



**GRACE CHURCH**  
IN NEWARK

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**Prelude** – Processional

William Mathias (1934-1992)

## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

**Antiphon** – Hosanna filio David

Adapted by Samuel F. Weber (b. 1947)

*The Cantor sings the Antiphon as the ministers enter.*

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!

### An Address Commencing Holy Week

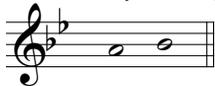
*The Priest addresses the people, saying*

Dear Friends in Christ: for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing, by works of charity and self-sacrifice, for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration, in union with the whole church throughout the world. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion this entry, which began his saving work, and follow him with a lively faith. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we also share his resurrection and new life.

### Collect

*The Priest continues, saying*

Let us pray. 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.



*People* A- men.

### Holy Gospel

Matthew 21: 1-11

*Priest* The ☩☩☩ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

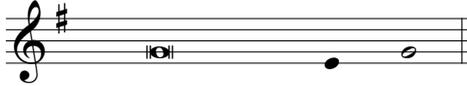


*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and

immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.



*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### Blessing of the Palms

*The Priest says a blessing over the palms.*

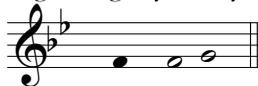


*Priest* The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you. *Priest* Let us give



thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 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* A- men.

*The people hold up their palm branches and the Priest sprinkles them with holy water.*

### Antiphon – Pueri Hebraeorum

Adapted by Samuel F. Weber (b. 1947)

*The Cantor sings the Antiphon.*

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



## Hymn 154 – All glory, laud, and honor

*Refrain* All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The company of angels are praising thee on high;  
and mortal men and all things created make reply. *Refrain*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went:  
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. *Refrain*

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise.  
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. *Refrain*

## Collect

*The Priest says the following*

Let us pray. 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. *Amen.*

## Responsory

*Graduale Romanum*

*Please remain standing as the Cantor sings the Responsory.*

Ingrediente Domino in sanctam civitatem,  
Hebraeorum pueri resurrectionem vitae  
pronuntiantes, cum ramis palmarum:  
“Hosanna, clamabant, in excelsis.” V.  
Cumque audisset populus, quod Iesus  
venire Ierosolymam, exierunt obviam ei.

As the Lord entered the holy city, the children  
of the Hebrews proclaimed the resurrection of  
life. Waving their branches of palm, they cried:  
Hosanna in the Highet. *Vs.* When the people  
heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they  
went out to meet him. *John 12*

## Collect of the Day

*Please sing “Amen” on a monotone throughout the service unless otherwise indicated. The “Collect of the Day” is a prayer which sets the theme for the day, reflected in the Gregorian Chant, as well as the readings, and post-communion prayer.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving 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.*



## Second Reading

Philippians 2: 5-11

*Reader* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

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* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Tract – Christus factus est

Felice Anerio (1560-1614)

*Please remain standing as the Cantor sings the Responsory.*

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens  
usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.  
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et  
dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne  
nomen.

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even  
to the death, death on the cross. Therefore God  
exalted Him and gave Him a name which is  
above all names.

## The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 26: 36 – 27: 66

*Please remain seated at the beginning of the Passion.*

Adapted by Bruce E. Ford (1947-2025)

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, ‘Sit here while I go over there and pray.’ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, ‘I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.’ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, ‘My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.’ Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, ‘So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.’ Again he went away for the second time and prayed, ‘My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.’ Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, ‘Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.’ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, ‘The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.’ At once he came up to Jesus and said, ‘Greetings, Rabbi!’ and kissed him. Jesus said to him, ‘Friend, do what you are here to do.’ Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, ‘Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the

sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?' At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.' Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, 'This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.' The high priest stood up and said, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?' But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, 'I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.' Jesus said to him, 'You have said so. But I tell you, "From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."' Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?' They answered, 'He deserves death.' Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, 'Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?' Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, 'You also were with Jesus the Galilean.' But he denied it before all of them, saying, 'I do not know what you are talking about.' When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, 'This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.' Again he denied it with an oath, 'I do not know the man.' After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, 'Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.' Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know the man!' At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' But they said, 'What is that to us? See to it yourself.' Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, 'It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.' After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.' Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make

against you?’ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, ‘Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, ‘Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.’ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, ‘Which of the two do you want me to release for you?’ And they said, ‘Barabbas.’ Pilate said to them, ‘Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ All of them said, ‘Let him be crucified!’ Then he asked, ‘Why, what evil has he done?’ But they shouted all the more, ‘Let him be crucified!’ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.’ Then the people as a whole answered, ‘His blood be on us and on our children!’ So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

