



*Saint Luke Catholic Parish  
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**PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 28, 2021**

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**LITURGY OF THE MASS**

*Saturday Evening: 5:00pm*

*Sunday Morning: 10:00am*

*Daily: Tues. 11am, Wed. 11am (elderly)*

*Thurs. 8am*

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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**SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY**

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:00pm,*

Call Sandy Mickley for appointment at 740-507-9569.

*Marriage: Contact Fr. Hammond 4 months prior to the date you have in mind to be married, Marriage Prep and Pre-Canas are required.*

*Baptism & RCIA: Call Greg Henkel at 740-392-4711 ext. 104 or [gregmhenkel@gmail.com](mailto:gregmhenkel@gmail.com); instruction required.*

*In Case of Sickness: Call parish office if you are sick or hospitalized; also, inform us about the sick or aged who are unable to attend Mass.*

**MISSION STATEMENT** – We are St. Luke Church, people of God, created in the image and likeness of Christ, and committed to living our faith in the Roman Catholic tradition under the authority and direction of the Pope, Bishop and Pastor. As people baptized in Christ, gifted with many talents and rooted in strong families, we reach out and welcome all. Our mission is to proclaim the good news, as a prayerful and caring community celebrating Christ's presence in worship, sacraments, and service.

Readings for March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday



Readings for April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

**Responsorial Psalm: 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24**

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**

**Gospel: Mark 14:1 – 15:47**

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43**

**Responsorial Psalm: 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23**

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

**Gospel: John 20:1-9**

	MAR/APR		MASS INTENTIONS	OFFERED BY
Saturday	27	5pm	People of St. Luke	
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	28	10am	Andrew & Irene Guy	Mike & Romona Compton
Tuesday	30		<i>No Mass – Priest Retreat</i>	
Wednesday	31	11am	Helen Austin	Janet Sapp
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	1	6:30pm	Efpiridion Gregorio	Jim & Nora Blubaugh
<b>Good Friday</b>	2	3pm	<i>Passion of the Lord</i>	
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	3	8pm	Lynn Miller	Carole Miller
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	4	10am	People of St. Luke	

**Saint Luke is a member of the Knox Consortium with St. Vincent de Paul, Mount Vernon**

**St. Vincent de Paul Website:** [www.st-vincentdepaul.org](http://www.st-vincentdepaul.org)

Go to Quick Links at the bottom of the page for “Church Bulletin”.

**St. Vincent de Paul Mass times:** Saturday at 4:30pm; Sunday at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12pm

Monday, Tuesday (elderly), Wednesday at 12:15pm; Friday at 5:30pm

Liturgy of the Hours Thursday at 8:00am in the Rectory Chapel

**Your Stewardship to God –Week of March 20/21**

- \$4,210.00 Regular Offering, Thank you! (This includes automatic payments made by Mar. 20.)
- 160.00 Sanctuary
- 55.00 Easter-35, Good Friday/Holy Land-20
- 30.00 Catholic Relief Services
- 20.00 Food Pantry
- 20.00 Catholic Times

**Welcome to St. Luke Catholic Church:** Please wear a mask throughout the service only removing it to receive communion. Please take this bulletin home with you. An usher will dismiss you for Communion and at the end of the Mass. Please leave your kneeler down so the cleaners know where to sanitize.

**Palm Sunday, Serving the Suffering Christ:** As we enter Holy week and celebrate Palm Sunday, let’s reflect on how our Lord suffered from our indifference: those who proclaimed him king of Jerusalem were the same who called to crucify him. We recognize we are all one human family. Are we contributing to the suffering of our sisters and brothers with our indifference to their realities? How does our faith inspire us to care for them and share the gifts that God has bestowed on us? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

**Prayers are requested for....**Kaden Allerding, Jeff Allison, Cynthia Barkhimer, Cecil Bragg, Twila Colopy, Rose Crawford, **Barb Davis**, Jim Denuit, Gretchen Dues, Natalie Ebner, Patrick Gaffney, **Felisha Goldsmith**, Julie Grimes, Kim Hamm Householder, Tripp Heffelfinger, Betty Hoffman, Karen Koegle, Amy Koegly, Alana Leavitt, Thomas Leavitt, Rosalee Mathie, Jill McDonald, Barb Miller, Joe Miller, Laura Mills, Steve Meyers, Lorna Patton, Delaney Rothgeb, Michael Sandman, Beth Sapp, Bob Sichel, Barb Smith, Terri Tharp, **Father Victor Wesolowski**, for those affected by the opioid crisis, for the closure of abortion clinics and for all those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please call the parish office when admitted to the hospital if you wish a visit.

