

Palm Sunday
Order of Worship
APRIL 21, 2019 Cycle C



Mary of Magdala, Apostle to the Apostles Catholic Church
A Vatican II, Inclusive Eucharistic Community
Wauwatosa WI
Rev. Alice laquinta, presider

Please join us for the Triduum Liturgies of Holy Week

All services are at 7:00 P.M.

Holy Thursday

Good Friday

Saturday Easter Vigil

Please bring flowers for the Easter Vigil and Easter Morning.

Easter Sunday Mass at 9:45 A.M.

Cover Art:
James Tissott,
The Procession on the Mount of Olives,
1886-94, Brooklyn Museum of Art.

OPENING RITES

(We will gather in the west parking lot, weather permitting)

Entrance Antiphon

All: *Hosana to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosana in the highest.*

Introduction

Blessing of Palms

All: Almighty God, we pray you bless + these branches and make them holy. Increase the faith of your people and listen to our prayers. Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus our servant Messiah, by carrying these branches. May we honor you every day by living always in him, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40 *(read outside of the church)*

Jesus went ahead with the ascent to Jerusalem. Approaching Bethphage and Bethany, near what is called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of the disciples with these instructions: *“Go into the village ahead of you. Upon entering it, you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and lead it back. If anyone should ask you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Rabbi needs it.’”* They departed on their errand and found things just as Jesus had said. As they untied the colt, its owners said to them, *“Why are you doing that?”* They explained that the Rabbi needed it. Then the disciples led the animal to Jesus and, laying their cloaks on it, helped him mount. People spread their cloaks on the roadway as Jesus rode along. As they reached the descent from the Mount of Olives, the entire crowd of disciples joined them and began to rejoice and praise God loudly for the display of power they had seen, saying: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of Our God! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest! Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, *“Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”* Jesus replied, *“I tell you, if they were to keep silent, the very stones would cry out!”*
The Good News of Salvation

R: Glory and praise to you, Jesus Christ!

Procession into Church and Gathering Hymn *(After the Gospel is read)*

Greeting

Opening Prayer: *(Priest begins)*

All: *(At the conclusion)* **Come, Holy Spirit, and renew in us the power of your fire, that we may strive to forgive, to work tirelessly for justice and peace, and to love deeply, despite the difficulty. We ask this through our brother Jesus the Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hebrew Old Testament reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

God has given me a skilled and well-trained tongue, so that I can sustain the weary a word with a timely word. Morning after morning, God awakens me to hear as the disciples do. God opened my ears and I was not disobedient; I did not turn back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who humiliated me. I did not hide my face from insult or spitting. God helps me, therefore I am not dishonored; therefore I have set my face like flint. I know I will not be put to shame. The Word of our God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Psalm

Christian New Testament reading: The letter of Paul to the Philippians, 2: 5-11

Each of you should think of the interests of others before your own. Your attitude must be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Christ, though he was in the image of God, did not deem equality with God something to be clung to--- But instead became completely empty and took the image of oppressed humankind. Born into the human condition, found in the likeness of a human being, Jesus was thus humbled— obediently accepting death, even death on a cross!

Because of this, God highly exalted Christ and gave to Jesus the name above every other name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth, and tongue proclaim to the glory of God. Jesus Christ reigns supreme!

The Word of our God.

All: Thanks be to God!

(Please be seated for the reading of the Passion)

Passion Reading: Luke 22:14 — 23:56

NARRATOR: When the hour had come, Jesus took a place at the table with the apostles. Jesus said to them:

JESUS: I have longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. I tell you, I will not eat it again until everything is fulfilled in the reign of God.

NARRATOR: Then taking a cup of wine, Jesus gave thanks and said:

JESUS: Take this and share it among you. I tell you, I will not drink wine until the reign of God comes.

NARRATOR: Then Jesus took bread and gave thanks for it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

JESUS: This is my body, which will be given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

NARRATOR: Jesus did the same with the cup after supper and said:

JESUS: This cup is the New Covenant in my blood, which will be poured out for you. Look! The hand of my betrayer is at this table with me. The Chosen One is following the appointed course. But woe to the person by whom that One is betrayed.

