



# Passion Sunday

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CATHEDRAL OF SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE  
Washington, District of Columbia



**PALM SUNDAY**  
**OF THE**  
**PASSION OF THE LORD**

March 29, 2026

**5:30 PM Vigil, Sunday 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM**  
CATHEDRAL PARISH MASSES

**Msgr. Wm. Ronald Jameson**  
Rector of the Cathedral  
*Presiding Celebrant*  
**11:00 AM**

*For the 11:00 AM and 5:30 PM Mass, all are encouraged to gather in front of the steps of the Cathedral for the Blessing of Palms and the proclamation of the first Gospel.*

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# COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Opening Antiphon

Thomas Weelkes / Richard Proulx

*Hosanna to the Son of David.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
The king of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.*

Greeting and Instruction

Blessing of Palms

Gospel

Matthew 21:1- 11, 37

Processional Hymn

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

ST. THEODULPH

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem-er, King!



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

Verses



1. You are the King of Is - ra - el And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing you on high;
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore you went;
4. To you, be - fore your pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise.
5. Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Now in the Lord's Name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
And we, with all cre - a - tion, In cho - rus make re - ply.  
Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore you we re - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
Great source of love and good - ness, Our Sav - ior and our King.

Collect

**Processional Hymn** (5:30 PM Sunday)

REFRAIN

Sing Ho - san - na to our King! Sing Ho - san - na to our King!

— Sing Ho - san - na to our King, - all the earth! —

*To Verses* *Final*

— Sing Ho - san - na!

John Angotti  
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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**

Isaiah 50: 4-7

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 22**

Marty Haugen

My God, my God, O why have you a - ban - doned me?

5:30 pm Sunday

Gerald F. Muller

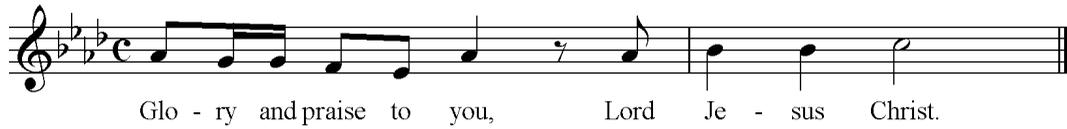
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**Second Reading**

Philippians 2: 6-11

**Gospel Acclamation**

Robert LeBlanc



5:30 pm Sunday

*Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Gerald F. Muller

**The Passion**

Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

**Passion Acclamations**

*Keep in mind that Jesus Christ has died for us and is risen from the dead.  
He is our saving Lord, he is joy for all ages.*

*Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.*

**Homily**

## Profession of Faith — The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,*  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen

## Universal Prayer

*Please scan this QR code with your phone to contribute to St. Matthew's Cathedral so that we may continue to serve the needs of our parish community and those who come to us for assistance and comfort.*



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Preparation of the Altar and the Offerings

*What Wondrous Love is This*

**Worship 641**

Pueri Hebraeorum (11:00am)

Tomás Luis de la Victoria (1548—1611)

*The Hebrew children spread their garments in the way, and cried out, saying:  
Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.*

### Prayer Over the Offerings

**Eucharistic Acclamations** *Mass of Creation*

Marty Haugen

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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. Ho - san - na in the  
high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. A rehearsal mark with the number '4' is placed above the first staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

**Mystery of Faith**

Marty Haugen

Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res-ur -  
rec-tion you have set us free, you have set us free.

The musical score is written on two staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 6/4 time signature. The time signature changes to 3/4 in the middle of the first staff and back to 4/4 at the end of the first staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

**Great Amen**

**Communion Rite**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Breaking of the Bread**

Chant

**Communion Antiphon**

The Mocking of Christ

Fred. Pratt Green/Thomas Tallis

**Communion Procession**

Traditional

**Were You There**

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

(5:30 pm Sunday)

All You Who Pass this Way

Jacques Berthier

Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed

arr. Jennifer Goltz

**Communion Motet (11:00 AM)**

Faithful Cross

Leo Nestor

*Faithful Cross! Tree of solitary splendor!  
Never before has forest yielded such a tribute: in blossom, in fruit, in branches.  
Sweet the Nails!, Sweet the wood!  
Here then where all life commences, with a weight of such sweetness:  
Its bark bears the sweetest burden.*

**Prayer after Communion**

# Concluding Rites

## Solemn Blessing and Dismissal

### Recessional Hymn

### *O Sacred Head Surrounded*

PASSION CHORALE

O Sa - cred Head sur - roun - ed By crown of pierc - ing thorn! O  
I see your strength and vi - gor All fa - ding in the strife, And  
In this, your bit - ter pas - sion, Good Shep - herd, think of me With  
bleed - ing Head, so wound - ed, Re - viled and put to scorn! The  
death with cru - el rig - or, Be - reav - ing you of life; O  
your most sweet com - pas - sion, Un - worth - y though I be: Be -  
pow'r. of death comes o'er you, The glow of life de - cays, Yet  
ag - o - ny and dy - ing! O love to sin - ner's free! Je -  
neath your cross a - bid - ing For ev - er would I rest, In  
an - gel hosts a - dore you, And trem - ble as they gaze.  
sus, all grace sup - ply - ing, O turn your face on me.  
your dear love con - fid - ing, And with your pres - ence blest.

*Save the Date*  
**Earth Day Lessons and Carols**  
**Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 3:30pm**  
**Schola Cantorum and Festival Singers**

*Through choral works and meditative readings, following the example recent Popes,  
we celebrate the wonders of creation and examine our faithful stewardship of these gifts.*

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