

THE CHURCH *of* ST ALBAN *the* MARTYR

A PARISH OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

Palm Sunday

March 24th, 2024

10:30am - Solemn High Mass



ST ALBAN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

A Church of
the Great Commandment,
the Great Commission, &
the Great Tradition

Fr Joseph Francis SSC, *Rector*
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Sunday Schedule

8:00am – Low Mass
9:15am – Catechesis
10:30am – High Mass

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WELCOME!

We are glad you are worshiping with us today.

St Alban's Anglican Church is an historic part of the Arlington community, worshipping in the splendor of the Anglican tradition since 1947. We are a parish committed to spreading the Kingdom of God, making the Lord Jesus Christ known to His creation through the preaching of the Gospel and a robust participation in the sacramental life of his Holy Church.

REGARDING THE HOLY COMMUNION

Those who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; who, being in love and charity with others, have prepared themselves by repentance and fasting (at least one hour before receiving Holy Communion) and, if necessary, by the Sacrament of Confession; and who believe in the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, may receive Holy Communion. Anyone may come forward to receive a blessing by folding their arms across their chest. The Host may be received either on the tongue or in the palm of the hand. The Chalice is received by gently guiding it to your lips.



A PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O merciful Lord, bless the priest who is to preside at this oblation. Bless all the people who are here to participate in this glorious action, and all who would like to be here. Convert all sinners. Heal the anguish of the world. And have mercy upon all the faithful departed. O God, accept all my prayers during this holy service of our bounden duty, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

CONCERNING PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The procession with palms, which was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century, calls to mind the triumphal entry of Jesus, our Lord and King, into Jerusalem. The procession is fundamentally an act of worship, witness, and devotion to our Lord. Palm Sunday is unique in having two Gospel readings. Originally there were two distinct liturgies. The palms were blessed and the Triumphal Entry Gospel was read outside of the church building. The door of the church represented the gate through which Jesus entered the city. The purpose of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem was to fulfill his Father's will; thus it is fitting that this service continues with the reading of the Passion Gospel in which the whole story of the week is anticipated. The emphasis of the liturgy turns to the days that lie ahead in Holy Week. We who hail Jesus as King one moment, may in the next deny him, even joining with the crowd in shouting, "Crucify him!"



THE ORDER FOR SOLEMN HIGH MASS

24TH MARCH, 2024 – PALM SUNDAY



THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The Congregation gathers in the appointed place for the blessing of palms and the procession.

Celebrant ✠ Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
People **Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.**
 Hosanna in the highest.

Dearly beloved brethren, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by penance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a Cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ✠ OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST MARK

People **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!” And 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 the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray

We praise thee, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which thou hast redeemed us through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Sanctify these branches with thy blessing, ✠ we humbly beseech thee, that they may be for us signs of his victory. Grant that we who bear them in his Name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leadeth to eternal life; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Celebrant ✠ Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

People **Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The blessed Palms are distributed to the Faithful.

THE PROCESSION



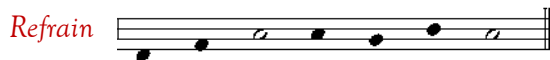
Deacon Let us go forth in peace.



People In the Name of Christ. A-men.

During the procession, the People join in the refrain of the Hymn below.

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



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Open for me the gates of righteousness.

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. *Refrain*

"This is the gate of the Lord he who is righteous may enter." *Refrain*

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. *Refrain*

The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. *Refrain*

This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes. *Refrain*

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Refrain*

Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! Lord, send us now success. *Refrain*

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

we bless you from the house of the Lord. *Refrain*

God is the Lord; he has shined upon us;

form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar. *Refrain*

"You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you." *Refrain*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. *Refrain*