NARRATOR: Then they began to argue among themselves as to which of them would do such a deed. Another dispute arose among them about who would be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them:

JESUS: Earthly rulers domineer over their people. Those who exercise authority over them are called their 'benefactors.' This must not happen with you. Let the greatest among you be like the youngest. Let the leader among you be the server. For who is the greater? The one who reclines at meal, or the one who serves it? Is it not the one reclining at the table? Yet here I am among you as the one who serves you. You are the ones who have stood by me faithfully in trials. Just as God has given me dominion, so I give it to you. In my reign, you will eat and drink at my table, and you will sit on the thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Simon, Simon! Satan has demanded that you be sifted like wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail. You, in turn, must give strength to your sisters and brothers.

PETER: Rabbi, with you I am prepared to face imprisonment and even death.

JESUS: I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today you will have denied three times that you know me.

NARRATOR: Jesus said to them:

JESUS: When I sent you out on the mission without purse, traveling bag or sandals, were you in need of anything?

ALL: No, nothing!

JESUS: Now, however, the one who has a purse had better carry it; the same with a traveling bag. And if they do not have a sword, they should sell their cloaks and buy one! For I tell you, what was written in scripture must be fulfilled in me: "The suffering servant was counted among criminals" — for whatever refers to me must be fulfilled.

NARRATOR: And they said:

ALL: Look, Rabbi, here are two swords!

NARRATOR: Jesus answered:

JESUS: That is enough.

NARRATOR: Then Jesus went out and made his way as usual to the Mount of Olives. The disciples accompanied him. When they reached the place, Jesus said to them:

JESUS: Pray that you not be put to the test.

NARRATOR: Then Jesus withdrew about a stone's throw from them, knelt down, and prayed:

JESUS: Abba, if it is your will, take this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done.

NARRATOR: An angel then appeared to Jesus from heaven to strengthen him. In anguish, Jesus prayed all the more fervently, and sweat, like drops of blood, fell to the ground. When Jesus rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, exhausted with grief. He said to them:

JESUS: Why do you sleep? Wake up, and pray that you not be subjected to the trial.

NARRATOR: While Jesus was still speaking, a crowd suddenly appeared with Judas, one of the twelve, at their head. Judas came over to Jesus to embrace him, but Jesus said:

JESUS: Judas, are you betraying the Chosen One with a kiss?

NARRATOR: Those who were around Jesus, realizing what was going to happen, said:

ALL: Rabbi, shall we strike them with the sword?

NARRATOR: One of them struck the attendant of the high priest, cutting off an ear. But Jesus said:

JESUS: Stop! No more of this!

NARRATOR: Then Jesus touched the attendant's ear and healed it. But to those who had come out against him — the chief priests, the chiefs of the Temple Guard and the elders — Jesus said:

JESUS: Why do you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a robber? I was with you in the Temple every day, and you could have laid hands on me any time you wanted. But this is your hour — the triumph of darkness!

NARRATOR: They arrested Jesus and led him away, arriving at the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance and sat down in the midst of those who had kindled a fire in the courtyard and were sitting around it. One of the high priest's attendants saw him sitting there at the fire, and she stared at him and said:

ATTENDANT: This one was with Jesus, too.

NARRATOR: But Peter denied it:

PETER: I do not know him!

NARRATOR: A little later someone else noticed Peter and remarked:

SPEAKER: You are one of them too.

NARRATOR: But Peter said:

PETER: No, I am not.

NARRATOR: About an hour later, someone else insisted:

SPEAKER: Surely this fellow was with them, too. He even talks like a Galilean.

PETER: I do not even know what you are talking about!

NARRATOR: Just then, as Peter was still speaking, a rooster crowed. Jesus turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered Jesus saying, "Before a rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." Peter went out and wept bitterly. Meanwhile, those who held Jesus in custody were amusing themselves at his expense. They blindfolded and slapped him, and then taunted him.

SPEAKER: Play the prophet! Which one struck you?

NARRATOR: And they hurled many insults at him. At daybreak the Sanhedrin — which was made up of the elders of the people, the chief priests and the religious scholars — assembled again. Once they had brought Jesus before the council, they said:

JESUS: Tell us, are you the Messiah?

NARRATOR: Jesus replied:

JESUS: If I tell you, you will not believe me. And if I question you, you will not answer! But from now on, the Chosen One will have a seat at the right hand of the Power of God.