MINISTRIES			USHERS/GREETERS	LECTOR
Holy Thursday	4/1	6:30pm	Linda Welsh- Dave Rashley	Anna Annett
Good Friday	4/2	3pm	Marcia Durbin-Mike Nester	Deacon Tim/Mark Hedge
Easter Vigil	4/3	8pm	Dale & Barb McComb-Eric Mickley	Vic Campanelli
Easter Sunday	4/4	10am	Brad Mickley-Jerry Mickley Ed Blanchard	Charlie Bratton

**Ushers, please arrive 45 minutes prior to Mass.**

**Live Streamed Masses:** St. Luke's livestreams both Saturday Mass at 5pm and Sunday Mass at 10am at [www.facebook.com/STLKCD/](http://www.facebook.com/STLKCD/).

**St. Vincent's Sunday Masses:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaKkSBPmEcow49IPM4g74hg>

*Weekly Comments from the Clergy are also available on the YouTube address above.*

**Word on Fire:** Parishioners have complete access to Bishop Barron's Word on Fire ENGAGE video library! To access Word on Fire videos log onto [flocknote.com/login](http://flocknote.com/login) and enter your email address and password. Click visit [WoFDigital.org](http://WoFDigital.org).

**Virtual Walking Stations of the Cross:** In light of the pandemic, the annual diocesan Walking Stations of the Cross will not be offered in-person on Good Friday. However, the offices of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Social Concerns are working with local parishes and the Diocesan Youth Council to provide video and audio reflections for small groups, families, and individuals. There also will be a guide provided with a map of the Walking Stations route for those interested in making a self-guided pilgrimage in downtown Columbus. For details, visit [www.columbuscatholic.org/walking-stations](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/walking-stations).

**Blessed Sacrament Parish**, 394 E. Main St., Newark, is seeking a full time Bookkeeper. This candidate will be responsible for performing, but not limited to, bookkeeping and accounting duties. This candidate must be proficient in QuickBooks and Microsoft Office Suite/Excel. Nonprofit experience is helpful, associate degree or equivalent with 3-5 years related experience or combination education and experience, excellent verbal and written communication skills. Job offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and completion of the Virtus "Protecting God's Children" program. Compensation commensurate with experience and ability. For more information about this position, go to [blsac.net](http://blsac.net) and click on "Hiring". Send cover letter and resume, salary requirement and references (3) to Jim Weisent, Business Manager at [busmgr@blsac.net](mailto:busmgr@blsac.net).

**Columbus Catholic Young Adult Conference 2021** is an invitation to young adults everywhere to delve into their faith journeys by discovering who they are, where they're going and what they're looking for along the adventure. The theme, "Rest In Thee," encourages all young adults to learn, grow and flourish in their unique identities and to have the courage to fulfill their callings as disciples of Christ. CCYAC brings together hundreds of young adults in prayer, fellowship and the opportunity to encounter Christ in a transformative way. CCYAC 2021 will be held on April 17, 2021 in Sunbury, Ohio. Registration started December 6. It will be held at St. John Neumann parish in Sunbury. More info available at [www.ccyac.org](http://www.ccyac.org).

**Converging Roads Medical Ethics Conference, "Health Care and Human Dignity"** will be Saturday, April 24, 8:30am-7:30pm at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, OH, presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, the Diocese of Columbus, and the Catholic Medical Association of Central Ohio. Continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered. Registration: \$69-\$149 based on CME/CNE inclusion. Please visit [convergingroads.com](http://convergingroads.com) or email [sara@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:sara@forlifeandfamily.org) for more info.

**Palm Sunday, March 28.** "Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" Mark 15:12-13 Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer. Learn how you can share your gifts to support your parish by contacting the Catholic Foundation. Visit [www.catholic-foundation.org/development](http://www.catholic-foundation.org/development) for more information.

## EVENTS OF THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday	March 30	6:30-8:30pm – Prayer to Jesus in the Tabernacle
Wednesday	March 31	8:30-10:30am – Prayer to Jesus in the Tabernacle
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	April 1	6:30pm – <i>Holy Thursday Mass</i> <i>(Church will be open for Adoration until Midnight)</i>
<b>Good Friday</b>	April 2	3pm – <i>Good Friday Service (Day of Fast &amp; Abstinence)</i>
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	April 3	8pm – <i>Easter Vigil Mass</i>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	April 4	10am – <i>Easter Mass</i>

### **Last chance for Easter Flowers! Must have in by Wednesday, March 31!**

**Prayer to Jesus in the tabernacle** will be Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm and Wednesdays 8:30-10:30am. As with Mass, you must wear a mask and sanitize your hands and your temperature will be taken. Please arrive on the half hour to minimize noise and interruption of prayer. You may leave quietly at any time; you need not stay an hour. If you have questions, please call Barb McComb at 740-668-2550. *Tuesday night we will be praying the Rosary together at 6:45pm. During Lent we also will be praying the Stations of the Cross. Wednesday morning, we will be praying the Rosary the second half of our prayer time.*

**Reconciliation Monday, March 29** will be from 4-7pm at the St. Vincent de Paul School. To sign up go to <https://stvincentdepaul19.flocknote.com/signup/43943> or call the office at 740-392-4711 ext. 100.