*Here the People stand.*

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, ‘This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.’ Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, ‘You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.’ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ‘He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, “I am God’s Son.”’ The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, ‘This man is calling for Elijah.’ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, ‘Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.’ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

*All kneel in silence for a moment.*

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, ‘Truly this man was God’s Son!’ Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, ‘Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.’ Pilate said to them, ‘You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.’ So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

## Homily

Egan Pemberton, Nominee for the Priesthood

*Please be seated when the homilist says “✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”*

## Prayer Biddings

*Please remain standing for the Prayers of the People. The Priest makes special prayer biddings.*

- ✠ **The Church:** Pray for *Sarah Mullally*, Archbishop of Canterbury, *Sean Rowe* our Primate, *Carlye Hughes* our Bishop, and *Leo and Bartholomen*, primates of the other branches of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Pray for the growth and sustainability of our parish, its ministries and leaders, the Members of Vestry, *Andre and Tracy*, Wardens, *Michael*, Ministry Fellow, *John*, Organist, *Emmanuel*, Director of Choristers, *Rachel*, Cantor, *Luke*, Candidate for the Priesthood in seminary, *Egan*, Nominee for the Priesthood, and *Brent*, Rector.
- ✠ **The Nation & World:** Pray for *Donald*, President, Members of Congress, Justices of the Supreme Court, *Mikie*, Governor, and *Ras*, Mayor. Pray for the people of the nations of the world, especially Iran, Palestine, Israel, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Jamaica, Haiti, Ukraine, and Russia. Pray for peace and justice in the Middle East, for those who are suffering, and all who have been killed.
- ✠ **Parish Prayer List:** Pray for our parishioners, family and friends, especially *Nathalia Seltman*, grandmother of Michael Banks, *Brandon Allmon-Jackson*, partner of Matthew Greene, and *Gabriel Bowman*, husband of Rose.

- ☛ **Birthdays:** Give thanks for all those with birthdays this week, especially *Clarice Hamel (3/29)*, *Nia Dundas (4/3)*, and this past week, *Michael Thaddius Banks (3/26)*.
- ☛ **Departed:** Pray for the recently departed, especially *Madihab Brown (3/1/26)*, daughter of Tony Kearney, and in years past, especially *Mary E. Johnson (3/23/13)*, mother of Rosemary Kearney, and *Joshua Thompson-Quartey (4/2/20)*.

## Confession of Sin

*Priest* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Please kneel or bow profoundly for the Confession and say*

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.

*The Priest proclaims God's absolution of sin saying*

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

*Please stand for the peace.*



*Priest* The peace of the Lord be al- ways with you. *People* And al- so with you.

## Announcements

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*Please be seated during the preparation of the Altar, stand for the hymn, then stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive the Blessed Sacrament; Speak to the priest to discuss baptism.*

*Please receive the bread on the tongue or folded hands with palms up. Wine may be sipped, but dipping bread is not allowed.*

*If you do not receive the Sacrament, you are welcome to the altar rail for a blessing, indicating by crossing your arms over your chest.*

*If you need the Blessed Sacrament brought to your pew, please signal an usher.*

## Offertory Antiphon

*Graduale Romanum*

*The Cantor sings the Offertory Antiphon.*

Improperium expectavit cor meum, et miseriam: et sustinui qui simul contristaretur, et non fuit: consolantem me quæsivi, et non in veni: et dederunt in escam meam fel, et in siti mea potaverunt me aceto.

My heart expected reproach and misery, and I looked for one who would grieve together with me, and I found none; and they gave me gall for my food, and in my thirst, they gave me vinegar to drink. *Ps.* But I am afflicted and sorrowful; let your salvation, O God, set me on high. *Psalm 69*

**Anthem** – God so loved the world from *The Crucifixion* (1887)

John Stainer (1840-1901)

*Sung by the Choristers*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;  
but that the world through him might be saved. Amen.

