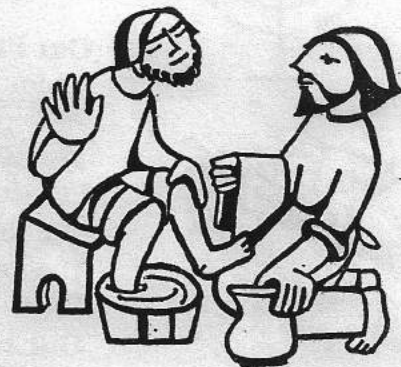
The Priest: Almighty God, give to us your servants strength of faith and courage of heart to follow Jesus, your dear Son, through these coming days which end with washing the feet of his friends, with giving himself in a final meal, with betrayal, suffering and death; that we might ever claim his as our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

The People: *Amen.*

All depart the Church in silence as this liturgy continues during Holy Week

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Our Liturgy of Maundy Thursday



What I just did was to give you an example: as I have done, so you must do.

All rise, as they are able, as the Altar Party enters in silence.

The Opening Acclamation

The Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

The People: *God's mercy endures for ever.*

All sing God's praise:

The Trisagion (sung three times)

(From the liturgy of the Orthodox Church, it means "thrice holy" in the Greek)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelis (1846-1924)