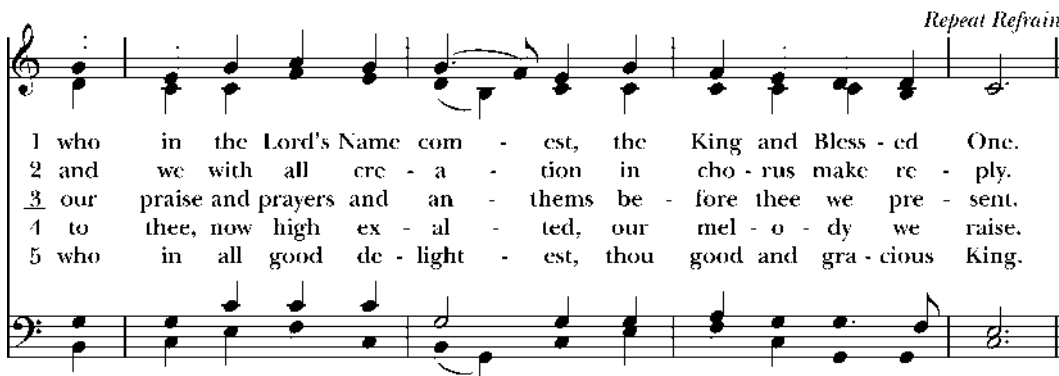
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *Refrain*

THE STATION AT THE CHURCH DOOR

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HYMN AT THE ENTRANCE




THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

 Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the Cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also be made partakers in his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE LESSON

ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you – his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind – so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and

there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL



PSALM 22:1-11

My God, my God, why have you for|saken me? *
and are so far away from my cry and from the words of my com|plaint?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not | hear; *
in the night season also, but I find no | rest.

But you remain | holy, * enthroned upon the praises of | Israel.

Our fathers hoped in | you; * they trusted in you, and you de|livered them.

They called upon you, and were de|livered; *
they put their trust in you, and were not con|founded.

But as for me, I am a worm and no | man, *
scorned by all and the outcast of the | people.

All those who see me laugh me to | scorn; *
they curl their lips, and shake their heads, | saying,

“He trusted in God; that he would de|liver him; *
let him deliver him, if he will | have him.”

But you are he that took me out of my mother’s | womb, *
you were my hope, when I was yet upon my mother’s | breasts.

I have been cast upon you ever since I was | born; *
you are my God, even from my mother's | womb.

O go not far from me, for trouble is near at | hand, * and there is none to | help me.

THE EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, 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. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PASSION GOSPEL

MARK 14:32-15:47

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST MARK.

All may be seated.

The Congregation plays the part of the Crowd, speaking in unison the words printed in bold.

Jesus and his disciples went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. And they laid hands on him and seized him. But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." And they all left him and fled.

And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, "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.'" Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!" And the guards received him with blows.

And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are

one of them, for you are a Galilean.” But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you speak.” And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” And the chief priests accused him of many things. And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” And they cried out again,

Congregation: **“Crucify him.”**

And Pilate said to them, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more,

Congregation: **“Crucify him.”**

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. And they began to salute him,

Congregation **“Hail, King of the Jews!”**

And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him. And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of

Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). *The Congregation stands.*

And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying,

Congregation: **"Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"**

So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying,

Congregation: **"He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe."**

Those who were crucified with him also reviled him. And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said,

Congregation: **"Behold, he is calling Elijah."**

And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. *The Congregation kneels for a time, then stands.*

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

And when evening had come, 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 looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the

body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

THE HOMILY



THE CONFESSION *All kneel.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces absolution.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“AGNUS DEI”
Pergolesi/Schweizer

THE EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE

The People stand and join in the following responses as the Oblation is offered to God.

At the Offering of the Bread

Priest Blessèd art thou, Lord God of all creation; through thy goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven.

People **Blessèd be God for ever.**

At the Offering of the Wine

Priest Blessèd art thou, Lord God of all creation; through thy goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation.

People **Blessèd be God for ever.**

Priest The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered this day to the greater glory of God, in thanksgiving for the gift of his Son (*and for ____*). Pray, brethren, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

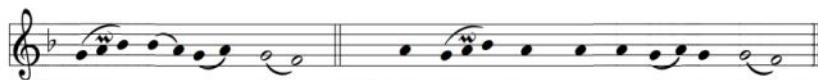
People **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his Name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church.**

Priest Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



V. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spi-rit.



V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up un-to the Lord.