**Hymn 161**

The flaming banners of our King

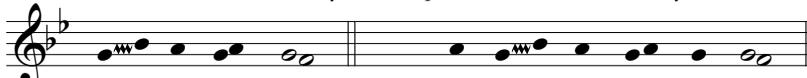
**Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Sanctus* – Missa de Angelis (15-16<sup>th</sup> centuries)

*Please remain standing for the following.*



*Priest* The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.



*Priest* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.



*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.

For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross,  
that he might draw the whole world to himself;  
and, by his suffering and death,  
he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven,  
who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



San - - ctus, San - ctus, San - - ctus\_



Dó - mi - nus De - us\_ Sá - - - -



-ba - oth. Ple - ni\_\_ sunt cae - li et\_\_ ter - ra\_\_

gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho - sán - na in ex - cé -  
 sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne  
 Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex -  
 cé - sis.

*Please kneel or remain standing as the Priest continues.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us ✠ also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace;

and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.  
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*Please affirm the consecration of the Bread & Wine as the Body & Blood of Christ by exclaiming the Great Amen.*



*People* A- MEN.

## The Lord's Prayer

*The Priest begins*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Please continue*

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal - low ed be thy Name,  
thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
hea - ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres -  
-pass-es, as we for-give those who tress-pass a-against us. And lead us  
not in-to temp-ta tion, but de-liv-er us from e - vil. For thine is the  
king-dom and the pow'r and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Fraction

*The Priest breaks the bread.*

*Priest* Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us.

There- fore let us keep the feast.

People

## Agnus Dei

Missa de Angelis (15-16<sup>th</sup> centuries)

*Please join the Cantor in singing the Agnus Dei.*

*rit.*  
A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta  
*rit.*  
mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.  
*rit.*  
A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta  
*rit.*  
mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.  
*rit.*  
A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta  
*rit.*  
mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

## Invitation to Receive the Blessed Sacrament

*Please come forward immediately after the following invitation in order to receive the Blessed Sacrament.*

✠ Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

*The people may privately say the Prayer of Humble Access for preparation to receive the Blessed Sacrament.*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

*A Prayer of Spiritual Communion for all who worship remotely or do not wish to receive the Blessed Sacrament*

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to you. And since I

cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

### Communion Antiphon

*Graduale Romanum*

*The Cantor sings the Communion Antiphon.*

Pater, si non potest hic calix transire, nisi bibam illum: fiat voluntas tua.

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done. *Matthew 26*

### Hymn 305

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

### Postcommunion Prayer

*After any remaining Sacrament has been consumed and the Altar has been cleared the Priest says*

Hear, O Lord, the prayers of those whom you have fed with the precious body and blood of your Son; and as by his death you have given us the hope of everlasting salvation, bring us by his resurrection to your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Prayer over the People

*The Priest prays over the people.*

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family from whom your Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; through Christ our Lord.

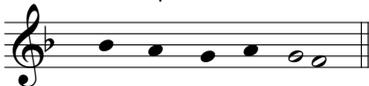


*People* A- men.

### Dismissal

*The Priest dismisses the people. Please remain standing until the end of the exit hymn, then be seated for the organ piece.*

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



*People* Thanks be to God.

### Hymn 470

There's a wideness in God's mercy

### Postlude – All Glory Laud and Honor

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

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## GRACE NOTES

Welcome to our visitors this morning. We hope you will fill out a visitor's card located in your pew. All are welcome to join us at Coffee Hour upstairs in the Parish House after Mass. We are very glad to have new families worshipping with us! If you are in need of childcare, ask an usher.

Online giving is easy at [bit.ly/GraceOnlineGiving](http://bit.ly/GraceOnlineGiving) or Venmo (@GraceNewark)

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### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

#### Holy Monday – Wednesday

March 30 – April 1

12:10 pm & 7:00 pm – Said Mass

*Noonday Prayer at 12:10 pm on Holy Tuesday*

#### Maundy Thursday

April 2

7:00 pm – High Mass with Footwashing & Stripping of the Altar

*Followed by an Agape meal (the church provides the main pasta dish while the sides are potluck)*

#### Good Friday

April 3

7:00 pm – Veneration of the Cross & Mass of the Presanctified

#### Easter Eve

April 4

8:00 pm – The Great Vigil & First Mass of Easter

#### Easter Sunday

April 5

8:00 am – Said Mass

10:30 am – High Mass with Procession

*Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck Dinner*

*Note: There will be no weekday services and the offices of the church will be closed during the week after Easter (April 6-10) while the staff is away.*

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### PLANNING FOR THE END OF LIFE

This Lent marks the third year of our parish's effort to encourage thoughtful preparation for the end of life. In the first year, we reflected on funeral planning; in the second, on advance directives; and this year, we turn our attention to the making or updating of wills. The parish will provide resources to assist you in this important work. As you make your plans, you may also wish to remember the Church in your will as an expression of gratitude and a means of supporting its mission for generations to come. It is not too late to take part in any aspect of the program. All materials are available in the Parish Hall. Please ask Father Bates if you would like guidance.

