

Service begins outside the church

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Assist us mercifully with your help, O lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Worship Leader: A reading from John, chapter 12 verses 12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord-- the King of Israel!"

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

The Psalm

(the congregation will read the bold type)

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say, "**His steadfast love endures forever.**"

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

BLESSING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

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

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, 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 for ever.

People: **Amen.**

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

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

THE PROCESSION

Worship Leader: Let us go forth in peace.

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung. At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following or some other appropriate Collect is said.

Worship Leader: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**



Processional Hymn Hymn 154 “All glory, laud and honor” verse 1-3

At the Eucharist:

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures forever.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

All: Almighty and ever living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your 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 share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers.php?id=123#scripture>

The First Reading

Reader: A Reading from Isaiah, chapter 50

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 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. 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from Philippians, chapter 2

Philippians 2:5-11

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

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn Hymn 168 “O Sacred Head Sore Wounded” verse 1 and 2

See Bulletin Insert for Gospel Reading

SERMON

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant and People together, all standing

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Worship Leader: As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all peoples everywhere.

People: **Lord have Mercy**

Worship Leader: For the holy catholic church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ.

People: **Lord have Mercy**

Worship Leader: For Carlye our bishop, for presbyters and deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

People: **Lord have Mercy**

Worship Leader: For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families.

People: **Lord have Mercy**

Worship Leader: For justice, mercy, and peace in all the world.

People: **Lord have Mercy**

Worship Leader: For all who are tempted, oppressed, afflicted, or in need.

People: **Lord have Mercy**

Worship Leader: For the dying and the dead, and for those who mourn.

People: **Lord have Mercy**

Worship Leader: For all those we love and who we pray for now, aloud or in our hearts...

(pause for parishioners to pray aloud)

For our families, friends, and companions,

People: **Lord have Mercy**

Worship Leader: Blessed are you, Lord our God, who sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and as we near the holy mountain grant us strength on our journey; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Worship Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors:

**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 neighbors 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CELEBRATIONS

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

One of the following or another sentence of Scripture is used.

Worship Leader:

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. *Matthew 5:23, 24*

Or:

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

**Offertory Hymn Hymn 158 “Ah Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended”
- Solo Owen Davitt**

Doxology #380, verse 3

Eucharistic Prayer 5 – Church of Wales

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Worship Leader: Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and at all times. All power is yours. You created the heavens and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is.
In Christ your Son, our life and yours are brought together in a wonderful exchange. He made his home among us that we might forever dwell in you.

Congregation: **Through your Holy Spirit, you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love. As children of your redeeming purpose we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:**

785 **Santo, santo, santo**
Holy, holy, holy

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

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The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in Human flesh.
He is the word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.

Worship Leader: Obedient to your will he died upon the cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free
to be his body in the world.

Celebrant: On the night when he was given up to death
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body: it is broken for you.

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:

Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Celebrant and People: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the body and blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Worship Leader: Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary,
St. Joseph, St. Matthew, St. Martin, the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Celebrant: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honor and glory are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Church of Wales Liturgy, PDF, P. 61-65

As our Savior taught us, we boldly pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

FRACTION ANTHEMS

Any of the following, or a Fraction Anthem from The Hymnal 1982, S167–S172, may be said or sung in place of the anthem "Christ our Passover" (BCP, p. 364).

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Every time we eat this bread and drink of this cup
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Or

Jesus, lamb of God:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world

Give us your peace.

All are welcome to God's Table

Jesus never turned anyone away. We therefore invite all who seek God's presence to receive Communion. Follow the usher's directions to the altar rail, where you may kneel or stand. Wine and grape juice are in separate chalices. In our Diocese, intinction is not allowed, you may only drink from the chalice. If you choose not to drink from the chalice, you may bow before it to recognize Jesus' presence and receive it spiritually. Gluten free host are available upon request. Children are encouraged to receive the Sacrament, or the Priest will offer a Blessing. If you wish to receive the Sacrament at your seat, please inform the Usher.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:

Congregation: **His love is everlasting.**

All: **Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

BLESSING

You may bow your head for this blessing

Worship Leader: The Wisdom of God, the Love of God

Acolyte: and the Grace of God strengthen you

Celebrant: to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy
Trinity. **Amen.**

(source: Celtic. EnrichingourWorship1)

Recessional Hymn Hymn 474 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" verse 1 -3

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Marked by a cross, cherished and forgiven.

Congregation: **We are traveling home.**

Worship Leader: Called to be holy, called to be happy.

Congregation: **We are traveling home.**

Acolyte: Across deserts, over mountains.

Congregation: **We are traveling home.**

Worship Leader: God in our hearts, God in our lives.

Congregation: **We are traveling home.**

(Patmos Abbey, The Order of Saint Columba. Ruth Burgess).
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/01/ash-wednesday-marked-by-cross.html>

Worship Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**