

# Nurture Good News

*"For all of you share in God's grace." (Philippians 1:7)*



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THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

### LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND PASSION

*Sunday, April 13, 2025*



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## ~ ***THE PALMS*** ~

*On this Palm Sunday, let us once again welcome Jesus into our lives. As we do so, let us once again welcome and partake Christ's gift of sustenance into our lives.*

~ Bread of Life Liturgy, Illustrated Ministry

### **PRELUDE**

### **THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM.....LUKE 19:28-40**

- Narrator: After he had said this, he 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,
- Jesus: "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.'"
- Narrator: So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them,
- All: "Why are you untying the colt?"**
- Disciples: They said, "The Lord needs it."
- Narrator: 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.
- Now as he was 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,

**All: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"**

Narrator: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,

Pharisees: "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

Jesus: "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

O give thanks to the Lord whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

*Children (and children-at-heart) are invited to gather in the hallway with their palms.*

## **GATHERING**

LET US COME TO WORSHIP GOD

GTG #387

by I-to Loh

HIAO HOIAN

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

People of Cuyahoga Valley, bring your garments and branches—

Jesus is coming into town! Shout Hosanna!

**Hosanna! Our deliverer has come! Let all the hungry be fed!**

Jesus, the servant king, has come to show us a new kind of power.

**Hosanna! Our liberator will set the prisoners free!**

Let us worship the one who will save us from corruption.

Shout Hosanna to the King of Kings!

**Hosanna! Hosanna! The bread of life has come to sustain us.**

**Believing this promise, let us worship together**

## **PROCESSIONAL**

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

GTG #197

by Jenette Threlfall

ELLACOMBE

*During the processional, you are invited to wave your palms.*

**THE PLOT TO KILL JESUS.....LUKE 22:1-6**

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and saving God, we confess we place our hope in the forces of wealth and status and systems of power, rather than in the humility of Christ. We ignore the cries of the poor, the marginalized, and the suffering, choosing instead the easy path of complicity. We fail to notice how the cries for justice mirror the “Hosannas” of hope.

Forgive us, O God, for placing our trust in the powers of this world rather than in the power of your love. Renew our hearts and minds and lead us back to the path of true salvation, where love, justice, and peace reign. Amen. *[Silent Confession]*

## **\*RESPONSE**

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

GTG #422

PSALM 51

CREATE IN ME (Capers)

## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Though we have often turned away,  
God in Christ offers us grace and peace.

**In Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we are made whole.**

## **\*THE NEW COMMANDMENT.....JOHN 13-14**

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **CHILDREN’S CHOIR**

SHALOM, MY FRIEND!

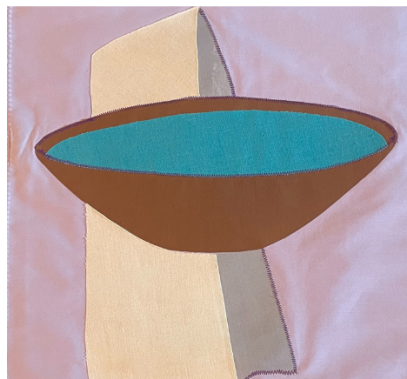
## **LITANY OF SENDING**

One: Let us send our kids with God’s love.

**All: May God be with you there.**

**Kids: May God be with you here.**





## ~ THE PASSOVER ~

*We come to the table not because we are perfect Christians. Rather, we come, sit, and eat the goodness of God because everyone deserves God's protection.*

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### SACRED RECIPES

### HALF AND HALF COOKIES



### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### HOMILY

### PASSOVER BREAD

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**THE INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER .....LUKE 22:14-23**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

**COMMUNION**

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God, in your mercy,

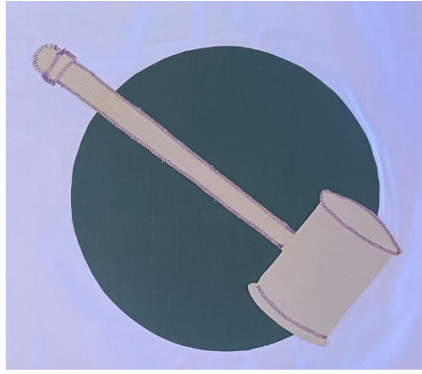
**Hosanna, save us.**

**JESUS PRAYS ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES.....LUKE 22:39-44**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**STRIPPING OF THE PARAMENTS.....LUKE 22:43-44**





## ~ ***THE PASSION*** ~

*Today, Jesus' body is brutally broken. Our wounded healer calls us to the cross, where his brokenness meets his fullness, loves us as broken as we are, and makes us whole.*

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### **THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.....LUKE 22-23**

Narrator:     *The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ*

### **THE BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS.....LUKE 22:47-53**

### **PETER DENIES JESUS.....LUKE 22:54-62**

### **JESUS BEFORE THE COUNCIL.....LUKE 22:66-71**

Narrator:     When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

**Assembly:**     **"If you are the Messiah, tell us."**

Narrator:     He replied,

Jesus:         "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

Narrator:     All of them asked,

**Assembly:**     **"Are you, then, the Son of God?"**

Narrator:     He said to them,

Jesus:         "You say that I am."

Narrator:     Then they said,

**Assembly:**     **"What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"**

## JESUS BEFORE PILATE.....LUKE 23:1-5

Narrator: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,  
**Assembly: "We found this man inciting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."**

Narrator: Then Pilate asked him,  
Pilate: "Are you the king of the Jews?"  
Narrator: He answered,  
Jesus: "You say so."  
Narrator: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,  
Pilate: "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."  
Narrator: But they were insistent and said,  
**Assembly: "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."**

## JESUS BEFORE HEROD.....LUKE 23:6-12

## JESUS SENTENCED TO DEATH.....LUKE 23:13-25

Narrator: Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people and said to them,  
Pilate: "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people, and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."  
Narrator: Then they all shouted out together,  
**Assembly: "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"**  
Narrator: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city and for murder.)  
Narrator: Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again, but they kept shouting,  
**Assembly: "Crucify, crucify him!"**



## THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS.....LUKE 23:26-43

- Narrator: As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.
- Narrator: A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.
- Jesus: But Jesus turned to them and said,  
"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"
- Narrator: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,
- Jesus: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."
- Narrator: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,
- Leaders: **"He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"**
- Narrator: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying,
- Soldiers: **"If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"**
- Narrator: There was also an inscription over him,  
"This is the King of the Jews."
- Narrator: One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,
- Criminal: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

Narrator: But the other rebuked him, saying,  
 Criminal: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."  
 Narrator: Then he said,  
 Criminal: "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom."  
 Narrator: He replied,  
 Jesus: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

# **THE DEATH OF JESUS.....LUKE 23:44-49**

Narrator: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said,  
 Jesus: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."  
 Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last.  
 Narrator: When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,  
 Centurion: **"Certainly this man was innocent."**

<b>HYMN</b>	AH, HOLY JESUS	GTG #218
	Johann Heerman	HERLIEBSTER JESU

# **THE BURIAL OF JESUS.....LUKE 23:50-56**

<b>POSTLUDE</b>	O MAN, BEMOAN THY GRIEVOUS SINS	BMV622
	by Sebald Heyden	arr. J.S. Bach

*You are invited to depart without a benediction.*

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**MAUNDY THURSDAY:**  
POTLUCK AND TABLE WORSHIP, 6:00PM

**GOOD FRIDAY:**  
NOON

**EASTER SUNDAY:**  
9:30AM BREAKFAST; 10AM EGG HUNT  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, 10:30AM