**April is Autism Awareness Month:** During the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, Pope St. John Paul II addressed participants for the Jubilee of the Disabled with these stirring words: “The Church, as my venerable Predecessor Paul VI liked to say, is ‘a love that seeks out’. How I would like you all to feel welcomed and embraced in her love! First of all you, dear families: those who have children with disabilities and those who share their experience. I say again to you today that I am close to you. Thank you for the witness you bear by the fidelity, strength and patience of your love.” As Catholics, we are called to welcome all persons with disabilities and during the month of April, there is a particular emphasis on persons with Autism, also known as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Autism is a developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges.

**Time is running out to make nominations for the 2021 Catholic Man of the Year!** The Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club is accepting nominations. The Catholic Man of the Year is awarded to one layman who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the “good and faithful servant.” For details and the required online nomination form, go to [www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc). Submit your nomination and let us know why your husband, father, son, uncle, brother or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year! All nominations must be made by Wednesday March 31, 2021. Bishop Robert J. Brennan will announce the 2021 Catholic Man of the Year on May 7, 2021

**Spring Cleanup at the Cemetery:** Please remove any wreaths or artificial flowers by April 1. It will be time to start mowing soon!

**Divine Mercy Sunday** will be celebrated on April 11, at 3pm at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. The service will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers, confession, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are welcome for this beautiful celebration of God’s love and mercy.

**Catechism of the Catholic Church 607:** The desire to embrace his Father’s plan of redeeming love inspired Jesus’ whole life, for his redemptive passion was the very reason for his Incarnation. And so he asked, “And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour.” And again, “Shall I not drink the cup which the Father has given me?” From the cross, just before “It is finished,” he said, “I thirst.”

## **Palm Sunday – March 28, 2021**

### **Opening Hymn: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer King!  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are the King of Israel. And David’s royal Son,  
Now in the Lord’s Name coming, Our King and Blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer King!  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The company of angels Are praising you on high;  
And mortals, joined with all things Created, make reply.

### **First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

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

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

### **Responsorial: Psalm: 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24**

#### **R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:  
“He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him.” **R.**  
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.**  
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.**  
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**

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.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

#### **R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!**

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## **Gospel: Mark 14:1 – 15:47**

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

N. The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place in two days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to arrest him by treachery and put him to death. They said,

**C. "Not during the festival, for fear that there may be a riot among the people."**

N. When he was in Bethany reclining at table in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on his head. There were some who were indignant.

**C. "Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil? It could have been sold for more than three hundred days' wages and the money given to the poor."**

N. They were infuriated with her. Jesus said,

† "Let her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could. She has anticipated anointing my body for burial. Amen, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

N. Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests to hand him over to them. When they heard him they were pleased and promised to pay him money. Then he looked for an opportunity to hand him over. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him,

V. "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"

N. He sent two of his disciples and said to them,

† "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there."

N. The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he came with the Twelve. And as they reclined at table and were eating, Jesus said,

† "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

N. They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one,

V. "Surely it is not I?"

N. 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."

N. 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."

N. 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."

N. 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.”

N. Peter said to him,

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

N. Then Jesus said to him,

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

N. But he vehemently replied,

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

N. And they all spoke similarly. Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,

† “Sit here while I pray.”

N. 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.”

N. 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.”

N. 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.”

N. 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 your 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.”

N. 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,

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

N. He came and immediately went over to him and said,

V. “Rabbi.”

N. 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.”

N. 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. They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests 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,

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

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

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

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

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

N. 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.’”

N. 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. 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. As soon as morning came, the chief priests 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. 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. 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. 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 him 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. 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.”**
- N. Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said,
- C. “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.”**
- N. Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him. 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?”
- N. which is translated,
- † “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
- N. Some of the bystanders who heard it said,
- C. “Look, he is calling Elijah.”**
- N. One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink saying,
- V. “Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down.”
- N. Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.
- Here all kneel and pause for a short time.*
- N. 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,
- V. “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

N. 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.

### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father, the 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, and by the Holy Spirit He 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.

### **Closing Hymn: "O Sacred Head Surrounded"**

O Sacred Head, surrounded By crown of piercing thorn!  
O bleeding Head, so wounded, Reviled and put to scorn!  
The pow'r of death comes o'er you, The glow of life decays,  
Yet angel hosts adore you, And tremble as they gaze.

In this, your bitter passion, Good Shepherd, think of me  
With your most kind compassion, Unworthy though I be:  
Beneath your cross abiding, Forever would I rest,  
In your dear love confiding, And with your presence blest.