

April 13th, 2025 – Palm Sunday – C

Opening Song All Glory Laud and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One.

2 The company of angels is praising you on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

3 To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
for you delight in goodness, O good and gracious King!

Presider: We gather together on this Sacred Morning, in the name of God, who is the Source of All Being, God who is the Incarnation, and God who is Holy Spirit

All: Amen

Opening Prayer: All: Source of All Being, Jesus came into the world to teach us how to live, and through his “yes” to your will, estrangement was dissolved for all humankind. Guide our hearts and minds by his truth and strengthen our lives by his witness, that we may be in union with you in the sacred realm of your promise. Grant this in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ.

Liturgy of the Word:

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel: Luke 23: 1-49

Homily and Sharing

All are welcome to share your thoughts and insights of the homily

Intentional Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparations

Presider: Blessed are you, God of all creation. You are the giver of this bread, fruit of the earth and of human labor. It will become for us the Bread of Life

All: Blessed be God forever

Presider: Blessed are you, God of all creation. You are the giver of this wine (and juice), fruit of the vine and of human labor. It will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Presider: Source of All Being, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the gifts we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.... Pray, my sisters and brothers, that these our gifts may be acceptable to God, who is both Mother and Father.

All: May God accept these gifts from our hands for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all God's people.

Prayer over the Gifts:

All: Loving God, Alone, we can do nothing. in you, there are unlimited possibilities. May this perfect offering open us to your mercy and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Brother and Christ, Amen

Presider: Our Creator is with you always

All: And also with you

Presider: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to God

Presider: Let us give thanks to God our Creator

All: it is right to give God thanks and praise

Preface: Creator of All, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus, the Christ. Though he was your Son, he suffered willingly. Though innocent, he accepted death. By his life and death, he has ended our separation. By his rising, he has raised us up to holiness of life. We praise you, Loving God, with all the angels in their song of joy:

**All: Holy holy holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Let us pray together:

All: Source of All Being, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they become for us the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus, the Christ, at whose invitation we celebrate this Eucharist

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said:

Take this all of you and eat it. This is my Body which will be given up for you.

When the meal was ended, Jesus took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his friends and said:

Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ Jesus, by your life, death and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Redeemer of the world.

In memory of his life, death and resurrection we offer you, God of Compassion, this life-giving bread and this Redeeming cup. We thank you for call us into community to be in your presence in love and in service. May all of us who share in this communion remember our Oneness with the Circle of Life, and our unity through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Loving God, remember your people throughout the world and nurture our growth in love together with our friend and bishop, Michael, and all the people of God.

Remember our friends and family members, our partners, spouses and pets and all who have walked with us on this life's journey, and also those who have crossed over to be completely in the light of your divine presence. With gratitude, we honor them and are thankful they have shared their lives with us.

Keep us mindful of who we truly are: People of the Light. Help us to stay true to that calling as we seek to honor and protect our planetary home and all the Circle of Life that dwells here with us. Help us to love as you love your creation. Nurture within us the strength to be prophetic witnesses to your justice and care of all beings, and show us how to be your presence in the midst of change and challenge.

May we always be mindful of those who came before us, and those who will follow after us. May we always remember your compassion as we share eternal life with

Mary, the Mother of God, with all who have followed the spiritual path and who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise and honor you in union with them, and celebrate the goodness you reveal within us all, through Jesus, our brother, who is the Christ.

All: Christ Jesus, by your life, death and resurrection you have set us free. You are the redeemer of the world.

Presider: We join our hearts and our hands in the prayer Jesus taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Presider: We have the peace of the Christ within us, let us share that with one another.

**All: Lamb of God, your love and compassion heals the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, your love and compassion heals the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, your love and compassion heals the world,
Grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, who renews the face of the earth.
Behold the Bread of Life that is pure gift and blessing.
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away all separation and sets us free.
Blest and graced are we who are called to this table, and so we can proclaim

Prayer of Receiving: All: Lord, you have made us worthy to receive you and by your Word, we are healed.

Communion Song: Unless a Grain of Wheat

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,
It remains but a single grain with no life

If we have died with him then we shall live with him.
If we hold firm we shall reign with him.

If anyone serves me, then they must follow me.
Wherever I am my servants will be.

Make your home in me as I make mine in you.
Those who remain in me bear much fruit.

If you remain in me and my word lives in you,
Then you will be my disciples.

Those who love me are loved by my Father
We shall be with them and dwell in them.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;
Peace which the world cannot give is my gift.

Communion Prayer: All: God, both Mother and Father, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. May the life, death and resurrection of your Son gives us hope and lead us to salvation. We ask this through Jesus, who is the Christ, Amen.

Solemn Blessing

The Creator of All that Is has given us an example of unselfish love in the sufferings of his only Son. Through our service of God and neighbor may we receive God's countless blessings. **Amen**

We believe that by his dying the Christ destroyed death forever. He has given us everlasting life **Amen**

He humbled himself for our sake. May we follow his example and share in his resurrection. **Amen**

And as we go about our lives this week, may we always remember that we are blessed by God, who is Mother and Father, God, who is Son, and God who is Holy Spirit, **Amen**

Closing Song: Sing to the Mountains

(Refrain)

Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea

Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made
Let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and my song.
Refrain

Holy holy holy Lord
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Refrain

This is the day the Lord has made
Let us be glad and rejoice.
He has turned all death to life.
Sing of the glory of God
Refrain

Blessings to your day.
Remember..
Be all you are called to be.
As you are Light, so let your light shine!