PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD <B
MARCH 27 - 28, 2021

MC: Greeting
SL: Entrance song
Introduction by the Celebrant

The Priest and people sign themselves, while the Priest says: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Then he greets the people in the usual way. A brief address is given, in which the faithful are invited to participate actively and consciously in the celebration of this day, in these or similar words:

C: Dear brethren (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 priest says the following prayers with hands extended.

Prayer

[Following Christ]

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.

The priest sprinkles the branches with holy water without saying anything.

Then a Priest, proclaims in the usual way the Gospel concerning the Lord’s entrance according to one of the four Gospels.
Gospel < B
Mk 11:1-10
[Jesus' Triumphal Entry]
In triumphant glory Jesus comes into Jerusalem. The people spread their cloaks on the ground for him, wave olive branches and sing in his honor.

R/ The Lord be with you.
R/ And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
R/ Glory to you Lord.

When Jesus and the disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ reply, ‘The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.’” So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it. So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel, a brief homily may be given. Then, to begin the Procession, an invitation may be given by a Priest.

Let us go forth in peace.
R/ In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Procession to the church where Mass will be celebrated then sets off in the usual way. If incense is used, the thurifer goes first, carrying a thurible with burning incense, then an acolyte or another minister, carrying a cross decorated with palm branches according to local custom, between two ministers with lighted candles. Then follow the Deacon carrying the Book of the Gospels, the Priest with the ministers, and, after them, all the faithful carrying branches.

As the Procession moves forward, the following or other suitable chants in honor of Christ the King are sung by the choir and people.

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

After the Procession of Solemn Entrance the Priest begins the Mass with the Collect.

C: Collect
[Patient Suffering]
Almighty 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, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading
Isaiah 50: 4-7 [Christ's Suffering]
The servant was persecuted and struck by his own people; he was spit upon and beaten. He proclaims the true faith and suffers to atone for the sins of his people. Here we see a foreshadowing of the true servant of God.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah
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.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps. 22 [Christ's Abandonment]

R/ My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
1. 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.)

2. 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.)

3. 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.)

4. 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.)
Second Reading  Philippians 2: 6-11  [Humility]
Paul urges us to humility by which we are made like to Christ, our Lord, who putting off the majesty of his divinity, became man and humbled himself in obedience to the ignominious death of the cross.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.
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.
R/ Thanks be to God.

Verse Before The Gospel  Phil 2:8-9  [Obedient to Death]  STAND
R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.
R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

The passion is read by the priest. And also be read by lay readers, with the part of Christ, reserved to the priest. It is proclaimed without candles or incense. The greeting and signs of the cross are omitted.
Only a deacon asks the blessing before the passion, as he does before the gospel.


Mark recounts the events that led up to the betrayal of Jesus and his final condemnation-his death on the cross. At the Last Supper, Jesus institutes the Holy Eucharist.
“Surely it is not I?”

He said to them,

“One of the Twelve, the one who dips with me into the dish. For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born.”

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said,

“Take it, this is my body.”

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them,

“This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

“All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be dispersed. But after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee.”

Peter said to him,

Even though all should have their faith shaken, mine will not be.”

Then Jesus said to him,

“Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times.”

But he vehemently replied,

Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you.”

And they all spoke similarly.

4. THE PRAYER IN GETHSEMANE

Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,

“Sit here while I pray.”

He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then he said to them,

“My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch.”

He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass by him; he said,

“Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will.”

When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter,

“Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.”

Withdrawing again, he prayed, saying the same thing. Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open and did not know what to answer him. He returned a third time and said to them,

“Are you still sleeping and taking you rest? It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

5. THE ARREST OF JESUS

Then, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying,

“The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely.”

He came and immediately went over to him and said,

“Rabbi”

And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him. One of the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest’s servant, and cut off his ear.

Jesus said to them in reply,

“Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize me? Day after day I was with you teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me; but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled.”

And they all left him and fled. Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked.

6. JESUS BEFORE CAIAPHAS

They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priest and the elders and the scribes came together. Peter followed him at a distance into the high priest’s courtyard and was seated with the guards, warming himself at the fire.

The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none. Many gave false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. Some took the stand and testified falsely against him, alleging,

“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands.’”

Even so their testimony did not agree. The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying

“Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?”

But he was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and said to him,

“Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?”

Then Jesus answered,

“I am; and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven’”
At that the high priest tore his garments and said,
V "What further need have we of witnesses? you have heard the blasphemy.
What do you think?"
N They all condemned him as deserving to die. Some began to spit on him. They
blindfolded him and struck him and said to him,
C "Prophesy!"
N And the guards greeted him with blows.

7. PETER'S DENIAL
N While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest’s maids came
along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said,
C "You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus."
N But he denied it saying,
V "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about"
N So he went out into the outer court. Then the cock crowed. The maid saw him
and began again to say to the bystanders,
C "This man is one of them."
N Once again he denied it. A little later the bystanders said to Peter once more,
C "Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Galilean."
N He began to curse and to swear,
V "I do not know this man about whom you are talking."
N And immediately a cock crowed a second time. Then Peter remembered the
word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice you will deny me
three times." He broke down and wept.

