



# THE LORD'S DAY IN CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**THIS SHEET IS SINGLE USE ONLY.**

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT IN CHURCH AFTER MASS**

Please remember social distancing, remaining at least two metres away from each other person at all times. **Masks or face coverings are mandatory (for all who are not exempt).** There will be no singing at Mass and certain other elements are omitted, in order to minimise the amount of time spent inside.

## THE SOLEMN ENTRANCE

The priest goes to a place apart from the sanctuary where the palm branches to be blessed are prepared, as the antiphon is recited:

### Entrance Antiphon

**A: 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!**

### Sign of the Cross and Greeting

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**A: Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**A: And with your spirit.**

P: Dear brothers and sisters, since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

Let us pray.

Almighty, ever-living God, ✠ sanctify these branches with your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**A; Amen.**

The priest then sprinkles the branches with holy water in silence.

### The Gospel

P: The Lord be with you.

**A: And with your spirit.**

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 12:12-16: *Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**A: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: Dear brothers and sisters, like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go forth in peace.

As the priest processes to the altar the following antiphon may be recited:

**A: The children of the Hebrews, carrying olive branches, went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the highest!**

### The Collect

P: Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**A: Amen.**

All sit for the readings

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7: *I did not cover my face against insult – I know I shall not be shamed.*

R: The word of the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

**R. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

1 All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' R.

2 Many dogs have surrounded me,

a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet

I can count every one of my bones. R.

3 They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! R.

4 I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;

all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons. R.

### Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11: *He humbled himself, but God raised him high.*

R: The word of the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

All stand for the Passion:

### The Passion

P: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Mark 15:1-39

### The Homily

All sit

The priest may offer a short reflection or leave a few moments silence.

### The Creed (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

(At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.)

**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.**

The Prayer of the Faithful (Intercessions) are omitted, so you may wish to use the time while the priest prepares the gifts at the altar to think of your prayers for the Church and the world, and for your own particular intentions for this Mass.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

There will be no procession of gifts or collection at Mass today: your donations to Church may be made online, or placed safely in the boxes. All stand when the priest says:

P: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**A: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### Prayer over the Gifts

P: Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

**A: And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**A: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**A: It is right and just.**

The priest says the Preface, praising God and leading to the song of the host of heaven, in which we join:

**A: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

All kneel

The priest says the Eucharistic Prayer, remembering the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Bread and Wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus for us.

P: The mystery of faith.

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, as we pray for the Church and the World, and ask that this holy sacrifice may help us be an offering to God.

The prayer concludes:

P: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

**A: Amen.**

All stand

## THE COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer

P: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**A: 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.**

P: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**A: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**A: Amen.**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**A: And with your spirit.**

P: (In these or similar words) Though we do not exchange a sign of peace, we pause for a moment to fill our minds and hearts with thoughts of peace for our families, our neighbours, our enemies and our friends.

### Breaking of the Bread

**A: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

All kneel

### Invitation to Communion

P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**A: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

P: (In these or similar words) Since we receive Holy Communion in silence, we do not our "Amen" individually, so instead we will now say it together: our "Amen" is our "Yes" to the real presence of Jesus, our act of faith in the gift of His Body and Blood. And so ...

The priest holds up the Host to the Congregation and says "The Body of Christ" to which the people respond "Amen." In the same way, he elevates the chalice and says, "The Blood of Christ" and again the people respond "Amen."

### Communion Antiphon

**A: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.**

### Holy Communion

Communion is given silently in the hand

only, with the communicant standing, and avoiding any physical contact. Please wait in your place until invited to move forward for Holy Communion by the Stewards, always being aware of social distancing and remaining at least two metres away from the person in front of you. When you approach the priest or minister, do so with arms at "full stretch" so that there is a good distance between you. Your hands, palms upwards, one of top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible. Having received Holy Communion, return to your place in an orderly manner as directed.

### Act of Thanksgiving After Communion

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your death gave life to the world; free me by this your most holy Body and Blood from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me be parted from you.**

### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

All stand

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call. Through Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

### Blessing and Dismissal

P: The Lord be with you.

**A: And with your spirit.**

P: Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked and submit to the agony of the Cross. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**A: Amen.**

P: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**A: Amen.**

P: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

Please leave church promptly, following any one-way system, so that stewards can thoroughly clean the church after Mass. Thank you

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