



THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

Detroit, Michigan

The Very Reverend Joseph Caldwell Alsay
Dean of the Cathedral

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Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan

MARCH 29, 2026

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY THE LITURGY OF PALMS, CHORAL EUCHARIST, AND THE PASSION, 11:00 AM

with the Cathedral Choir

*Sunlight through Palm Leaves, by George Hunter.
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Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul! Our vision is to be an extraordinary spiritual gathering place where people of all backgrounds and ages are welcome to question and learn, pray, worship and serve; being loved by God in ways that change and improve their lives and the lives of others.

Concerning the Service

Our service this morning begins at the West End of the Cathedral with one of Scripture's narratives of Jesus' palm parade entrance into the holy city. You are invited to join the Procession by meeting in Barth Hall, or at the West End of the Cathedral for the blessing of palms, then to continue down the center or side aisles to your seat during the Processional Hymns. It is also acceptable for you to take your seat in the Cathedral before the service.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Organ

Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

The service begins at the West End of the Cathedral. The Celebrant begins

BELOVED in Christ, for these forty days we have journeyed with Jesus from the wilderness up to the gates of Jerusalem. As we join with all the faithful and celebrate his entry in both triumph and humility, let us welcome him with cries of "Hosanna," and may his praise be on our lips even as we walk with him toward the cross and the grave, confident in God's power to save.

Cantor or Celebrant

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

People

Peace in heaven and glory in the high-est.

Let us pray.

ASSIST us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that as we greet our Savior with joy at his entry into Jerusalem, we may follow him in humility and contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

THE PROCESSION

Celebrant



Let us go forth in peace.

People



In the name of Christ. A - men.

All sing

At the Procession, Hymn

All glory, laud, and honor

Valet will ich dir geben

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 godd 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*, Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1899)

The Procession stops in the Great Crossing and the Celebrant sings this Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, your Son Jesus Christ showed himself to be the true king, reigning with humility and service, and was hailed by the crowd as Messiah. Grant us the faith to know and love him, that we may accompany him on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Procession continues and all sing
Hymn

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

Winchester New

1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho -
2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride
3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel ar - mies
4 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and fierc - est
5 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride

1 san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road with
2 on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umph now be - gin o'er
3 of the sky look down with sad and won - dering eyes to
4 strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire throne ex -
5 on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal pain, then

1 palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
2 cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
3 see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
4 pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
5 take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Words Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868), alt.

Music Winchester New; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1899)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect of the Day

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.*

Please be seated.

The Epistle

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.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able and sing

Hymn 474

When I survey the wondrous cross

Rockingham

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Joseph C. Alsay

Please stand as you are able.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant

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.

Intercessor

For the holy catholic church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For Bonnie, our bishop; for Joseph our Dean and Anthony, our priest; for Mike, deacon in the Detroit Church Partnership; and for all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those preparing for baptism, confirmation, and reception, and for all who wish to be born of the Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families. *Lord, have mercy.*

For justice, mercy, and peace in all the world. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who are tempted, oppressed, afflicted, or in need. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the dying and the dead, and for those who mourn. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love. *Lord, have mercy.*

The Dean may add further petitions and then continues

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Paul, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People To you, O Lord.

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 mountain grant us strength on our journey; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Remaining seated, all sing

Hymn 458

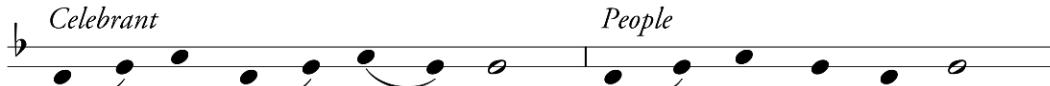
My song is love unknown

Love Unknown

Please stand. The Celebrant then begins the Great Thanksgiving.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*



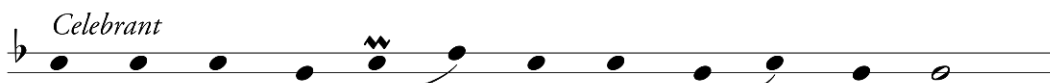
The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.

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 our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

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:

The Choir sings

Sanctus and Benedictus

Missa Secunda, Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Sabaoth.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest*

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

HOLY and gracious Lord: 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 Creator 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Lord, 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 God,

A musical staff with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody consists of a quarter note 'n', a quarter note 'o', a quarter note 'w', a quarter note 'a', a quarter note 'n', a quarter note 'd', a quarter note 'f', a quarter note 'o', a quarter note 'r', a quarter note 'e', a quarter note 'v', a quarter note 'e', a quarter note 'r', a quarter note 'A', a quarter note 'M', a quarter note 'E', and a quarter note 'N'. There are slurs under the 'e', 'v', 'e', 'r' and 'A', 'M', 'E', 'N' groups.
now and for ev- er. A- MEN.

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

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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept.

The Choir then sings

Agnus Dei

Hassler

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

At the Communion,

Organ

Prelude on *Love Unknown*

Matthew Corl (b. 1965)

Motet

Thomas Morley (c. 1557-1602)

NOLO mortem peccatoris; Haec sunt verba Salvatoris.
"I do not wish the death of a sinner." *These are the words of the Savior.*

Father I am thine only Son, sent down from heaven mankind to save.

Father, all things fulfilled and done according to thy will, I have.

Father, my will now all is this: Nolo mortem peccatoris.

Father, behold my painful smart, taken for man on ev'ry side;

E'en from my birth to death most tart, no kind of pain I have denied,

But suffered all, and all for this: Nolo mortem peccatoris.