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### EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for Easter Flowers are now being accepted. Names of donors will be included here along with any names for memorial. Thank you to the following:

Comfort & Oladele Abogan

Sam Armah

Pat Arthur

Ottie Blamah-Sah

Henry Breton

Sylvia Christie

Monique Elisee

Winifred Langevine

Mike Lindstrom

Ifeoma Moneme

Darriea Pigott

Laurence Richards

## SPONSORS FOR HOLY WEEK SINGERS

The chant and music of Holy Week is a large part of what makes our observance solemn and reverent. Much of the music, such as the Passion chant and the Reproaches on Good Friday, requires additional voices. To help defray the cost, we are asking parishioners to consider sponsoring a singer for \$125 each. Please let us know by using the sheet at the sign-up table at coffee hour. Please also make sure to include the memo "Holy Week singer" in your donation and you may also wish to indicate if it is given as a memorial. Thank you to the following for their donations:

Judith Alexander-Edwards  
Sam Armah  
Matthew Greene  
Stone Herbas

The Kearney Family  
Tara Murphy  
Egan Pemberton  
Darriea Pigott

John Romeri  
Jason Scully

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## GROUNDS RESTORATION

As we prepare to welcome the beauty of spring, we are excited to continue our grounds restoration project, "Restoring Sacred Ground." This special effort is focused on renewing and beautifying our church property with spring flowers, fresh plantings, soil enhancements, and other necessary materials to create a welcoming and peaceful environment for worship, prayer, and fellowship. Our church grounds are more than landscaping; they are sacred space. They are where families gather, children play, visitors form first impressions, and members pause for reflection. With your support, we can ensure that our outdoor spaces reflect the care, hope, and renewal that spring represents. We are prayerfully asking members of our congregation to consider making a donation toward the purchase of: Spring flowers and seasonal plants; mulch, soil, and fertilizer; gardening tools and supplies; additional materials needed for restoration and upkeep.

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## FORMATION CLASS

Join Father Bates next week after Coffee Hour around 12:30 p.m. for adult formation classes. The class will cover our Anglican beliefs ranging from baptism, eucharist, the other sacraments, the creeds, Bible, prayer, among other practices and beliefs. This class is appropriate for anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of our faith, especially people interested in being baptized or confirmed as an Episcopalian. *Those interested in Baptism or Confirmation this Spring should speak to Fr. Bates now.*

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## JOIN BIBLE STUDY ON THURSDAY NIGHTS!

**Bible study continues Thursday at 6:30 p.m.** We are exploring the Gospel according to St. John during Lent and Eastertide. Please speak with Michael Banks, Ministry Fellow, for details and materials.

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## 20S & 30S GROUP

Please speak with Michael Banks, Ministry Fellow, about joining our 20s and 30s for fellowship and friendship throughout the year if you are within the age range of 20-39.

## COME SING WITH THE GRACE CHURCH ADULT CHOIR

Do you love singing and want to be more involved in the life of the Church? We'd love to invite **you** to join the **Adult Parish Choir** at Grace Church! Whether you've sung in choirs before or are simply drawn to the beauty of sacred music, this is a great opportunity to help lead worship—especially for **holidays and special liturgies** throughout the church year. The Choir will rehearse regularly and sing at Masses on Sundays and for major feasts. It's a meaningful way to serve, grow musically, and be part of a supportive community rooted in faith and tradition. **Interested? Speak with or send Michael Banks, Ministry Fellow, an email ([mtbanks@gracechurchinnewark.org](mailto:mtbanks@gracechurchinnewark.org)) with any questions about rehearsal schedules, commitments, or expectations. Singers of all skill levels are welcome.** Come and see what it's like to sing for the glory of God at Grace Church!

