

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSION

All gather outside for the blessing of the Palms

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

GOSPEL FOR THE PROCESSION

Luke 19:28-40

Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem.
As he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany
at the place called the Mount of Olives,
he sent two of his disciples.
He said, "Go into the village opposite you,
and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered
on which no one has ever sat.
Untie it and bring it here.
And if anyone should ask you,
'Why are you untying it?'
you will answer,
'The Master has need of it.'"
So those who had been sent went off
and found everything just as he had told them.
And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them,
"Why are you untying this colt?"
They answered, "The Master has need of it."
So they brought it to Jesus,
threw their cloaks over the colt,
and helped Jesus to mount.
As he rode along,
the people were spreading their cloaks on the road;
and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives,
the whole multitude of his disciples
began to praise God aloud with joy
for all the mighty deeds they had seen.
They proclaimed:
 "Blessed is the king who comes
 in the name of the Lord.
 Peace in heaven
 and glory in the highest."
Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,
"Teacher, rebuke your disciples."
He said in reply,
"I tell you, if they keep silent,
the stones will cry out!"

GATHERING SONG

Hosana to the Son of David

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Son of Da - vid! O



blest is he, O blest is he who comes in the name of the

Verses



Lord!

1. Re - joice, daugh - ter of Zi - on,
2. Re - joice, all who are thirst - ing
3. Re - joice, all who are long - ing
4. Re - joice, all who are search - ing
5. Re - joice, all who are hop - ing
6. Re - joice, all who are wait - ing
7. Re - joice, all who are call - ing
8. Re - joice, all who are hun - gry



1. in the One who brings great joy!
 2. for the streams of liv - ing joy!
 3. to be - hold the face of God!
 4. for the truth of ho - ly light!
 5. for the reign of peace and love!
 6. for the dawn of heav - en's light!
 7. on the name of God on high!
 8. for the taste of liv - ing bread!
- Sing praise, chil -



1-8. - dren of Ju - dah, for the Lord is close at hand!

to Refrain

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SIGN OF THE CROSS

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

GREETING

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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COLLECT

Priest: Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

The Lord GOD has given me
a well-trained tongue,
that I might know how to speak to the weary
a word that will rouse them.
Morning after morning
he opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.
I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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SECOND READING

Philippeans 2:6-11

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Philippeans

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Luke 22:14-23:56

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Narrator: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at table with the apostles. He said to them,

Jesus: "I have eagerly **desired to** eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

Narrator: Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said:

Jesus: "Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you that from this time on

I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Narrator: Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me."

Narrator: And **likewise**, the cup after they had eaten, saying,

Jesus: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you. "And yet behold, the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table; for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed."

Narrator: And they began to debate among themselves who among them would do such a deed.

Then an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. He said to them,

Jesus: "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as 'Benefactors'; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves. It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back you must strengthen your brothers."

Narrator: He said to him,

Speaker: "Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you."

Narrator: But he replied,

Jesus: "I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me."

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: "When I sent you forth without a money bag or a sack or sandals, were you in need of anything?"

Chorus: "No, nothing,"

Narrator: They replied. He said to them,

Jesus: "But now one who has a money bag should take it, and likewise a sack, and one who does not have a sword should sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me, namely, He was counted among the wicked; and indeed, what is written about me is coming to fulfillment."

Narrator: Then they said,

Chorus: "Lord, look, there are two swords here." Narrator:
But he replied,

Jesus: "It is enough!"

Narrator: Then going out, he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived at the place he said to them,

Jesus: "Pray that you may not undergo the test."

Narrator: After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying,

Jesus: "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done."

Narrator: And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him. He was in such agony, and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground. When he rose from prayer and returned to his disciples, he found them sleeping from grief. He said to them,

Jesus: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test."

Narrator: While he was still speaking, a crowd approached and in front was one of the twelve, a man named Judas. He went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus: "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

Narrator: His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked,

Chorus: "Lord, shall we strike with a sword?"

Narrator: And one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said in reply,

Jesus: "Stop, no more of this!"

Narrator: Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him. And Jesus said to the chief priests and temple guards and elders who had come for him,

Jesus: "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? Day after day I was with you in the temple area, and you did not seize me; but this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness."

Narrator: After arresting him they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest; Peter was following at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with them. When a maid saw him seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said,

Chorus: "This man too was with him."

Narrator: But he denied it saying,

Speaker: "Woman, I do not know him."

Narrator: A short while later someone else saw him and said,

Chorus: "You too are one of them";

Narrator: but Peter answered,

Speaker: "My friend, I am not."