V. Let us give thanks un- to our Lord God.



R. It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord
God of Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full
of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People kneel and the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and of thine almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify with thy Word and Holy Spirit these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

**“Take, eat, THIS IS MY BODY, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.” ❖❖❖**

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

**“Drink, ye all, of this; for THIS IS MY BLOOD of the New Testament, which
is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall
drink it, in remembrance of me.” ❖❖❖**

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty with these, thy holy gifts, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ and through faith in his Blood, we and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, ❖ be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

Remember, Lord, also ☩ the souls of thy servants and handmaidens, which are gone before us with the mark of faith, and rest in the sleep of peace [*especially* _____]. We beseech thee, O Lord, that unto them, and unto all such as rest in Christ, thou wilt grant a place of refreshing, of light, and of peace.

To us sinners also, thy servants who hope in the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some portion and fellowship with blessed Mary, the ever-Virgin Mother of our Lord and God Jesus Christ; with Joseph, her most chaste spouse; with our Patron Alban the Martyr; (*with* ____); and with all thy Saints, within whose fellowship we beseech thee to admit us.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMNAL S-119

THE FRACTION

Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come: and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and with Andrew, and all thy Saints, ☩ favorably grant peace in our days: that by the help of thine availing mercy we may ever both be free from sin and safe from all distress. Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*



THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

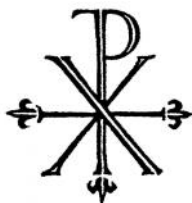
WE DO NOT PRESUME to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table; but thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way
the sins of the world, have mer - cy
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God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of
the world, grant us thy peace.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, who saidst to thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; Regard not our sins but the faith of thy Church, and grant to her that peace and unity which is according to thy will; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN

HYMNAL #158

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *All kneel.*

ALmighty and Everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us, thereby, of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

FINAL PRAYER & DISMISSAL

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

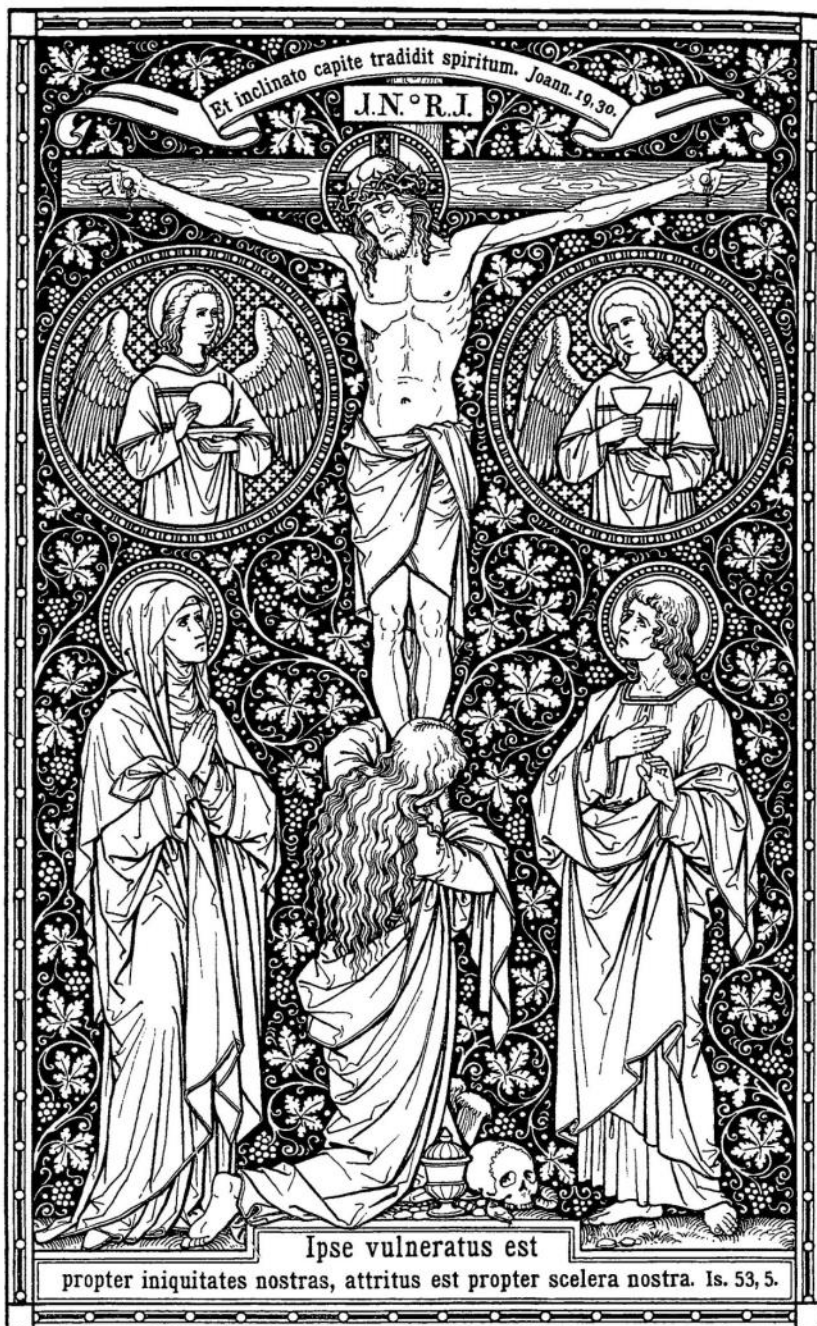
Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

