

**A GUIDE TO THE CEREMONIES
OF HOLY WEEK AND TRIDUUM:
FOR SACRISTANS AND PASTORS**



Holy Week

Archdiocese of Kingston
The Liturgical Commission

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THE PASSION OF OUR LORD (PALM SUNDAY)

Preparations

- 1) For the Blessing and Procession
 - A table/s for palm branches
 - Lectern for Roman Missal and the reading of the Gospel or server to hold the Book of the Gospels
 - The vestments: alb, cincture, red stole and cope
 - Roman Missal
 - Holy water container (aspergillum)
 - thurible and boat with grains of incense
 - processional cross, decorated with palms
 - two acolyte candles
 - palm branches for Presiding Celebrant and other ministers.
 - Tables near the entrance with the palm branches to be given to the people on arrival.
- 2) For the Mass
 - Red chasuble near the chair, if the priest wore a cope in the procession
 - Lectionary at the ambo
 - 3 Books for reading of the Passion in parts
 - lecterns and microphones for the readers of the Passion
 - The usual preparation for Mass.
- 3) Ministers:
 - 4 or 5 altar servers: book-bearer, cross-bearer, (thurifer,) two acolytes
 - 3 or 4 Readers for the Readings and Passion
 - Choir / Cantor
 - Several ushers
 - sufficient Communion Ministers
- 4) The Order of the Blessing:
 - Antiphon "Hosanna" or a suitable acclamation or hymn while people gather
 - Presiding Celebrant's greeting (Sign of the Cross and Liturgical Greeting)
 - Prayer of Blessing, (holy water, and incense)
 - Proclamation of Gospel (with incense and candles) and brief homily
 - Invitation and Procession into the Church during the Hymn
- 5) The Order of the Procession:
 - Thurifer
 - Cross-bearer and acolytes
 - Choir
 - Lectors and Passion readers
 - Book-bearer with Missal
 - Presiding Celebrant and Congregation

THE EVENING CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREPARATIONS

- 1) The baptismal pool or font and any fonts at the entrances to the church (which are extensions of the baptismal font) are empty in preparation for Christian initiation. The fonts at the doors are not replenished until after the Easter Vigil with its celebration of baptism and renewal of baptismal promises or until the final Mass of Easter.
- 2) The tabernacle stands empty before the celebration begins, ready to receive the Eucharistic Bread from the Celebration of this Eucharist. The reserved elements are normally consumed. Otherwise, they are transferred to the sacristy or some other suitable place and are not used for communion at any time during the Triduum. Since the tabernacle is empty, its light is extinguished, the veil removed and the door left open.
- 3) In the sacristy: white vestments, thurible, processional cross, two acolyte candles
- 4) At the Credence (side) table:
 - bells to be rung during the Gloria; (someone to ring it at Gloria)
 - extra chalices for Communion
 - usual Mass preparations
- 5) Table near the entrance (gift table)
 - Altar breads sufficient for this Mass and for Good Friday
 - a receptacle to receive the alms of the people
 - a cruet or pitcher of wine with sufficient for the Communion of the people
- 6) The Washing of Feet
 - foot pan and towels pitcher of water perhaps a kneeling pad for the Celebrant
 - chairs or benches arranged for the "mandati" perhaps in the main aisle of the church. Both men and women are eligible to have their feet washed.
- 7) For the Procession:
 - corporal left on the altar after Communion
 - humeral veil
 - place of reposition: empty tabernacle with door opened
- 8) Ministers
 - 4 or 5 Altar Servers: Book-bearer, cross-bearer, (thurifer,) two acolytes
 - Choir or Cantor
 - Two Lectors
 - Several ushers
 - People for the Washing of Feet
 - sufficient Communion Ministers for Communion under both Kinds
- 9) Notes:
 - The (Roman Missal) provides a rite for the reception of the oils that were blessed and consecrated during the Chrism Mass in the cathedral church. Two of these oils (the oil of catechumens and the chrism) will be used at the celebration of Christian initiation later in the paschal feast.
 - The community shares in communion from the cup. As the liturgy proclaims: "Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood,

the blood of the new and everlasting covenant " When the community shares the one cup, it seals its covenant of love in the blood of Christ; thus, communion from the cup is particularly significant in this celebration.

The stripping of the altar is no longer part of the ritual for Holy Thursday. It may be done after the people leave the Church. If the people do remain, the Commentator or Lector might make a brief announcement.

GOOD FRIDAY

PREPARATIONS

- 1) In the Sacristy or Vesting Area
 - red vestments
 - a large cross (covered or uncovered according to method of showing the cross)
 - Two acolyte candles
- 2) In the Sanctuary
 - The altar has neither cloth nor candles
 - Possibly a cushion on the floor in front of the altar for the prostration
- 3) At the Chair
 - Roman Missal
- 4) At the Ambo
 - Lectionary
 - 3 Books of Passion Readings
 - Book with the Solemn Intercessions (make your own)
- 5) At the (side) credence table –
 - Corporal
 - A cloth for the altar table
 - Roman Missal holder or stand
 - purificators for the veneration of the cross
- 6) At the Altar of Reservation
 - White humeral veil
 - Two candles for the procession to the altar
 - bowl of water for purification of fingers after Communion
- 7) Ministers
 - 4 or 5 Altar Servers: Book-bearer and another server to assist the Presider ; two acolytes, Cross-bearer. The latter is required only if the first method of showing the cross is used.
 - Choir or cantors
 - Readers of the Passion and two lectors
 - sufficient Communion Ministers

THE EASTER VIGIL

PREPARATIONS

1) In the Sacristy or Vestment Room: -

White vestments

- Paschal Candle
- Roman Missal
- thurible and boat with incense

2) In the Sanctuary:

- Paschal Candle stand
- Lectionary with marked readings and Text for the Exultet at the Ambo

3) At the Altar:

- Usual cloths
- Candles, not lighted

4) At the Credence (side) Table:

- chimes for Glory to God
- Lavabo dish, towel
- chalice
- Chalices for communion under both Kinds
- Purificators

5) At the Baptismal font:

- Water in the font
- Holy water pot and sprinkler
- A table, holding a large container of water
- Baptismal RCIA Ritual
- Holy Chrism, cotton batting, towels
- White garment/s, Baptismal candles

6) Outside for Blessing of the Fire:

- large receptacle and materials for fire
- Lighter or matches for lighting fire
- Pot of water to put out the fire
- knife and grains of incense if used in preparation of Paschal Candle
- long taper to light Paschal Candle (and charcoal for thurible) from fire

7) At the Church Entrance:

- Candles or tapers for the congregation
- # of greeters to hand out those tapers

8) Ministers:

- 4 or 5 Altar servers: a Book-bearer, two other servers, a thurifer and candle-bearer
- Choir or cantors
- several lectors
- ushers to guide people
- a person to guide those being baptized