



April 10, 2022 - Palm Sunday

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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.*

Song (procession into the church)

Hosanna

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

*Lord, we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise
Be exalted, O Lord our God Hosanna in the highest*

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings

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The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself 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 come to 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 Lessons

Galatians 6 (see booklet)

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ According to St. Luke (23:1-49)

Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. ² And they began to accuse him, saying, "**We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.**" ³ And Pilate asked him, "**Are you the King of the Jews?**" And he answered him, "**You have said so.**" ⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "**I find no guilt in this man.**" ⁵ But they were urgent, saying, "**He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.**" ⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷ And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. ⁹ So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ And Herod with his

soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate.¹² And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,¹⁴ and said to them, **"You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him."**¹⁵ Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him.¹⁶ **I will therefore punish and release him."**^{17 18} But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas" --¹⁹ a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder.²⁰ Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus,²¹ but they kept shouting, **"Crucify, crucify him!"**²² A third time he said to them, **"Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him."**²³ But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed.²⁴ So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted.²⁵ He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.²⁶ And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him.²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, **"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."**²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!'³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.'³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.³⁴ And Jesus said, **"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."** And they cast lots to divide his garments.³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, **"He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!"**³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, **"Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"**⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, **"Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"**⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."⁴² And he said, **"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."**⁴³ And he said to him, **"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."**⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour,⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.⁴⁶ Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, **"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!"** And having said this he breathed his last.⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, **"Certainly this man was innocent!"**⁴⁸ And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts.⁴⁹ And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

Jesus

Priests and People

Pilate

First Thief

Second Thief

Jesus At The Center

Jesus at the center of it all

Nothing else matters, nothing in this world will do

Jesus at the center of it all

Jesus, You're the center, and everything

From beginning to the end

revolves around You

It will always be, it's always been You,

Jesus, You, the center of it all

Jesus

The center of it all

Jesus be the center of my life
Jesus be the center of my life
From beginning to the end
It will always be, it's always been You,
Jesus
From my heart to the heavens
Jesus be the center
It's all about You

Yes, it's all about You

Jesus be the center of Your Church
Jesus be the center of Your Church
And every knee will bow
And every tongue shall confess You,
Jesus

Sermon: Boasting in the Cross – Pastor Steve Noll

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered 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

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”
[Add particular petitions silently or aloud before “Lord, in your mercy...”]

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Martyn, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service,

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity,

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We give thanks to you for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer for Our Pastor-Elect

We thank you, O heavenly Father, for having guided our church in the search for a new pastor. We pray for the Diocese as it concludes the search process. We pray for Ethan and Natasha and Briar as they prepare to leave their home and congregation in Rwanda. We pray that you will open doors for them to travel to Pittsburgh and find a home. Above all, we pray that you will by your Spirit prepare our hearts to receive them with joy, thanksgiving and expectation, that together we may be a witness in our community and beyond. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Most merciful God we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole

heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name; through Christ our Lord.

The Peace, Announcements, and Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*

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

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

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away, you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son. *You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.*

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. *He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.*

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends, he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him; his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven: **(sung)** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

The Lord's Prayer (together)

Holy Communion

(We invite baptized believers to share the Table with us. You may ask the Priest for bread only or gluten free bread. Cross your arms if you wish only a blessing)

When I Survey the Wonderful Cross / Hosanna

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

Hosanna in the highest
Let our King be lifted up hosanna

Be lifted higher, higher
Be lifted higher

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, 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.

The Blessing and Dismissal

All of our problems: *We send to the cross of Christ*

All of our difficulties: *We send to the cross of Christ*

All of the devil's works: *We send to the cross of Christ*

And all of our hopes: *We set on the risen Lord!*

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace. And the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.

Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

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