ALL: *So you are the Chosen One?*

NARRATOR: Jesus answered:

JESUS: Your own words have said it!

ALL: *What need do we have of witnesses? We have heard it from his own mouth!*

NARRATOR: Then the whole assembly arose and led Jesus to Pilate. They began to accuse Jesus by saying:

ALL: *We found this one subverting our nation, opposing the payment of taxes to Caesar and even claiming to be Messiah, a king.*

NARRATOR: Then Pilate questioned Jesus.

SPEAKER: Are you the King of the Jews?

JESUS: You have said it.

NARRATOR: Then Pilate reported to the chief priests and the crowds:

SPEAKER: I find no guilt in him!

NARRATOR: But the crowds insisted.

ALL: *He stirs up the people wherever he teaches, through the whole of Judea, from Galilee to Jerusalem.*

NARRATOR: On hearing this, Pilate asked whether Jesus was a Galilean, and learning that Jesus was from Herod's jurisdiction, sent Jesus off to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at this time. Now, at the sight of Jesus, Herod was very pleased. From the reports he had heard about Jesus, he had wanted for a long time to see him. Herod hoped even to see Jesus perform some miracle. Herod questioned him at great length, but Jesus would not answer. The chief priests and religious scholars stood there, accusing Jesus vehemently. So Herod and the soldiers treated Jesus with contempt and ridicule, put a magnificent robe upon him and sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate, who had previously been set against each other, became friends that day. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the ruling class and the people, and said to them:

SPEAKER: You have brought this person before me as someone who incites people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for any charge against him arising from your allegations. Neither has Herod, for Jesus has been sent back to us. Obviously, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish Jesus, but then I will release him.

NARRATOR: Pilate was obligated to release one prisoner to the people at festive time. The whole crowd cried out as one:

ALL: Take him away! We want Barabbas!

NARRATOR: Barabbas had been imprisoned for starting a riot in the city, and for murder.

NARRATOR: Yet a third time, Pilate spoke to the crowds:

SPEAKER: What wrong has this Jesus done? I have found nothing that calls for death! Therefore, I will have him flogged, and then I will release him.

NARRATOR: But they demanded that Jesus be crucified, and their shouts increased in volume. Pilate decided that their demands should be met. So he released Barabbas, the one who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder; and Jesus was handed over to the crowd. As they led Jesus away, they seized Simon, a Cyrenean, who was just coming in from the fields, and forced him to carry the cross behind Jesus. A large crowd was following, many of them women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. At one point, Jesus turned to these women and said:

JESUS: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me! Weep rather for yourselves and for your children! The time is coming when it will be said: "Blessed are the childless, the wombs that have never given birth and the breasts that have never nursed." Then people will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us up!" For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

NARRATOR: Two others were also led off with Jesus, criminals who were to be put to death. When they had reached the place called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there —together with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said:

JESUS: Abba, forgive them. They do not know what they are doing.

NARRATOR: They divided his garments, rolling dice for them. The people stood there watching.

The rulers, however, jeered him and said:

ALL: *He saved others, let him help himself —if he is the Messiah of God, the Chosen One!*

NARRATOR: The soldiers also mocked him. They served Jesus sour wine and said:

SPEAKER: If you are really the King of the Jews, save yourself!

NARRATOR: There was an inscription above Jesus that read, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who hung there beside him insulted Jesus, too, saying:

SPEAKER: Are you really the Messiah? Then save yourself — and us!

NARRATOR: But the other answered the first with a rebuke:

SPEAKER: Do you not even fear God? We are only paying the price for what we have done, but this one has done nothing wrong!

NARRATOR: Then he said:

SPEAKER: Jesus, remember me when you come into your glory.

JESUS: The truth is, today you will be with me in paradise!

NARRATOR: It was about noon, and darkness fell upon the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. The curtain in the sanctuary was torn in two, and Jesus uttered a loud cry and said:

JESUS: Abba, into your hands I commit my spirit.

NARRATOR: Saying this, Jesus breathed for the last time. The centurion who saw this happen glorified God, saying:

SPEAKER: Surely this one was innocent.

(All kneel, as able, or make a profound bow for a moment of silent prayer.)

