

Passion Sunday

Veritas Hymnal No 85

1. All glory praise and honour, to you redeemer King.
For whom the children's voices made glad
Hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel, and David's Royal Son.
Who in the Lord's name comes to us,
the King and blessed one.
2. The company of angels are praising you on high:
And mortal men and all things created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before
you went:
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you
we present.

Commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem

The priest introduces the ceremony:
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, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

The Palms are then blessed.
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. Amen.



Gospel

Luke 19:28 - 40

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glorify to you, O Lord.
Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. Now when he was near Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives as it is called, he sent two of the disciples, telling them, 'Go off to the village opposite, and as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you are to say this, "The Master needs it." The messengers went off and found everything just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owner said, 'Why are you untying that colt?' And they answered, 'The Master needs it.'

So they took the colt to Jesus and throwing their garments over its back, they helped Jesus on to it. As he moved off, people spread their cloaks on the road, and now, as he was approaching the downward slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole group of disciples joyfully began to praise God at the top of their voices for all the miracles they had seen. They cried out:

'Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!'

Some Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Master, check your disciples,' but he answered, 'I tell you, if these keep silence the stones will cry out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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



Veritas Hymnal No. 36

1. Ever blessed our Saviour who comes in the
name of the Lord, God most high.
Son of David, you come to give light to
your people,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
2. Benedictus qui venit in nomine domini.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine domini.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in excelsis.

*After the procession the priest goes to the chair
and says the Opening Prayer. If the procession and
blessing of palms do not take place, the following
antiphon is said or an entrance hymn may be sung.*

Entrance Antiphon

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord
came into the city of Jerusalem, the children
ran to meet him; in their hands they carried
palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your
abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your
abundant mercy!

Invitation to Sorrow

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the
Father:
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation
of the truth:
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd,
leading us into everlasting life:
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us
our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Opening Prayer

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, one God, for ever and ever.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50: 4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied,
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen
like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am
untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face
like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps.21:8-9,17-20,23-24

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*
A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel *Luke 22:14-23:56 (or ►◀ 23:1-49)*

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

The passion may be read by lay readers, with the part of Christ, if possible, reserved to the priest. + indicates the part of Christ. N that of the narrator, S other individual voices and C the 'crowd' - the latter part may be taken by the congregation or by a part of it, e.g. the choir, or may be entrusted to the S reader.

N When the hour came Jesus took his place at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them,

+ I have longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; because I tell you, I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

N Then, taking a cup, he gave thanks and said,

+ Take this and share it among you, because from now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the kingdom of God comes.

N Then he took some bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying,

+ This is my body which will be given for you; do this as a memorial of me.

N He did the same with the cup after supper, and said,

+ This cup is the new covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you.

And yet, here with me on the table is the hand of the man who betrays me. The Son of Man does indeed go to his fate even as it has been decreed, but alas for that man by whom he is betrayed!

N And they began to ask one another which of them it could be who was to do this thing.

A dispute arose also between them about which should be reckoned the greatest, but he said to them,

+ Among pagans it is the kings who lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are given the title Benefactor. This must not happen with you. No; the greatest among you must behave as if he were the youngest, the leader as if he were the one who serves. For who is the greater: the one at table or the one who serves? The one at table, surely? Yet here I am among you as one who serves!

You are the men who have stood by me faithfully in my trials; and now I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father conferred one on me: you will eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and will sit on thrones to judge the twelve tribes of Israel.

Simon, Simon! Satan, you must know, has got his wish to sift you all like wheat; but I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail, and once you have recovered, you in your turn must strengthen your brothers.

N He answered,

S Lord, I would be ready to go to prison with you, and to death.

N Jesus replied,

+ I tell you, Peter, by the time the cock crows today you will have denied three times that you know me.

N He said to them,

+ When I sent you out without purse or haversack or sandals, were you short of anything?

N They answered,

C 'No.'

N He said to them,

+ But now if you have a purse, take it: if you have a haversack, do the same; if you have no sword, sell your cloak and buy one, because I tell you these words of scripture have to be fulfilled in me: He let himself be taken for a criminal. Yes, what scripture says about me is even now reaching its fulfilment.

N They said,

C 'Lord, there are two swords here now.'

N He said to them,

+ **That is enough!**

N He then left the upper room to make his way as usual to the Mount of Olives, with the disciples following. When they reached the place he said to them,

+ **Pray not to be put to the test.**

N Then he withdrew from them, about a stone's throw away, and knelt down and prayed, saying,

+ **Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me, nevertheless, let your will be done, not mine.**

N Then an angel appeared to him, coming from heaven to give him strength. In his anguish he prayed even more earnestly, and his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.

When he rose from prayer he went to the disciples and found them sleeping for sheer grief. He said to them,

+ **Why are you asleep? Get up and pray not to be put to the test.**

N He was still speaking when a number of men appeared, and at the head of them the man called Judas, one of the Twelve, who went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said

+ **Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?**

N His followers, seeing what was happening, said,

C 'Lord, shall we use our swords?'

N And one of them struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. But at this Jesus spoke,

+ **Leave off! That will do!**

N and touching the man's ear he healed him. Then Jesus spoke to the chief priests and captains of the Temple guard and elders who had come for him. He said,

+ **Am I a brigand that you had to set out with swords and clubs? When I was among you in the Temple day after day you never moved to lay hands on me. But this is your hour; this is the reign of darkness.**

N They seized him then and led him away, and they took him to the high priest's house. Peter followed at a distance. They had lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and Peter sat down among them, and as he was sitting there by



the blaze a servant-girl saw him, peered at him, and said,

S This person was with him too.

