



**Palms & Passion Sunday
Holy Week Liturgy:
From Palms to the Cross
March 28 2021**

INTRODUCTION

Throughout the season of Lent, we have been preparing ourselves for Holy Week.

Today's service encompasses all of Holy Week. | We have combined elements of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday into one unified liturgy.

We will journey together through the events of Holy Week in scripture and song, story and symbol.

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRIEST We acknowledge the traditional territory upon which we worship.

For many thousands of years, the Algonquin people have walked gently on this land. We acknowledge their stewardship and seek a new relationship based in honour and deep respect.

GRACE

PRIEST The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

PEOPLE: And also with you.

LENT CANDLES 6

PRIEST: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the reflection of God's glory. Yet we so often desire the limelight for ourselves. Today we remember those times when, like Jesus' disciples, we seek power, popularity, and prestige, rather than service, sacrifice, and humility.

Each time we do that, we get further away from God's light. We remember this as we extinguish our sixth candle.

OPENING RESPONSES - LENT

PRIEST: Cast your burden upon the Lord,

ALL: And he will sustain you.

PRIEST: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

ALL: And renew a right spirit within me.

PRIEST: Cast me not away from your presence

ALL: And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

PRIEST: Give me the joy of your saving help again

ALL: And sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

PRIEST: Blessed be the Lord day by day,

ALL: The God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

GOSPEL

PRIEST The Holy Gospel is written in the Gospel according to John, chapter 3, beginning at verse 14.

PEOPLE: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Mark 1: 1-11

PRIEST This is the Gospel of Christ

PEOPLE: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

REFLECTION

APOSTLES' CREED

PRIEST: Together we proclaim our faith: I believe in God...

ALL: the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE BAS 2

PRIEST: Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord Hear our prayer."

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST: Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST: Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST: Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST: Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST: Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST: Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

CONFESSION

PRIEST: Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways:

Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

ALL: ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

PRIEST: ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him:

Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMFORTABLE WORDS

PRIEST Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

THE PEACE

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

PEOPLE: And also with you.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS - PALM SUNDAY

ALL: Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER BCP

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And with thy spirit.

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them up unto the Lord.

PRIEST: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

PEOPLE: It is meet and right so to do.

PRIEST: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places,

give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

PRIEST: Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world;

and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

ALL: We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God

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PRIEST: And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

ALL: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRIEST: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

ALL: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as 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 for ever.

Amen.

PRE-COMMUNION

PRIEST: The gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRIEST: Almighty and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;

assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people;

and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

ALL: And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGY

INTRODUCTION

On Palm Sunday, the people of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death.

Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross.

We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death.

United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

ALTAR STRIPPING

We transition now from Palm Sunday to Good Friday.

Listen to the words of Psalm 22 while we strip the altar.

THE LENT CANDLES - WEEK 7 / GOOD FRIDAY

PRIEST: Each week during the season of Lent, we have been extinguishing one candle as we remember the ways in which God's light is gradually diminished in the world.

Today we remember each of those ways as we re-extinguish our first six candles.

And we extinguish our seventh and final candle, representing Jesus' death on the cross, and remembering those times when we actively oppose the light of Christ.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Yet that light is diminished...

- When we choose to follow our own ways instead of God's.

- When we choose not to recognize the light of Christ in others.
- When we are afraid to let others see our faith and we hide our light. When we jealously hold on to Christ's light and don't share it with others.
- When we choose not to see and accept the truth. When we seek power, popularity, and prestige.
- When we actively oppose the light.

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

INTRODUCTION

This year instead of our annual ecumenical Procession of the Cross between the Almonte Churches, we have created a virtual liturgy which we are calling "Come to the Cross". The liturgy combines elements of the Gospel accounts of the crucifixion with visual symbols which we will bring to the cross as we work our way through the story. At the end of each section, we will pray the words of the Trisagion together ("Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us").

Good Friday is a time of solemn remembrance and reflection. Despite this, we also know that "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it".

OPENING PRAYER

PRIEST: Holy God, your Son Jesus Christ carried our sins in his own body on the tree, so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in him, now and in the world to come, where he lives with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

1. THE CROSS

Speaker 1: Pilate said to the Jews, "Here is your King". They cried out, "Away with Him! Away with Him! Crucify Him!" (*John 19:14-17*)

Speaker 2: Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. (*Philippians 2.8-9*)

PRIEST. We pray together **ALL:** Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

2. THE PURPLE CLOTH

Speaker 1: With every symbol that is placed on the cross this day, we tell two stories: one of our Lord's

suffering passion; and another for our need of the saving Grace of God.

Speaker 2: The soldiers led Jesus into the courtyard of the palace; and they called together the whole court. Then they clothed Him in a purple cloak.

(Mark 15: 16 – 20)

The purple cloth is draped around the cross.

PRIEST. We pray together **ALL:** Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

3. THE CROWN OF THORNS

Speaker 1: There is within each of us a will for power and a longing for prestige. We hope for limelight more than we hope for the light of Christ.

Speaker 2: The soldiers twisted some thorns into a crown and they put it on Jesus' head. They put a reed in His right hand and knelt before Him and mocked Him saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

(Matthew 27: 27 – 31)

The crown of thorns is placed on the cross.

PRIEST. We pray together **ALL:** Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

4. THE NAILS

Speaker 1: The pain Jesus endured is beyond our ability to explain. And the crowd "stood by and watched". Are WE standing by to watch, or are we taking up our cross and following Him?

Speaker 2: So they took Jesus and, carrying the cross by himself, He went out to the place that is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified Him. *(John 19:14 -18)*

The nails are pounded into the cross.

PRIEST. We pray together **ALL:** Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

5. THE SIGN

Speaker 1: As men and women of faith, we seek to proclaim the name of Jesus. We give thanks for the fact that Christ was not just "King of the Jews", but truly "the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords".

Speaker 2: Pilate had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews". *(John 19: 19 – 22)*

The sign is placed on the cross.

PRIEST. We pray together **ALL:** Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

6. THE SPONGE AND STICK

Speaker 1: At three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, Lema, Sabachthani!" which means, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"

Speaker 2: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to Him to drink. Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed His last breath. *(Mark 15: 33 – 37)*

The sponge on a stick is placed leaning against the cross.

PRIEST. We pray together **ALL:** Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

7. THE SPEAR

Speaker 1: One of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.

Speaker 2: These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."*(John 19: 33 – 37)*

The spear is placed leaning against the cross.

PRIEST. We pray together **ALL:** Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

8. CONCLUSION

Speaker 1: Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus took the body of Jesus away. They wrapped it in strips of linen placed and placed it in a tomb in a nearby garden. *(John 19: 38 – 42)*

Speaker 2: The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment. *(Luke 23: 55)*

PRIEST. We pray together **ALL:** Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

CLOSING PRAYER

PRIEST. Almighty and eternal God, you have restored us to life by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ. Continue this healing work within us. May we who partake of this mystery

never cease to give you dedicated service. We ask
this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.