NARRATOR: When the crowds that had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts and weeping. All the acquaintances of Jesus and the women who had come with him from Galilee stood at a distance, looking on. There was a member of the Sanhedrin named Joseph, who had not consented to their action. Joseph was from Arimathea and lived in anticipation of the reign of God. He approached Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Joseph took the body down, wrapped it in fine linen and laid it in a tomb cut out of rock, where no one had yet been laid. It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was drawing near.

(No acclamation after Gospel)

Shared Homily

THE COMMERCIIUM (*The Exchange*)

Profession of Faith

We believe in God, Creator of all things, heavenly mother and father, Soul of infinite love, wisdom, and power, ruler of all that is and all that is to come, who is mystery, yet revealed.

We follow Christ, God's chosen one, who loved and served humbly, who healed the broken and included the outcast, who chose to suffer rather than harm, for the sake of the healing of all Creation, who gave his life for our redemption, and who was raised by God to new life. In His teaching, in his death and resurrection, and, in his presence with us in all circumstances, He reveals God to us. He calls us to serve him for the sake of proclaiming God's grace.

We trust that he accompanies us, and will help, guide, heal, and defend us through all difficulty and suffering.

We believe the Holy Spirit sustains us, and guides us and empowers us as servants of God's grace.

We live as the body of Christ, in the power of forgiveness and the reality of resurrection, and the light of eternal life. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

All: *Jesus, We walk with you to the cross*

Presentation of the Gifts / Preparation of the Altar

Offertory Song

Blessing prayers over the gifts

**All: *Blessed are you, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God forever!***

**All: *Blessed are you God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this drink to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God forever!***

**All: *Blessed are you God of all creation.
Through your goodness
we humbly offer back to you our gifts of time, talent and treasure
as the work of human hands.
Blessed be God forever!***

Presider: Pray, my sisters and brothers, that our gifts may be acceptable to our loving God.

All: May God accept these gifts from our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all.

Prayer over the Gifts:

All: Loving God, May the power of Your Spirit make holy the gifts we bring to this altar. We pray that these gifts will strengthen us to empty ourselves for the sake of others. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preface Dialogue:

Priest: Our God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Priest: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface Prayer:

All: All powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. The days of his life-giving death and glorious resurrection are approaching. This is the hour when he triumphed over temptation and sin, the time when we celebrate the great event of our redemption. Through Christ, may our voices be one with the great cloud of witnesses and saints in their triumphant hymn of praise.....

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

Epiclesis

Words of Institution

Priest: We recall ...

**All: "Take this, all of you, and eat.
This is my body which will be given up for you."**

Priest: Then he took a cup....

**All: "Take this, all of you and drink;
This is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."**

Memorial Acclamation:

All: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."

Anamnesis, offering, intercessions:

- A. Remember, O God, your people everywhere and all of us gathered here before you.
- B. We believe in you and dedicate ourselves to you. We offer you this memorial communion for peace on earth everywhere. [pause]
- A. Creator God, you are the One who accompanies and inspires each of us on our life journey.
- B. Be with those who are struggling with injury, illness and infirmity.
- A. We pray for departed family and friends whose lives and loves graced us on earth. [pause]
- B. As we honor them in memory, so we celebrate their death and resurrection with Jesus Christ.

ALL: We are grateful that Your Spirit sets us free to discover Your presence within us and in our world.

Help us be mindful that Your Spirit is at work in our lives, and also in the lives of others, and that this Spirit speaks through all of us.

Doxology

All: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Creator God, forever and ever.

Great Amen

COMMUNION RITE

Disciples' Prayer: Holy One, Great Spirit who is Source of All, Yahweh, Allah, Our Mother and Our Father, who art in heaven...

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Breaking of the Bread

Communion:

Presider: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are we who are called to this supper.

All: Jesus, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free. You are the Savior of the world.

Communion Song

Prayer after Communion:

Presider:

All: By this Eucharist may we grow in our ability to love and to live out our Vatican II faith in the world. Bless our efforts to serve you by loving others well.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Greeting

Presider: God be with you. *(Please stand as you are able)*

All: And also with you.

Blessing

Dismissal prayer

All: With the help of God, we now go forth into the world to be peace, bringing God's light and loving presence in our communities through faith, sacrament and outreach. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Going forth song

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