Saint Thomas's Church

### Palm Sunday

### The Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

Sunday, April 10, 2022

High Mass at 11 o'clock



*Entry into Jerusalem*, 15<sup>th</sup> cent German relief sculpture The Met Fifth Avenue, New York City

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Flowers in the Church on Easter day are the gift of the congregation.

Donations may be made in memory of family and friends by filling out the appropriate flower envelope. Names and thanksgivings will be published in the Easter booklets. Anonymous donations are also gratefully accepted.

#### Celebrant: Fr Shire Homilist: Fr. D'Angelo Deacon: Fr Humphrey Reader: David Kent Organist & Director of Music: Matthew Whitfield

#### **PROVISOS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE**

Masks are still required until May 1. The mask must be an N95, KN95, or acceptable equivalent. Exemptions are allowed as provided for by law; please inform a sidesperson if an exemption applies to you.

The Diocese has approved a return to congregational singing! Please join in heartily. Though distancing is no longer a requirement, please inquire of your nearest neighbours to ensure that all are comfortable and accommodated.

MUSIC OF THE MASS – Missa XV, Dominator Deus

#### **PRELUDE**: Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem, Jean Langlais Elizabeth Anderson, Organist

Please stand as the choir enters the church during the prelude, sitting again when the choir sits.

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the Sacred Ministers.

#### INTROIT: 'Hosanna to the Son of David'

Hosanna filio David : benedictus que venit in nomine Domini. Rex Israel: Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please remain standing

#### COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory, may we, walking in the way of the Cross, find it is for us the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.** 

#### THE GOSPEL OF THE PALMS - Luke 19.28-40

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. The Holy Gospel is written in the nineteenth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the twenty-eighth verse. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

> The Gospel of Christ. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

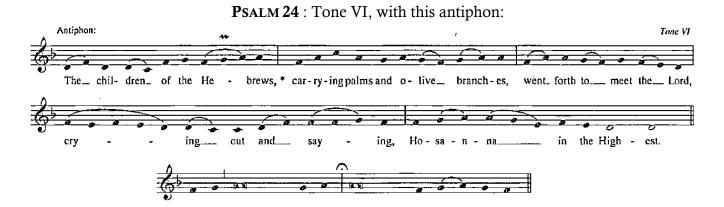
#### THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

#### Standing behind the table laden with palms, the Celebrant says:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share in his risen life.

Let us pray. O God our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; bless (+) we pray these palms, that they may be unto us a sign of his victory; and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leadeth to eternal life; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

Please hold up your palms as the Celebrant goes down the centre aisle to sprinkle the congregation's palms. This is done during the singing of the psalm with its antiphon:



- 1 The earth is the Lord's, and all that there-**in** is : the compass of the world, and **they** thät dwell there-in.
- 2 For he hath founded it upon **the** seas : and established **it** üp-on the floods.
- 3 Who shall ascend into the hill of **the** Lord? : or who shall stand **in** hïs ho-ly place?
- 4 Even he that hath clean hands, and a **pure** heart : and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to de-**ceive** his neigh-bour.
- 5 He shall receive a blessing from **the** Lord : and righteousness from the God of **his** säl-va-tion.
- 6 This is the generation of them that **seek** him : even of them that seek thy face, O **God** öf Ja-cob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlast-**ing** doors : and the King of **glo**-rÿ shall come in.
- 8 Who is the King of **glo**-ry? : it is the Lord, strong and mighty, even the Lord migh-**ty** in bat-tle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlast-**ing** doors : and the King of **glo**-rÿ shall come in.
- 10 Who is the King of **glo**-ry? : even the Lord of hosts, he is the **King** öf glo-ry.

#### Repeat antiphon

#### THE PROCESSION

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in peace: In the Name of the Lord. Amen.

PROCESSION HYMN 130 - All Glory, laud, and honour

- All Glory, laud, and honour To thee, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
- 2 Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
  Who in the Lord's Name comest, The King and blessèd One. All glory, laud, and honour...
- 3 The company of angels Are praising thee on high, And mortal men and all things Created make reply *All glory, laud, and honour...*
- 4 The people of the Hebrews With palms before thee went; Our praise and prayer and anthems Before thee we present. *All glory, laud, and honour...*
- 5 To thee before thy Passion They sang their hymns of praise; To thee now high exalted Our melody we raise. *All glory, laud, and honour...*
- 6 Thou didst accept their praises, Accept the prayers we bring, Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King. *All glory, laud, and honour...*

S<sup>T</sup> THEODULPH Melody by M. Teschner, c 1613 Adapted and harmonized by J.S. Bach S<sup>t</sup> Theodulph of Orleans, d. 821 Tr J. M. Neale, 1818-66

#### At the Rood

The Prophetic Anthem; Tone i

O Jerusalem, look toward the East and behold: lift up thine eyes, O Jerusalem, and behold the power of thy King!

Sarum Processional

HYMN 131 - Ride on! ride on in majesty!

- Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry; O Saviour meek, pursue thy road With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on! ride on in majesty!In lowly pomp ride on to die;O Christ, thy triumphs now beginO'er captive death and conquered sin.
- Ride on! ride on in majesty!
   The angel-squadrons of the sky
   Look down with sad and wondering eyes
   To see the approaching Sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on! ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh, The Father on his sapphire throne Expects his own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on! ride on in majesty!In lowly pomp ride on to die;Bow thy meek head to mortal pain;Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

WINCHESTER NEW Adapted from a chorale in Musicalisches Handbuch, Hamburg 1690 Henry Milman, 1791-1868

The character of the service changes from joyfulness at the entrance of Jesus into the holy city to the solemnity of anticipation of his Passion.

