

We acknowledge the Tunxis, Sicaog, Wangunks and Poquonook people, the traditional custodians on the land on which Christ Church Cathedral is located. We pay respect to their elders, past and present. We respect their people and traditions as a continued call to live out the ministry of reconciliation to which we are called.

Welcome to our community! Wherever life is taking you, know that we are honored by your presence and invite you to experience God's life-giving grace with us at Christ Church Cathedral. As a community of faith we celebrate God's graciousness by proclaiming in word and deed that God's love is abundant and unconditional. At the Lord's Table, all baptized are welcome to receive Communion. Please turn off your cell phones once the prelude begins. Should you like to speak with a priest following the service, please contact an usher.

The congregation gathers outside of the Cathedral on Main Street for the distribution and blessing of palms.

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant 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.*

The Holy Gospel ~ Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

The palms are distributed.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also 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 forever. **Amen.**

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

People Hosanna in the highest.

The Procession

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

During the procession outside the Cathedral, all hold branches in their hands. At a suitable place, the procession may halt.



At this time, the procession halts for the reading of the psalm:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.
- Let Israel now proclaim, *"His mercy endures for ever."
- Open for me the gates of righteousness; *

 I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
 he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.
- 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.
- 25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! * LORD, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
 form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

At this time, the procession halts while the following collect is said:

Celebrant

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.**

Upon returning to the Cathedral:



Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins; People God's mercy endures for ever.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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 First Reading ~ 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 In te, Domine, speravi ~ Sung by the Choir

- 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.
- For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *
 my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- 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.
- 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.
- But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. * I have said, "You are my God.
- 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."

Second Reading ~ 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 ~ 1982 Hymnal # 160 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow

Cross of Jesus



THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

The passion narrative will be read by members of our community in a dialogue form.

The congregation is invited to stand when the word Golgotha is spoken.

The Sermon ~ The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Cathedral Dean

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

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

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all peoples everywhere.

For the holy catholic Church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ, and especially for all lay people in ECCT, bishops, priests, deacons, we pray:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those preparing for Confirmation and Reception at the Easter Vigil, especially for members of our Cathedral JoAnne Thomas and Jennifer Peck, we pray:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For justice, mercy and peace in all the world, and especially in the Holy Land, we pray:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who are tempted, oppressed, afflicted or in need, we pray,

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who have requested our prayers: Will, Kathleen R., Connie, Joan Z, Maïa, Lee, Almeta, Camille, Gerard, Lourdes, Lenora, Ardyce, Mike R., Jennifer, Andrew, Benjamin, Adrianne, Felicity, Sherrod, Graham, Richard, Mark, Bill, Betty Jo, Michael, Jason, Andrew, Jeannie, Denise, Shelly N., Dennis, Charlene, Marcia, Sean, Mary, Andrew, David, Shaun, Thomas, Alberto, Kelley, Allison, Dina, Aubrey, Bill, Grace, Ben, Frank, Eric, Nelson, Joan, Treviana, Bob, Tyrone, Todd, Rosa, Miguel, Javon, Debbie, Julian, Rose, Samy, Eugenia, Louis, Sylvia, Anne, Harmony, Cristianne, Joslin, Mary Ellen, Sheila, Priscilla, Guale, Mercy, Deborah, Pam, and for those we now name in our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the dying and the dead and for those who mourn, especially Kerry Wiland.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For an end to gun violence. May we work together to build beloved community and bring an end to senseless and violent death.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, Lord our God, who sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and as we near the holy mountains grant us strength on our journey; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Healing Prayer

Healing Anthem ~ Come, ye disconsolate

Alice Parker

Liam Shannon, soloist

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements ~ The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Cathedral Dean

Offertory Anthem ~ Ride on, ride on in majesty

Grayston Ives

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry, thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die,
O Christ thy triumph now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see the approaching sacrifice. Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh; the Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.





The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer C

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

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.

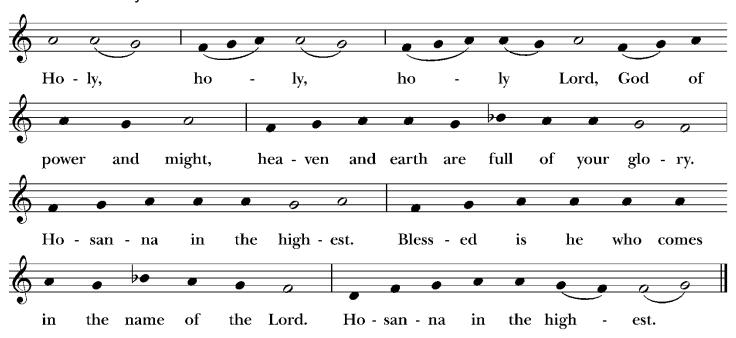
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, 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 a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his 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:



And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, 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 Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he 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, he 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 many 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.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord 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 the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

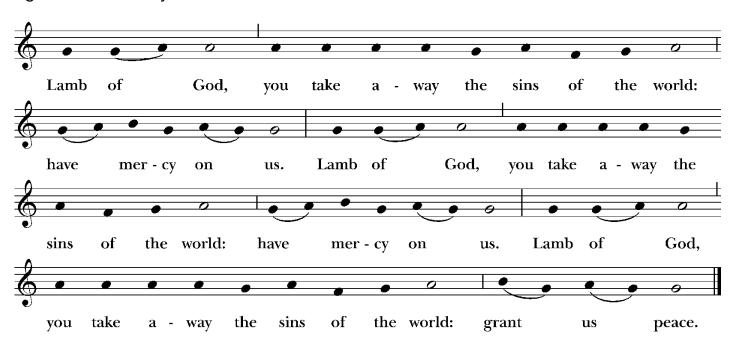
A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei ~ 1982 Hymnal # S160

Mason Martens



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The celebrant leads a prayer for spiritual communion for those worshipping online.

Act of Spiritual Communion

God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your eternal glory; through Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When coming forward to receive Holy Communion, please follow the direction given by the ushers. If you are unable to come to the front, please let an usher know and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Communion Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal # 458 My song is love unknown (vv. 1,2,7) Love Unknown



7 Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine: never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, 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.

Solemn Prayer Over the People

In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used, as follows:

The Deacon says

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel as able, and the Celebrant says the following prayer:

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 sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**



Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Since 1762, this Christian community has gathered for worship. To learn more about the ministries we share in this place, you are invited to speak to the clergy or parishioners after the service.

Serving at 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant & Preacher The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Cathedral Dean The Rev. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon **Assistina**

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Serving at 10:00 a.m.

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