John Redford (?-1547)

After the Communion, all say together
The Post-Communion Prayer

LORD Jesus Christ,
you set your example before us
as one who came not to be served but to serve:
Give us the courage to be your faithful disciples,
following your way even to the cross,
and proclaiming you as Savior and King. Amen.

The Congregation is seated.

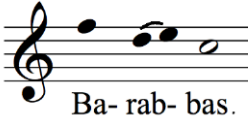
THE PASSION

During the singing of the Passion, the Congregation joins the Choir in singing the part of the 'Crowd' as directed.

The Passion

Saint Matthew 27:11-54

plainchant
arr. Ormonde Plater (1933-2016)

- Evangelist* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,
- Pilate* "Are you the King of the Jews?"
- Evangelist* Jesus said,
- Jesus* "You say so."
- Evangelist* But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,
- Pilate* "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"
- Evangelist* But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,
- Pilate* "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"
- Evangelist* For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,
- Pilate's Wife* "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."
- Evangelist* Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,
- Pilate* "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"
- Evangelist* And they said,
- Crowd* 
Ba- rab- bas.
- Evangelist* Pilate said to them,

Pilate “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

Evangelist All of them said,

Crowd 
Let him be cru-ci-fied!

Evangelist Then he asked,

Pilate “Why, what evil has he done?”

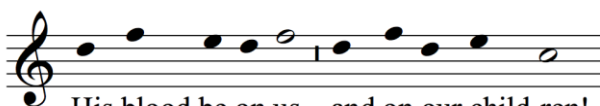
Evangelist But they shouted all the more,

Crowd 
Let him be cru-ci-fied!

Evangelist So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”

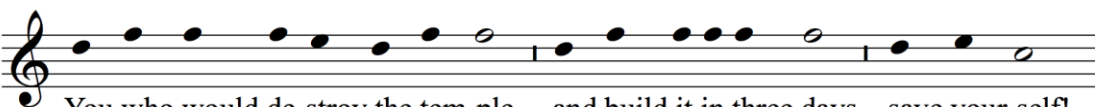
Evangelist Then the people as a whole answered,

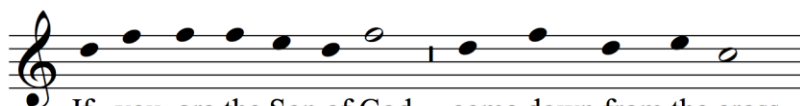
Crowd 
His blood be on us, and on our child-ren!

Evangelist So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers “Hail, King of the Jews!”


Evangelist They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), [*Please stand as you are able.*] they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Crowd 
You who would de-destroy the tem-ple and build it in three days, save your-self!



If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Evangelist In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,


Crowd




He saved oth-ers; he can-not save him-self.



He is the King of Is-ra-el; let him come down from the cross now,



and we will be-lieve in him. He trusts in God, let God de-liv-er him now,



if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son."

Evangelist The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,


Jesus "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

Evangelist That is,

Jesus "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Evangelist When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,


Crowd



This man is call-ing for El- i- jah.

Evangelist At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Crowd




Wait, let us see whe-ther El-i-jah will come to save him.

Evangelist Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Pause and kneel a while as you are able.

Evangelist At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Crowd



Tru-ly this man was God's Son!

The People are seated. The Choir sings
Motet

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

DROP, drop, slow tears,
And bathe those beauteous feet,
Which brought from Heav'n
The news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes,
His mercies to entreat;
To cry for vengeance:
Sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods
Drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let His eye see
Sin, but through my tears.

Phineas Fletcher, *Poetical Miscellanies*, 1633

THE SENDING RITE

Please stand.

The Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant

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.*

The Dismissal is given and the People respond

Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral.

Organ

Prelude in B minor, BWV 544

Coffee Hour

This morning's coffee hour in Barth Hall is hosted by Clement and Prema Prabakaran.

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT THE CATHEDRAL



March 29, The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer in Nativity Chapel
8:15 a.m. The Liturgy of the Palms, the Passion, and Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. The Liturgy of the Palms, Choral Eucharist, and Sung Passion
with the Cathedral Choir

Please note that Evensong will not be offered this day.

March 30, Monday in Holy Week

- 7:00 p.m. A Prayer Service for Anxious Times
This service will take place across our diocese and across the church. We know that Holy Week does not rush past sorrow, grief, or despair. We enter this time of prayer with tenderness towards ourselves and one another, and with confidence in the mercy of Christ, who walks this path with us.

March 31, Tuesday in Holy Week

Bishop Perry and Bishop Kreiss will celebrant two, joint Chrism Masses. We invite clergy and lay to attend either one.

Chrism Mass & Clergy Renewal of Vows
The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit, 11:00 a.m.

Holy Faith Church, Saline, 7:00 p.m.

April 2, Maundy Thursday

- 7:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist with Foot Washing
with the Cathedral Choir
A prayer vigil follows the service until 12 Midnight.

April 3, Good Friday

- 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy *with the Schola Cantorum*
2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae – A Service of Shadows

April 4, Easter Eve

- 8:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter | Bishop Perry, Celebrant; Dean Alsay, Preacher
Holy Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception
with the Cathedral Singers

April 5, Easter Day

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist in Nativity Chapel | Dean Alsay, Celebrant and Preacher
8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist in Nativity Chapel | Dean Alsay, Celebrant; Bishop Perry, Preacher
9:45 a.m. Easter Brunch
10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 a.m. Holy Baptism and Festal Choral Eucharist | Dean Alsay, Celebrant; Bishop Perry, Preacher
with the Cathedral Choir and St. Paul's Brass

Please note that Evensong is not offered on Easter Day.



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