Narrator: About an hour later, still another insisted,

Chorus: "Assuredly, this man too was with him, for he also is a Galilean."

Narrator: But Peter said,

Speaker: "My friend, I do not know what you are talking about."

Narrator: Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked at Peter, and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly.

The men who held Jesus in custody were ridiculing and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying,

Chorus: "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"

Narrator: And they reviled him in saying many other things against him.

When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said,

Chorus: "If you are the Christ, tell us,"

Narrator: but he replied to them,

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

Narrator: They all asked,

Chorus: "Are you then the Son of God?"

Narrator: He replied to them,

Jesus: "You say that I am."

Narrator: Then they said,

Chorus: "What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from his own mouth."

Narrator: Then the whole assembly of them arose and brought him before Pilate. They brought charges against him, saying,

Chorus: "We found this man misleading our people, he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Christ, a king."

Narrator: Pilate asked him,

Speaker: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Narrator: He said to him in reply,

Jesus: "You say so."

Narrator: Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds,

Speaker: "I find this man not guilty."

Narrator: But they were adamant and said,

Chorus: "He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to here."

Narrator: On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; and upon learning that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them,

Speaker: "You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So, no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore, I shall have him flogged and then release him."

Narrator: But all together they shouted out,

Chorus: "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us."

Narrator: Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for murder. Again, Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting,

Chorus: "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Narrator: Pilate addressed them a third time,

Speaker: "What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime. Therefore, I shall have him flogged and then release him."

Narrator: With loud shouts, however, they persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices prevailed. The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted. So, he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished.

As they led him away, they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time people will say to the

mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?"

Narrator: Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed.

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

Narrator: They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said,

Chorus: "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God."

Narrator: Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out,

Chorus: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself."

Narrator: Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,

Speaker: "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us."

Narrator: The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,

Speaker: "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal."

Narrator: Then he said,

Speaker: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Narrator: He replied to him,

Jesus: "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Narrator: It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

Jesus: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit";

Narrator: and when he had said this, he breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said,

Speaker: "This man was innocent beyond doubt."

Narrator: When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events. *

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, had not consented to their plan of action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea and was awaiting the kingdom of God. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried. It was the day of preparation, and the sabbath was about to begin. The women who had come from Galilee

with him followed behind, and when they had seen the tomb and the way in which the body was laid in it, they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils. Then they rested on the sabbath according to the commandment.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

THE CREED

All: I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

All: Lord, Hear our prayer.

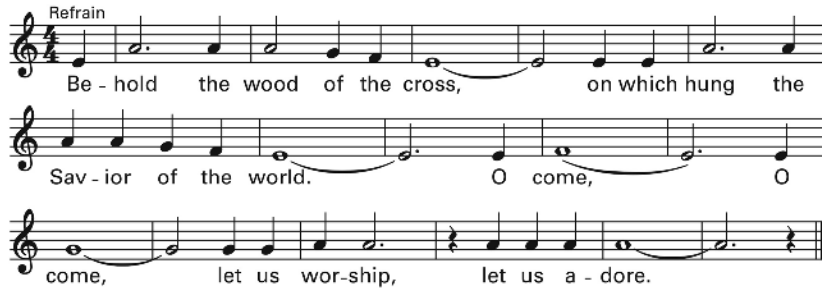
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OFFERTORY SONG

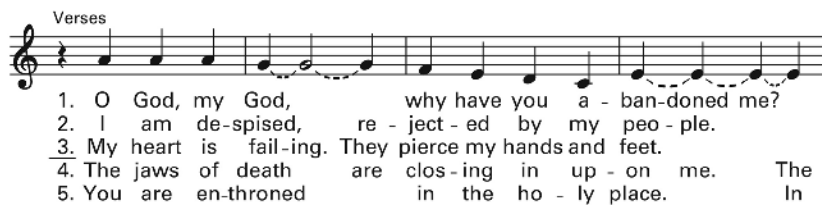
Wood of the Cross

Refrain



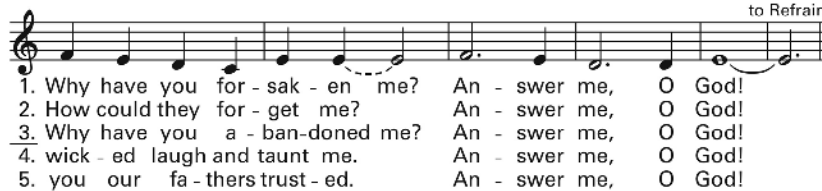
Be - hold the wood of the cross, on which hung the
Sav - ior of the world. O come, O
come, let us wor-ship, let us a - dore.

