

## Final Hymn

There is a green hill far away,  
Outside a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified,  
Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell,  
What pains He had to bear;  
But we believe it was for us  
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,  
He died to make us good,  
That we might go at last to Heav'n,  
Saved by His precious blood.

There was no other good enough  
To pay the price of sin;  
He only could unlock the gate  
Of heaven and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has He loved,  
And we must love Him, too,  
And trust in His redeeming blood,  
And try His works to do.

# Palm Sunday Eucharist

(St. Luke's Passion)

## *The Liturgy of the Palms*

*The Service may begin outside the church.  
The president says*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
*All* **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice 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 his risen life.

*The people hold up their palms or other branches  
while this prayer is said.*

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these palms be for us signs 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 leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The Palm Sunday Story is read*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

*Mark 11.1-10*

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

*During the procession all hold palms in their hands, and the following hymn is sung*

**All glory, laud and honour  
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. **All glory . . .**

The company of angels

## *The Dismissal*

### **Blessing**

*The President says*

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 among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

*A minister dismisses the people.*

*All* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Alleluia! King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
Earth Thy footstool, heav'n Thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both priest and victim  
in the Eucharistic feast.

### **Prayer after Communion**

*The President says*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*All* **Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

Are praising thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things  
Created make reply. **All glory . . .**

The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before thee we present. **All glory . . .**

To thee before thy passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise. **All glory . . .**

Thou didst accept their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King. **All glory . . .**

Within that blessed City  
Thy praises may we sing,  
And ever raise hosannas  
To our most loving King. **All glory . . .**

*The President says the Palm Sunday Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards mankind sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

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. *Philippians 2.5-11*

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn**

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
Hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry;  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die!  
O Christ! Thy triumph now begin  
Over captive death and conquered sin.

*Baptized persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and are in good standing in their own Church may receive Communion.*

*Any person may come to the altar for a blessing.  
Holding a book is a useful signal to the ministers*

### **Communion Hymn**

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, His the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus out of every nation  
has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received Him  
when the forty days were o'er  
Shall our hearts forget His promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! bread of angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to Thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

*All* **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## Agnus Dei

*All* **Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## Giving of Communion

*The president says*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
The wingèd squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
The Father, on His sapphire throne,  
Expects His own anointed Son.

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.

## The Passion According to St Luke

*(Luke 22.14 – 23.56 or Luke 23.1–49)*

*The Passion is read by three voices*

- 1. The Narrator*
- 2. Jesus*
- 3. Reader for all other single voices*

*In addition the congregation should contribute the voices of the crowd and other groups of voices. These sections are marked “All” and are printed in **bold**.*

*Narrator* Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.  
When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

*Jesus* I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

*Narrator* Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

*Jesus* Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

*Narrator* Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

*Jesus* This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

*Narrator* And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

*Jesus* This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

*Narrator* Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

*Jesus* The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

*Narrator* And Simon Peter said to Jesus,

*Reader* Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

*Narrator* Jesus said,

*Jesus* I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of [*N and*] all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

*All* **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 those who 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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke 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.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

*All* **Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

*Narrator* Jesus said to them,  
*Jesus* When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

*Narrator* They said,

*All* **No, not a thing.**

*Narrator* He said to them,

*Jesus* But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

*Narrator* They said,

*Reader* Lord, look, here are two swords.

*Narrator* He replied,

*Jesus* It is enough.

*Narrator* He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

*Jesus* Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

*Narrator* Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

*Jesus* Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

*Narrator* Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

*Jesus* Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

*Narrator* While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

*Narrator* When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

*All* **Lord, should we strike with the sword?**

*Narrator* Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

*Jesus* No more of this!

*Narrator* And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

*Jesus* Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

*Narrator* Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

*Reader* This man also was with him.

*Narrator* But he denied it, saying,

*Reader* Woman, I do not know him.

*Narrator* A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

*Reader:* You also are one of them.

*Narrator* But Peter said,

*Reader* Man, I am not!

*Narrator* Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

*Reader* Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

*Narrator* But Peter said,

*Reader* Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

*Narrator* At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

*All* **Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?**

## **Eucharist Prayer B with Proper Preface for Palm Sunday**

The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

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

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

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever praising you and *saying*:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
 God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.**

My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was His home;  
But mine the tomb wherein He lay.

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.

### Preparation of the Table

#### Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.  
The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*The president takes the bread and wine, and may say.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Narrator* They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

*All* **If you are the Messiah, tell us.**

*Narrator* Jesus replied,

*Jesus* If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

*Narrator* All of them asked,

*All* **Are you, then, the Son of God?**

*Narrator* He said to them,

*Jesus* You say that I am.

*Narrator* Then they said,

*All* **What further testimony do we need?  
We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!**

*The Passion may start here at Luke 23.1*

*Narrator* Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

*All* **We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.**

*Narrator* Then Pilate asked him,

*Reader* Are you the king of the Jews?

*Narrator* He answered,

*Jesus* You say so.

*Narrator* Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

*Reader* I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

*Narrator* But they were insistent and said,

*All* **He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.**

*Narrator* When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

*Reader* You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

*Narrator* Then they all shouted out together,

**All Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**

*Narrator* (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)

Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

**All Crucify, crucify him!**

*Narrator* A third time he said to them,

*Reader* Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

## Offertory Hymn

My song is love unknown,  
My Savior'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?

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.

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.

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.

They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they saved,  
The Prince of life they slay,  
Yet cheerful He to suffering goes,  
That He His foes from thence might free.  
In life, no house, no home

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow,  
feel that God is far from them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up  
the way of the cross,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in  
the day of Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*All* **Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

## *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### **The Peace**

*The Peace is introduced with these words.*

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have  
been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is  
our peace.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.  
*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*Narrator* But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should  
be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict  
that their demand should be granted. He released the man they  
asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and  
murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who  
was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and  
made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people  
followed him, and among them were women who were beating  
their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and  
said,

*Jesus* Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for  
yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming  
when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that  
never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will  
begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills,  
'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will  
happen when it is dry?

*Narrator* Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to  
death with him. When they came to the place that is called The  
Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his  
right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

*Jesus* Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

*Narrator* And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood  
by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

*All* **He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of  
God, his chosen one!**

*Narrator* The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour  
wine, and saying,

*All* **If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!**

*Narrator* There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the  
Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding  
him and saying,

*Reader:* Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

*Narrator* But the other rebuked him, saying,

*Reader:* Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

*Narrator:* Then he said,

*Reader:* Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

*Narrator:* Jesus replied,

*Jesus:* Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

*Narrator:* It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

*Jesus:* Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

*Narrator:* Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

*Reader:* Certainly this man was innocent.

*Narrator:* And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. *The Passion may end here Luke 23:49*

*Narrator:* Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.

It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

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## Prayers of Intercession

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**