St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke The Sunday of the Passion with the Liturgy of the Palms March 24, 2024



# Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Creator, you made all people of every land in your image, and entrusted them with the care of the earth.

It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinabek Nations, and the Mississauga of the Credit First Nation: the first peoples of this land.

We offer our respect

to those ancestors who may be buried in this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land.

Creator let us be of Good Mind

to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and those who have been displaced. We give thanks for Indigenous voices

in our Anglican Church of Canada. Give us attentive ears to hear them,

and sincere and open hearts
that we may embrace the work of reconciliation
to which you call your Church

to which you call your Church.
With thankful and respectful hearts,
we pray in Your name,
Your Son the Peacemaker
and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

The prayer bell calls us to silent preparation

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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Dear friends in Christ,
during Lent we have been preparing
for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery.
On this day our Lord Jesus Christ
entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph.
The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise,
but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death.
Today we greet him as our King,
although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross.

We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Mark 11.1-11

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take

it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest. May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The Palm Crosses Are Distributed

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

As the procession passes your seat, please join the tail end. As the procession circles back around return to your seat when you come to it. As we process we sing: Hymn 181 All Glory, Laud, and Honour

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honour to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. 1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one.

Refrain

2. The company of angels are praising thee on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply.

Refrain

3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.

Refrain

4. To thee before thy Passion they sang their hymns of praise; to thee now high exalted our melody we raise.

Refrain

5. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

\*Refrain\*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross.

May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Breaking Open the Word**

First Reading: Isaiah 50.4—9A

<sup>4</sup> The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup> The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup> It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader: Irene Thomson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31.9—16

Refrain

Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.
Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

O Lord, upon me mercy have, for trouble is on me; mine eye, my throat, and all my soul, with grief consuméd be.

Refrain

Because my life with grief is spent, my years with sighs and groans: my strength now fails, and for my sin consumed are all my bones.

Refrain

I was a scorn to all my foes, and to my friends a fear and specially reproached of those that were my neighbours near.

Refrain

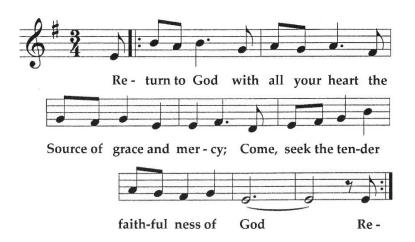
When they saw me, they from me fled, and thus I am forgot, as men are out of mind when dead: I'm like a broken pot.

Refrain

Second Reading: Philippians 2.5—11 Reader: Constance Williams

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



We sit; turning to the reading, we follow along, joining in as indicated:

# The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark

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#### At the Eucharist

Narrator It was two days before the Passover and the festival of

Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for

they said,

2nd Reader Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.

Narrator While Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as

he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and

poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said

to one another in anger,

3rd Reader Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment

could have been sold for more than three hundred

denarii, and the money given to the poor.

Narrator And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

1st Reader Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a

good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish;

but you will not always have me. She has done what she

could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its

burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed

in the whole world, what she has done will be told

in remembrance of her.

Narrator Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the

chief priests in order to betray him to them. When

they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover

lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus,

**3rd Reader** Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

Narrator So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

Ist Reader Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.

Narrator So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, he said,

1st Reader Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.

**Narrator** They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

**3rd Reader** Surely, not I?

**Narrator** He said to them,

It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

Narrator While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

1st Reader Take; this is my body.

Narrator Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

1st Reader This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.

Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

Narrator When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

1st Reader You will all become deserters; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered." But after I am raised

up, I will go before you to Galilee.

Narrator Peter said to him,

4th Reader Even though all become deserters, I will not.

Narrator Jesus said to him,

1st Reader Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock

crows twice, you will deny me three times.

Narrator But Peter said vehemently,

4th Reader Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

Narrator And all of them said the same. They went to a place called

Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples,

1st Reader Sit here while I pray.

Narrator He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be

distressed and agitated. And he said to them,

1st Reader I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep

awake.

Narrator And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground

and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might

pass from him. He said,

1st Reader Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this

cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.

Narrator Jesus came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?
Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Narrator And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.
And once more Jesus came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

Narrator Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

**5th Reader** The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.

Narrator So when Judas came, he went up to Jesus at once and said,

5th Reader Rabbi!

Narrator and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested Jesus. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

1st Reader Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.

Narrator All of the disciples deserted Jesus and fled. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked. They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming

himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

2nd Reader We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands."

Narrator But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

6th Reader Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

Narrator But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him.

6th Reader Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?

Narrator Jesus said,

1st Reader I am; and "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power," and "coming with the clouds of heaven."

Narrator Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

6th Reader Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?

Narrator All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

2nd Reader Prophesy!

Narrator The guards also took him over and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

7th Reader You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

Narrator But Peter denied it, saying,

4th Reader I do not know or understand what you are talking about.

Narrator And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed.

And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the

bystanders,

7th Reader This man is one of them.

Narrator But again he denied it. Then after a little while the

bystanders again said to Peter,

8th Reader Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.

Narrator But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

4th Reader I do not know this man you are talking about.

Narrator At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then

Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

1st Reader Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.

Narrator And Peter broke down and wept. As soon as it was morning,

the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

9th Reader Are you the King of the Jews?

Narrator He answered him,

1st Reader You say so.