The Celebrant here offers a Solemn Prayer over the Congregation.

Deacon The Mass is ended. Depart in peace.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All depart in silence.





ST ALBAN'S HOLY WEEK 2024

PALM SUNDAY | March 24

8:00am - Low Mass & Blessing of Palms
10:30am - Solemn High Mass & Blessing of Palms
with Outdoor Procession

HOLY MONDAY | March 25

9:00am - Low Mass

HOLY TUESDAY | March 26

9:00am - Low Mass

HOLY WEDNESDAY | March 27

9:00am - Low Mass
5:30pm - Tenebrae

MAUNDY THURSDAY | March 28

6:30pm - Solemn High Mass with Foot Washing
and Stripping of the Altar
*"The Watch" before the Blessed Sacrament at the
Altar of Repose continues from 8:00pm-8:00am*

GOOD FRIDAY | March 29

10:30-11:30am - Confessions
Noon - Stations of the Cross
5:00-6:00pm - Confessions
6:30pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with
Solemn Collects, Veneration of the Cross
& Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

HOLY SATURDAY | March 30

8:30am - Liturgy of the Word
8:00pm - The Great Vigil & First Solemn High Mass
of the Resurrection

EASTER DAY | March 31

8:00am - Low Mass
10:30am - Choral High Mass
Noon - Refreshments & Easter Egg Hunt

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER FLOWERS If you would like to make a donation toward the adornment of our sanctuary during Eastertide, please submit a check (\$25 minimum is suggested) and mark “Easter Flowers” on the memo line. You can also make donations using the giving link on our website. If you would like to give in memory or thanksgiving for someone, please fill out the sheet located on the Welcome Desk in the entry way and leave it in the basket provided. Donations are due TODAY.

CANDY FILLED EGGS We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the parish at Noon on Easter Sunday. At this time we are asking for people to bring candy filled, plastic eggs, dropped off at the Parish Office or placed in the Kitchen.

“THE WATCH” ON MAUNDY THURSDAY Following the Solemn High Mass for Maundy Thursday, parishioners keep vigil in silent prayer and adoration before Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament. As we pray at this “Altar of Repose,” we recall our Lord’s agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and his rebuke to his disciples: “What? Could you not watch one hour with me?” Those keeping vigil further recall and respond to Jesus’ admonition to his disciples to stay awake to pray with him until the Roman soldiers come to arrest and imprison him. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for those who will come to pray for one-hour time slots begin from 8:00pm and end at 8:00am on Good Friday morning.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS All are invited to join St Alban’s to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on March 31st. The Easter season begins Saturday evening at 8:00pm with the kindling of the Paschal Fire, the Great Vigil, and Solemn High Mass. All are invited to bring bells to ring during the proclamation of the Great Alleluia. The 10:30am Choral High Mass on Easter Sunday will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall and an easter egg hunt for children.

NO CLASSES OR MEETINGS THIS WEEK Please see the Holy Week schedule for opportunities to observe the sacred mysteries of our Lord’s suffering, death, and resurrection.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS are Monday thru Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. The office will be closed on Monday, April 1st.



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