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## CHORISTER SEASON IN FULL SWING

Please help us to recruit new children to the program, whether your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, or neighbors, or friends of the family. *The program is tuition free and the Choristers receive a stipend.* Please help us get the word out! The Chorister rehearsals are now on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. during the school year. The children will perform twice per month.

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## FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: NEW TIMES

We warmly invite you to join us in serving our neighbors in need at our Food Ministry. New times for volunteering will include the first Sunday of the month and Tuesday afternoons. More details coming soon. Your hands and heart can make a difference. Whether you're new to serving or a regular participant, your presence is a blessing to those we serve. Come and be a part of this meaningful work, as we show God's love through action. Please contact Michael Banks for more information at [mtbanks@gracechurchinnewark.org](mailto:mtbanks@gracechurchinnewark.org).

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## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Coffee hour hosts are needed for upcoming months. Consider signing up to bring a small dish (coffee cake, Dunkin Donuts, bagels, etc.) for us to share during this time of fellowship. Friends can team up to cook or bring a dish as well. The sign-up sheet is located in the Parish Hall.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets on the first Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Parlor. Any school age child is welcome to join for a lesson on the day's scriptures. The children will join the Mass after the Peace for Holy Communion. For more information speak to Mariyam Kayjay or Father Bates.

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## PRAYER LIST

**Active members of our parish** – Shevon and Nora'a Armstrong; Mark McFadzean and family; Comfort Abogan; Ethelyn Washington; Alman Clarke; The Elisee Family; Dolores Carter-Brown; Monique Williams; Bernice Tillis; Valerie Munro; Akintoye Lapite; Oyinkansola Lapite; Aidan

Mandigora, and his parents Grant and Nezile; Fred Gaspard; Jordan Elisée; James Porter; Joan Knowles; Beatrice Breton; Brisco Kayjay; William Carter; Paola Breton.

**Friends of our parish** – Brandon Allmon-Jackson, partner of Matthew Greene; Scott and the Norris family; Gabriel Bowman, husband of Rose; Damion H. Arthur, son of Pat Arthur; Tiffany Blanco, niece of Judith Alexander-Edwards; Anthony Mack, Sr., cousin of Judith Alexander-Edwards; Ed & Linda Naskret, parents of Allie Ulrich; Aisha Lemon, wife of Rosemary Kearney’s co-worker; Frank Barber, Jr., friend of Courtney Dover; Brandon Bates, brother of Father Bates; Joseph Johnston and his family; Evelyn Cruz, mother of Ed Cruz; Geraldine Clarke, wife of Alman; Joanne Murray, mother of Andre Murray; Robert Alexander, brother of Judith Alexander-Edwards; Susan Webb, daughter of Sylvia Christie, and Isabelle Wiltshire, granddaughter of Sylvia Christie; Cliford ‘Cliffy’ Gunsam and Ellen Greenwood, friends of Sylvia Christie; Tiffany Colon, daughter-in-law of, and Heather Hall Chambers, sister-in-law of, Jewel Lowe; Elizabeth Silva, former sexton of Grace Church; Max Woolley, son of Peter Woolley; Christal Phillips, sister of Nadia; Kenneth J. Jones III, nephew of Courtney Dover; Marjorie & India Calloway, Laverne Poole, Henrietta Pemberton, Mary Carroll, Annie Myhand, friends of Joan Knowles; Nate Williams, Connie Jeffrey, Louis Neblett, Brooklyn Joan, nephews and niece of Joan Knowles; Shamar O’Neil, Ronney Davis, Charon Davis, Mike and Joan Knowles’ grandsons; the Riddick family, relatives of Joan Knowles; Cheryl Abernathy; Elijah Lassiter, great-grandson of Daphne Turner; Tom Durrell, husband of Sandra; Jean Armand Gaspard & Nicole Brevil, brother and sister-in-law of, and Wilner Altidor, brother-in-law of, Fred Gaspard; Michelle Portee, Ariel Maldonado, and Stan Zilinski, friends of Fred Gaspard; Yvonne Dunn, sister of Alman Clarke; Joseph Jolly, husband of Deleena and father of Brisco and Mariyam.

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Andre Murray & Tracy Cummings, *Wardens*

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Rosemary Kearney, Darriea Pigott, *Vestry Class of 2027*

Comfort Abogan, Shevon Armstrong, & Jason Scully, *Vestry Class of 2028*