Narrator Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate

asked him again,

9th Reader Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring

against you.

Narrator But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them,

anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

**9th Reader** Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

Narrator For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests

had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead.

Pilate spoke to them again,

9th Reader Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King

of the Jews?

Narrator They shouted back,

Choir &

Congregation Crucify him!

Narrator Pilate asked them,

**9th Reader** Why, what evil has he done?

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

Choir &

Congregation Crucify him!

Narrator So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for

them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they

put it on him. And they began saluting him,

Choir &

Congregation Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt

down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on

him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

2nd Reader, 6th Reader, 7th Reader,

Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

Narrator In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

2nd Reader He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.

Narrator Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

1st Reader Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

**Narrator** which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

2nd Reader,

7th Reader Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

Narrator And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

8th Reader Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

Narrator

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

10th Reader

Truly this man was God's Son!

Narrator

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid. Mark 14.1-15.47

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We enter a time of silent reflection, beginning and ending with the prayer bell,

# **Prayers of the People**

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Leader: Andrew Batte

A brief silence

We pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make us unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion. Bless those who walk with us in the way: Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, and Mike our incumbent. Sustain and them in the demands of time, energy and imagination the week ahead will make of them.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

For the earth and all its inhabitants, created in love. Train us to recognize your divine goodness in the world around us. Rouse in us a reverence and respect for creation, that we take greater care. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

For the king, the prime minister and all those in positions of authority and responsibility, called to govern with compassion and integrity. Bless them with courage and vulnerability that they may have an eye for the poor, and a view towards justice.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

For those who suffer, waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Be present with those who are ill. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

For Christians around the world, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross: Reveal to us once again the earth-shaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We remember those who have died and were commended into your hands. Remember us when you come into your kingdom and prepare for us a place with you in paradise.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, for we pray in the name of Jesus by whom, in whom, and through whom you reconcile all things.

Amen.

### **Confession and Absolution**

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
welcoming sinners
and inviting them to his table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

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 neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we 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. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

# The Offertory

We offer ourselves and our monetary gifts for the support of the ministry of the Church.

Offertory Hymn: 199 Who Would Ever Have Believed It

- Who would ever have believed it?
   Who could ever have conceived it?
   Who dared trace God's hand behind it when a servant came among us?
- 2. Like a sapling in dry soil, he was rooted in our presence; lacking beauty, grace and splendour, no one felt attracted to him.
- We despised him; we disowned him, though he clearly hurt and suffered: we, believing he was worthless, never turned our eyes towards him.
- 4. Yet it was the pain and torment we deserved which he accepted, while we reckoned his afflictions must have come by heaven's instructions.
- Though our sins let him be wounded, though our cruelty left him beaten, yet, through how and why he suffered, God revealed our hope of healing.
- We like sheep despite our wisdom, all had wandered from God's purpose; and our due in pain and anger God let fall on one among us.
- 7. Who would ever have believed it?
  Who could ever have conceived it?
  Who dared trace God's hand behind it
  when a servant came among us?

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

God our provider,

you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our salvation became obedient unto death. The tree of defeat became the tree of victory: where life was lost, life has been restored. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the heavenly chorus, we cry out to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy,
Holy Lord God of power and might,
Heaven, Heaven, Earth, Earth,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
All glory to your name, All glory to your name.
All glory to your name, All glory to your name.

Blesséd, Blesséd, Blesséd Is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blesséd, Blesséd, Blesséd Is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command, we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

We break this bread,

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Server: Bawo Bawo-Oteri

Chalice: Oma Bawo-Oteri

Those worshipping at home are invited to pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament of bread and wine.

I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life.

Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar, come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you and unite myself to you; never let me be separated from you. Amen.

### Hymn 50 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

- Now, my tongue, the mystery telling, of the glorious body sing, and the blood, all price excelling, which the nations' Lord and King, once on earth among us dwelling, shed for this world's ransoming.
- 2. That last night, at supper lying with the twelve his chosen band, Jesus, with the law complying, keeps the feats its rites demand; then, more precious food supplying, gives himself with his own hand.
- 3. Word made flesh, by word he maketh very bread his flesh to be, wine his blood for whoso taketh; and if senses fail to see, faith alone the true heart waketh to behold the mystery.
- 4. Therefore we, before him bending, this great sacrament revere; types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here; faith, our outward sense befriending, makes our inward vision clear.

5. Glory let us give, and blessing, to the Father and the Son; honour, thanks, and praise addressing while eternal ages run, and the Spirit's power confessing, who from both with both is one.

### Hymn In the Morning, In the Evening

- In the morning, in the evening, God is holding you, holding you.
   In the daytime, in the nighttime.
- In the mountains, in the ocean, God will carry you, carry you.
   In the forest, in the cities.
- In the good times, in the hard times, God will stay with you, stay with you.
   In your waking, in your sleeping.

Let us pray.

God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever.

Amen.

Glory to God,

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Announcements

#### Final Blessing

May Almighty God stir up in us the fire of that love which burned in the heart of our Lord as he bore his passion, and let it burn in us to eternal life; and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life, be with you always.

Amen.

Closing Hymn Hymn 386 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

- 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. See, form 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?
- 4. Were the whole realm of nature mind, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

#### Dismissal

Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!

Thanks be to God.

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