Please kneel for the Kyrie, as sung by the choir.

#### **KYRIE ELEISON**

Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us. Christe Eleison : Christ, have mercy upon us. Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.** 

#### **THE EPISTLE**: Philippians 2.5-11

The Epistle is written in the second chapter of St Paul's epistle to the Philippians, beginning at the fifth verse.

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.

# The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 129 – Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle

- Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle, Sing the ending of the fray; Now above the Cross, the trophy, Sound the loud triumphant lay: Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer, As a Victim won the day.
- 2 Tell how, when at length the fullness Of the appointed time was come, He, the Word, was born of woman, Left for us his Father's home, Showed to men the perfect manhood, Shone as light amidst the gloom.
- Thus, with thirty years accomplished, Went he forth from Nazareth, Destined, dedicate, and willing, Wrought his work, and met his death; Like a Lamb he humbly yielded On the Cross his dying breath.
- 4 Faithful Cross, thou sign of triumph, Now for man the noblest Tree, None in foliage, none in blossom, None in fruit thy peer may be; Symbol of the world's redemption, For the weight that hung on thee!
- 5 Unto God be praise and glory: To the Father and the Son, To the eternal Spirit, honour Now and evermore be done; Praise and glory in the highest, While the timeless ages run.

#### PASSION GOSPEL: Matthew 27.1-54

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

Please remain standing for the Gospel, but if you need to sit please do so. You may wish to stand again at "Now from the sixth hour. . ."

When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor. Then Judas, who had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

And Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest. And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then saith Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word, insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly. Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews. And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

And as they came out they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, they gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophet: They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched him there; and set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Then were there two thieves crucified with him; one on the right hand, and another on the left. And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, and saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself: if thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others, himself he cannot save: if he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

#### All who have been sitting and are able now stand.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, *Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?* that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias.

And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

#### It is customary to kneel or bow during a moment of silence.

And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom, and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent, and the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

Please kneel or be seated for the keeping of a profound silence.

SERMON

#### OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself as an offering and a sacrifice to God.

#### OFFERTORY HYMN 596 - My song is love unknown

- My song is love unknown, My Saviour's love to me, Love to the loveless shown, That they might lovely be. O who am I, That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from his blest throne, Salvation to bestow; But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know. But O, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew his way, And his sweet praises sing; Resounding all the day Hosannas to their king. Then `Crucify!' Is all their breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight. Sweet injuries! Yet they at these Themselves displease, And `gainst him rise.
- 5 They rise, and needs will have My dear Lord made away; A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay. Yet cheerful he To suffering goes, That he his foes From thence might free.

6 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine; Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like thine. This is my Friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend.

Love Unknown John Ireland 1879-1962 Samuel Crossman, 1624-83

Please sit at the conclusion of the hymn, and stand again as the thurifer approaches for the censing.

#### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, thine only Son, makes us pleasing in thy sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive thy love and mercy. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

#### **INTENTIONS OF THE MASS**

The Deacon reads the Intentions and bids the People's additions, silently or aloud.

Please kneel.

#### INVITATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### The Lord be with you; And with thy spirit.

#### Lift up your hearts; We lift them up unto the Lord.

#### Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things, for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and Man; who did humble himself, even to the death upon the Cross for us sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death; that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

#### The Choir sings:

Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Blessèd is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.** 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

The consecrated Bread is broken. A sustained period of silence is kept, after which the Celebrant bids the Peace.

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

The Celebrant then kneels to begin the Prayer of Humble Access.

#### HOLY COMMUNION

All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:

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 our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

The Choir sings:

#### AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion as directed by the Sidespeople.

#### Μοτετ

'Christus factus est pro nobis obediens,' Anton Bruckner

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath exalted Him, and hath given Him a name which is above every name.

(Gradual for Maundy Thursday. Philippians 2.8-9)

#### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION WHICH MAY BE SAID BY THOSE NOT RECEIVING

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

#### ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesu, hear me. Within thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from thee. From the malicious enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me. And bid me come to thee, That with thy saints I may praise thee, For ever and ever. Amen.

Please kneel or sit.

COMMUNION HYMN 139 - O Sacred head, surrounded

- O Sacred head, surrounded By crown of piercing thorn! O bleeding head, so wounded, Reviled, and put to scorn! Death's pallid hue comes o'er thee, The glow of life decays, Yet angel-hosts adore thee, And tremble as they gaze.
- 2 I see thy strength and vigour All fading in the strife, And death with cruel rigour Bereaving thee of life; O agony and dying! O love to sinners free! Jesu, all grace supplying, O turn thy face on me.
- 3 In this thy bitter Passion, Good Shepherd, think of me With thy most sweet compassion, Unworthy though I be: Beneath thy Cross abiding For ever would I rest, In thy dear love confiding, And with thy presence blest.

Please kneel.

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

#### Celebrant: 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 the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### BLESSING

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

Please stand.

#### DISMISSAL

## Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### CONCLUDING HYMN 593 – When I survey the wondrous cross

- When I survey the wondrous Cross On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,Save in the Cross of Christ, my God;All the vain things that charm me most,I sacrifice them to his Blood.
- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down; Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an offering far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

ROCKINGHAM (adapted by Edward Miller, 1735-1807) Isaac Watts (1674-1748), 1707

The people may be seated. Please maintain an atmosphere of reverent silence during and after the Postlude. **POSTLUDE:** O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde Groß, BWV 622, J.S. Bach Elizabeth Anderson, Organist