[BEGINNING OF SHORTER FORM]

8. JESUS BEFORE PILATE
N As soon as morning came, the chief priest with the elders and the scribes,
that is, the whole Sanhedrin, held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away,
and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,
V "Are you the king of the Jews?"
N He said to him in reply,
● "You say so."
N The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him,
V "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of"
N Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

9. BARABBAS
N Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom
they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels
who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to
ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered,
V "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?"
N For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over.
But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them
instead. Pilate again said to them in reply,
V "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?"
N They shouted again,
C "Crucify him"
N Pilate said to them,
V "Why? What evil has he done?"
N They only shouted the louder,
C "Crucify him"
N So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he
had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

10. THE CROWNING WITH THORNS
N The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and
assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown
of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with,
C "Hail, King of the Jews!"
N and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before
him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple
cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him.

11. THE CRUCIFIXION
N They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in
from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. They
brought him to the place of Golgotha—which is translated Place of the Skull-. They
gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they
crucified and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what
each should take. It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified
him. The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.”
With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and
one on his left.

12. ON CALVARY
N Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,
C "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save
yourself by coming down from the cross."
Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said,

“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 kept abusing him.

13. THE DEATH OF JESUS

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice.

“Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?”

which is translated,

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Some of the bystanders who heard it said, “Look, he is calling Elijah.”

One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying,

“Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down.”

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said,

“Truly this man was the Son of God!”

14. THE BURIAL

There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses, and Salome. These women had followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him. There were also many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When it was already evening, since it was the day of preparation, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had already died. And when he learned of it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. Having bought a linen cloth, he took him down, wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses watched where he was laid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

After the narrative of the Passion, a brief homily should take place, if appropriate. A period of silence may also be observed.

Homily

MC: I believe in God

SIT

General Intercessions

STAND

C: As Jesus enters victoriously into Jerusalem to do his Father’s will, we turn to the Father and let us acclaim our faith in the true triumph of the cross:

(Pause)

That the suffering and death of Jesus Christ will strengthen the Church in holiness and give her the renewal and growth for all humanity that they may all recognize Christ as their Savior, who died for them.

Let us pray:

Your love is stronger than death, O Lord.

For those in authority, that they may not, like Pilate, refuse to be responsible, but with courage to serve justice and truth, to protect the poor, preserve religious freedom and promote lasting peace. Let us pray:

Your love is stronger than death, O Lord.

For those who are to be baptized and received into the Church these final days of preparation will be a time of transforming grace and may God’s Spirit guide and accompany them in their journey of faith. Let us pray:

Your love is stronger than death, O Lord.

For the Christian Community: that we will live this Holy Week with special reverence, self-giving, and devotion; may God shelter all persecuted Christian and make their witness effective for the redemption of all. Let us pray:

Your love is stronger than death, O Lord.

Lord Jesus, you are the head of the Church, we humbly seek your Providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish for the grace to offer our sufferings in union with Christ, and to be the Light to the Nations. Let us pray:

Your love is stronger than death, O Lord.
We pray for those intentions offered for the Mass and for our personal intentions……
(Pause)
Let us pray:

Your love is stronger than death, O Lord.

C. Loving Father,
keep our eyes fixed on the triumph of life over death through the mystery of your Son’s Cross,
so that we may understand the power of your law of love, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SL: Offertory hymn

STAND

Preparation of the Bread
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.
All: Blessed be God for ever.

Preparation of the Wine
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.
All: Blessed be God for ever.

Invitation To Prayer
Priest : Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People : 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 Holy Church

STAND

Eucharistic Prayer No. 1
Praise to the Father
To you, therefore, most merciful Father, we make humble prayer and petition, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:

Invocation of the Holy Spirit
that you accept and bless these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices,

Intercession for the Church
which we offer you firstly for your holy catholic Church. Be pleased to grant her peace, to guard, unite and govern her.
The Lord's Supper
On the day before he was to suffer, he took bread in his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Father, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread 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 this precious chalice in his holy and venerable hands, and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing and gave the chalice 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.

Memorial Acclamation
Priest: The mystery of faith.
All: When we eat this Bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

The Memorial Prayer
Therefore, O Lord as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion, the Resurrection from the dead, and the glorious Ascension into heaven of Christ, your Son, our Lord, we, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from the gifts that you have given us, this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation. Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a serene and kindly countenance, and to accept them,
as once you were pleased to accept
the gifts of your servant Abel the just,
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God:
command that these gifts be borne
by the hands of your holy Angel
to your altar on high
in the sight of your divine majesty,
so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar
receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

For the Dead
Remember also, Lord, your servants N. and N.,
who have gone before us with the sign of faith
and rest in the sleep of peace.
Grant them, O Lord, we pray,
and all who sleep in Christ,
a place of refreshment, light and peace.
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

For the Living
To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners,
hope in your abundant mercies,
graciously grant some share
and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs:
with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas,
(Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity,
Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia)
and all your Saints;
admit us, we beseech you,
to their company,
ot weighing our merits,
but granting us your pardon,
through Christ our Lord.

Through whom
you continue to make all these good things, O Lord;
you sanctify them, fill them with life,
bless them, and bestow them upon us.

Concluding Doxology
Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
for ever and ever. Amen.
People: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

Priest: The body of Christ.
Answer: Amen

Priest: The blood of Christ.
Answer: Amen

Communion

ORATIO IMPERATA

Prayer after Communion [Nourishing Gifts]
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. R/ Amen.

General Announcement

Blessing [God’s Family]
Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.

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.
R/ Amen.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ♠ and the Holy Spirit.
R/ Amen.

The Mass is ended.
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
R/ Thanks be to God.