

Introductory Rites

A hymn may be sung. Then, making the Sign of the Cross, the family begins:

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

All: Amen.

Leader: We gather today to celebrate the Lord's Day. We are unable to be with our parish family. However, one with our brothers and sisters at Saint Andrew Parish, and with the entire Church, let us now listen to God's Word and join in prayer.

Penitential Act

Leader: Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us acclaim the Father's forgiveness, for God is full of gentleness and compassion.

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick. Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you forgive sinners. Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your Body and Blood. Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Prophet Isaiah

Is 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24****R (2a) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me scoff at me;

they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:

“He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,

let him rescue him, if he loves him.”

R My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Indeed, many dogs surround me,

a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;

They have pierced my hands and my feet;

I can count all my bones.

R My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them,

and for my vesture they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, be not far from me;

O my help, hasten to aid me.

R My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren;

in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:

“You who fear the LORD, praise him;

all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;

revere him, all you descendants of Israel!”

R My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians****Phil 2:6-11**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those 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.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel**Lk 22:14—23:56**

N – Narrator

† – Christ

V – Voice

C – Crowd

N. The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at table with the apostles. He said to them,

† “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

N. Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said,

† “Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you that from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

N. Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying,

† “This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.”

N. And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,

† “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.

“And yet behold, the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table; for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed.”

N. And they began to debate among themselves who among them would do such a deed. Then an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. He said to them,

† “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as ‘Benefactors’; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves. It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

“Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers.”

N. He said to him,

V. “Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you.”

N. But he replied,

† “I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.”

N. He said to them,

† “When I sent you forth without a money bag or a sack or sandals, were you in need of anything?”

C. “No, nothing,

N. “they replied. He said to them,

† “But now one who has a money bag should take it, and likewise a sack, and one who does not have a sword should sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me, namely, He was counted among the wicked; and indeed what is written about me is coming to fulfillment.”

N. Then they said,

C. “Lord, look, there are two swords here.”

N. But he replied,

† “It is enough!”

N. Then going out, he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived at the place he said to them,

† “Pray that you may not undergo the test.”

N. After withdrawing about a stone’s throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying,

† “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done.”

N. And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him. He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground. When he rose from prayer and returned to his disciples, he found them sleeping from grief. He said to them,

† “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test.”

N. While he was still speaking, a crowd approached and in front was one of the Twelve, a man named Judas. He went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said to him,

† “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

N. His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked,

C. “Lord, shall we strike with a sword?”

N. And one of them struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said in reply,

† **“Stop, no more of this!”**

N. Then he touched the servant’s ear and healed him. And Jesus said to the chief priests and temple guards and elders who had come for him,

† **“Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? Day after day I was with you in the temple area, and you did not seize me; but this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness.”**

N. After arresting him they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest; Peter was following at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with them. When a maid saw him seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said,

C. “This man too was with him.”

N. But he denied it saying,

V. “Woman, I do not know him.”

N. A short while later someone else saw him and said,

C. “You too are one of them”;

N. but Peter answered,

V. “My friend, I am not.”

N. About an hour later, still another insisted,

C. “Assuredly, this man too was with him, for he also is a Galilean.”

N. But Peter said,

V. “My friend, I do not know what you are talking about.”

N. Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked at Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” He went out and began to weep bitterly. The men who held Jesus in custody were ridiculing and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying,

C. “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?”

N. And they reviled him in saying many other things against him.

When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said,

C. “If you are the Christ, tell us,”

N. but he replied to them,

† **“If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”**

N. They all asked,

C. “Are you then the Son of God?”

N. He replied to them,

† **“You say that I am.”**

N. Then they said,

† **“What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from his own mouth.”**

N. Then the whole assembly of them arose and brought him before Pilate. They brought charges against him, saying,

C. “We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Christ, a king.”

N. Pilate asked him,

V. “Are you the king of the Jews?”

N. He said to him in reply,

† **“You say so.”**

N. Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds,

V. “I find this man not guilty.”

N. But they were adamant and said,

C. “He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to here.”

N. On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; and upon learning that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly. Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them,

V. “You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.”

N. But all together they shouted out,

C. “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us.”

N. — Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for murder. —Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting,

C. “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

N. Pilate addressed them a third time,

V. “What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.”

N. With loud shouts, however, they persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices prevailed. The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted. So he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished.

As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said,

† “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.’ At that time people will say to the mountains, ‘Fall upon us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us!’ for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?”

N. Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed.

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said,

† “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.”

N. They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said,

C. “He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.”

N. Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out,

C. “If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.”

N. Above him there was an inscription that read, “This is the King of the Jews.”

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,

V. “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.”

N. The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,

V. “Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal.”

N. Then he said,

V. “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

N. He replied to him,

† **“Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”**

N. It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

† **“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”;**

N. and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

N. The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said,

V. “This man was innocent beyond doubt.”

N. When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events.

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, had not consented to their plan of action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea and was awaiting the kingdom of God. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried. It was the day of preparation, and the sabbath was about to begin. The women who had come from Galilee with him followed behind, and when they had seen the tomb and the way in which his body was laid in it, they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils. Then they rested on the sabbath according to the commandment.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Apostle’s Creed

All: 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.

Prayers of the Faithful – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Leader: Conscious of our Lord’s great suffering, we trust that God, Who raised Jesus from the dead, will answer each of our prayers:

Our response is: **“Merciful Lord, Hear our Prayer”**

For our Church, the people of God, who follow the way of the cross even to death, let us pray to the Lord.

That world leaders will use their power to protect the poor, oppose injustice, preserve freedom and promote lasting peace, especially for the people suffering in Ukraine, let us pray to the Lord.

That our Lenten disciplines will continue to transfigure the way we live in ever deeper conformity to Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who have come today and will fill our Church next weekend that they may find among us a true and lasting spiritual home, let us pray to the Lord.

That God will protect from all evil and harm all those who serve in the protection and defense of life, especially our first responders and our service men and women serving at home and abroad, let us pray to the Lord.

That the prayers we hold in our hearts will be united with those of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, our patron Saint Andrew, and all the saints in light, let us pray to the Lord.

For all our relatives and friends who have died, and for the people of the parish, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: Merciful Father, by His holy cross, Christ has redeemed the world. Help us to take up His cross and to be united to Jesus in His passion, with Mary His Mother. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer is recited by all.

Act of Spiritual Communion

All: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this

moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Blessing

Making the Sign of the Cross, we say together:

May the Lord bless us, protect us from evil, and bring us into everlasting life. Amen.

A concluding hymn may be sung.