N But he denied it, saying,

S Woman, I do not know him.

N Shortly afterwards someone else saw him and said,

S You are another of them.

N But Peter replied,

S I am not, my friend.

N About an hour later, another man insisted, saying,

S This fellow was certainly with him. Why, he is a Galilean.

N Peter said,

S My friend, I do not know what you are talking about.

N At that instant, while he was still speaking, the cock crew, and the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter, and Peter remembered what the Lord had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will have disowned me three times.' And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Meanwhile the men who guarded Jesus were mocking and beating him. They blind-folded him and questioned him, saying

C 'Play the prophet. Who hit you then?'

N And they continued heaping insults on him.

When day broke there was a meeting of the elders of the people, attended by the chief priests and scribes. He was brought before their council, and they said to him,

C 'If you are the Christ, tell us.'

N He replied,

+ **If I tell you, you would not believe me, and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the Power of God.**

N Then they all said,

C 'So you are the Son of God then?'

N He answered,

+ **It is you who say I am.**

N They said,

C 'What need of witnesses have we now? We have heard it for ourselves from his own lips.'

N ► The whole assembly then rose, and they brought him before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying,

C 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.'

N Pilate put to him this question,

S Are you the king of the Jews?

N He replied,

+ **It is you who say it.**

N Pilate then said to the

chief priests and the crowd,

S I find no case against this man.

N But they persisted,

C **'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.'**

N When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. He said

S You brought this man before me as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.

N But as one man they howled,

C **'Away with him! Give us Barrabas!'**

N This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.

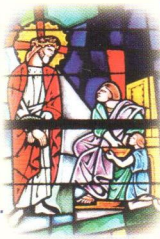
Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back.

C **'Crucify him! Crucify him!'**

N And for the third time he spoke to them,

S Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.

N But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified.



And their shouts were growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased. As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

+ **Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, 'Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"; to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?**

N Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said,

+ **Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.**

N Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him, saying,

C **'He saved others, let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.'**

N The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said,

C **'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.'**

N Above him there was an inscription: This is the King of the Jews.

One of the criminals hanging there abused him, saying,

S Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us as well.

N But the other spoke up and rebuked him.

S Have you no fear of God at all? You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.

N He replied,

+ **Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.**

N It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said,

+ **Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.**

N With these words he breathed his last.

(All kneel and pause a moment)

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said,

S This was a great and good man.

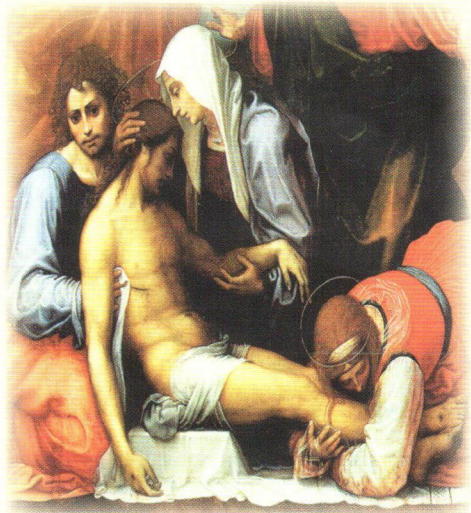
N And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen. ◀

Then a member of the council arrived, an upright and virtuous man named Joseph. He had not consented to what the others had planned and carried out. He came from Arimathaea, a Jewish town, and lived in the hope of seeing the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. He then took it down, wrapped it in a shroud and put him in a tomb which was hewn in stone in which no one had yet been laid. It was Preparation Day and the Sabbath was imminent.

Meanwhile the women who had come from Galilee with Jesus were following behind. They took note of the tomb and of the position of the body.

Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. And on the Sabbath day they rested, as the Law required.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God

the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

All bow for following two lines:

and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Offerings

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

**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 Offerings

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.

Eucharistic Prayer 11

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.



Preface:

The Passion of the Lord.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For, though innocent, he suffered willingly for sinners and accepted unjust condemnation to save the guilty.

His Death has washed away our sins, and his Resurrection has purchased our justification.

And so, with all the Angels, we praise you, as in joyful celebration we acclaim:

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.

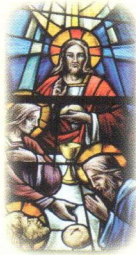
You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and + Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU,
AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP
FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL
COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured
OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE
FORGIVENESS OF SINS
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.



The mystery of faith

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death,
O Lord, until you come again.**

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your church spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

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. **Amen.**



Communion Rite

Our Father . . .

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.

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (X2)

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

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.

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

Communion Antiphon

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

Ever Blessed Our Saviour

(Veritas Hymnal No.36)

Ever blessed our Saviour who comes in the name of the Lord, God most high. Son of David, you come to give life to your people, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine domini.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine domini.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in excelsis.

Prayer after Communion

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.

Concluding Rite

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Prayer over the People

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.

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Veritas Hymnal No.86

1. Hail! redeemer, King divine!
Priest and lamb, the throne is thine.
King whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

Refrain:

Angels, saints and nations sing:
Praised be Jesus Christ, our King:
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary.

2. Eucharistic King, what love
Draws thee daily from above,
Clad in signs of bread and wine,
Feed us, lead us, keep us thine. **R**