Verses



1. O God, my God, why have you a - ban-doned me?
2. I am de-spised, re - ject - ed by my peo - ple.
3. My heart is fail-ing. They pierce my hands and feet.
4. The jaws of death are clos-ing in up - on me. The
5. You are en-throned in the ho - ly place. In

to Refrain



1. Why have you for - sak - en me? An - swer me, O God!
2. How could they for - get me? An - swer me, O God!
3. Why have you a - ban-doned me? An - swer me, O God!
4. wick - ed laugh and taunt me. An - swer me, O God!
5. you our fa - thers trust - ed. An - swer me, O God!

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All: Blessed be God for ever (x2)

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

Priest: Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

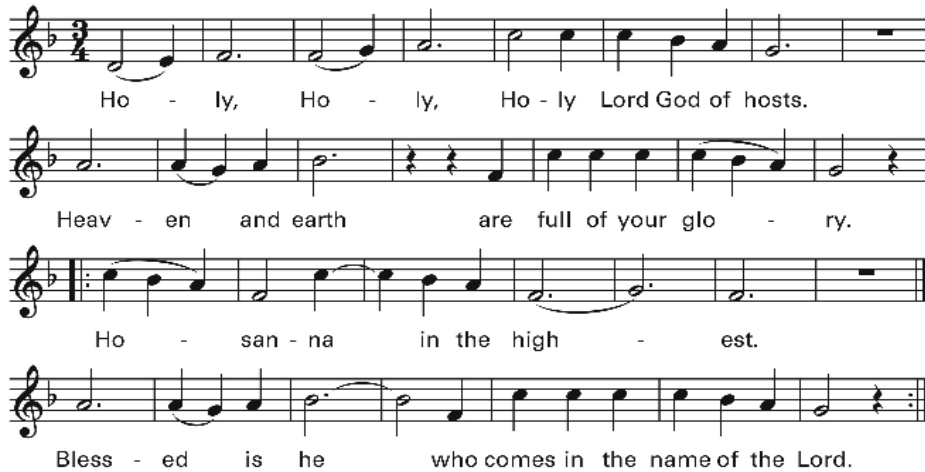
Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

HOLY



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your
Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a - gain.

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Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: **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.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

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

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,
mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with a repeat sign and a 'Final' marking above it. The lyrics 'mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.' are written below the second staff.

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COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that you are truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul.

Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as being already there,

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

COMMUNION SONG

O Sacred Head Surrounded



- 1a. O Sa - cred Head, sur - round - ed By crown of pierc - ing thorn!
2a. In this, your bit - ter pas - sion, Good Shep - herd, think of me
3a. What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank you, dear - est friend,
*1b. O Sa - cred Head, sur - round - ed By crown of pierc - ing thorn!
2b. O Love, all love tran - scend - ing, O Wis - dom from on high!
3b. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee, Up - on the cross our King!



- 1a. O bleed - ing Head, so wound - ed, Re - viled and put to scorn!
2a. With your most kind com - pas - sion, Un - worth - y though I be:
3a. For this, your dy - ing sor - row, Your mer - cy with - out end?
1b. O bleed - ing Head, so wound - ed, Re - viled and put to scorn!
2b. O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, Sur - ren - dered up to die!
3b. We hum - bly bow be - fore thee, And of thy vic - t'ry sing!



- 1a. The pow'r of death comes o'er you, The glow of life de - cays,
2a. Be - neath your cross a - bid - ing, For - ev - er would I rest,
3a. Lord, make me yours for - ev - er, A loy - al ser - vant true,
1b. No come - li - ness or beau - ty Thy wound - ed face be - trays,
2b. Was e'er a love so won - drous! That from his heav'n - ly throne
3b. Thy cross is our sal - va - tion, Our hope from day to day,



- 1a. Yet an - gel hosts a - dore you, And trem - ble as they gaze.
2a. In your dear love con - fid - ing, And with your pres - ence blest.
3a. And let me nev - er, nev - er Out - live my love for you.
1b. Yet an - gel hosts a - dore thee And trem - ble as they gaze.
2b. God should de - scend a - mong us To suf - fer for his own.
3b. Our peace and con - so - la - tion When life shall fade a - way.

Text: 76 76 D; *Salve caput crucentatum*; ascr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

FINAL BLESSING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL SONG

Were You There?



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you



1. there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
2. there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
3. there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!



- 1-3. Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



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Text: 10 10 14 10. Text and music: African American Spiritual