

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE

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Palm Sunday March 28, 2021

Holy Week Schedule:

Wednesday, March 31

8:00pm Tenebrae

Holy Thursday, April 1

8:00am Lauds (Morning Prayer)

7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper

8:00pm Adoration at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday, April 2

8:00am Lauds (Morning Prayer)

3:00pm Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

6:00pm "The Refectory" Broth Soup and

Reading of the Passion

7:00pm Solemn Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 3

8:00am Lauds (Morning Prayer)

8:45am Holy Rosary for First Saturday

11:45am Blessing of Food

12:30pm Blessing of Food

8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

10:30pm Easter Vigil Reception

Easter Sunday, April 4

6:30am, 8:30am & 11:00am Easter Sunday Masses

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, & 11:00 AM

First Sunday: 11:00 AM (Latin)

Monday - Friday: 6:15 AM (Latin) & 8:00 AM

First Friday: 7:00 PM (Latin)

Saturday: 8:00 AM (Latin) & 4:30 PM (Vigil)

Holy Days & Holidays as announced

Church open daily from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday, Tue & Thurs. Evenings: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM (in church)

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, March 29

6:15 AM (Latin) *Monday of Holy Week*
d. Susan O'Hara
 8:00 AM **Monday of Holy Week**
~ Organ Donors & Recipients

TUESDAY, March 30

6:15 AM (Latin) *Tuesday of Holy Week*
~ Intentions of Christina & Jeremy Moser
 8:00 AM **Tuesday of Holy Week**
d. Cecelia & Joseph Harpster

WEDNESDAY, March 31

6:15 AM (Latin) *Wednesday of Holy Week*
~ Intentions of the Ciaravino Family
 8:00 AM **Wednesday of Holy Week**
~ Intentions of the Andrew Brown Family

THURSDAY, April 1

8:00 AM **Holy Thursday**
~ Lauds (Morning Prayer)
 7:00 PM **Holy Thursday**
Mass of the Lord's Supper

FIRST FRIDAY, April 2

8:00 AM **Friday of the Passion of the Lord**
~ Lauds (Morning Prayer)
 3:00 PM *Friday of the Lord's Passion*

FIRST SATURDAY, April 3

8:00 AM **Holy Saturday**
~Lauds (Morning Prayer)
 8:30 PM Vigil Mass **Easter Vigil Mass**

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4

6:30 AM **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
d. Joseph Cannon
 8:30 AM **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
d. Julia Santamaria
 11:00 AM (Latin) **Easter Sunday**
~ Mary Queen of Peace Parishioners



**Free Community Easter Dinner
 Take-Out Only**



Sunday, April 4, 2021 at 12pm-2pm
 Delivery limited to the Old Brooklyn area.
 Call by March 30th to be added to the list 216-749-2323.
 Please drive to the back doors of the Parish Center and your meals will be brought out to you!

The Refectory

a time of silence, simple food, and spiritual reading

Join us on Good Friday (April 2nd) at 6 pm for our annual monastic style meal in our make shift refectory. A refectory is a room used by those in religious life to congregate for meals and listen to a reading from scripture, a saint, or another author from their religious order. Many monasteries eat in total silence while this work is read with periodic breaks in reading for silent contemplation. A simple broth soup and bread will be served. Call (216) 749-2323 to reserve your spot!

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked all churches throughout the world to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in the middle east through raising funds for parishes, Catholic schools, sacred shrines and other religious sites.

The wars, unrest and instability in the Holy Land have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection also provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land and become an instrument of God's Peace. For more information about Christians in the Holy land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

Please Be Generous!

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Readings

At the Procession with Palms - Gospel Mk 11:1-10

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethpage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here.

If anyone should say to you, 'Why are you doing this?' reply, 'The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.'"

So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it.

Some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"

They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it.

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it.

And he sat on it.

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:

"Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!"

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

March 14, 2021

Weekly Offertory.....\$8,738.07
 Maintenance Fund ..(Total to date \$27,502.68).....\$ 870.06

All figures include Faith Direct

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support!

Confession Schedule for Holy Week

Sunday, March 28 - 9:30am & 12:30pm
 Monday, March 29 - 8:30am & 7:00pm
 Tuesday, March 30 - 8:30am & 3:00pm
 Wednesday, March 31 - 7:00am & 6:00pm
 Thursday, April 1 - 7:00am & 2:00pm
 Friday, April 2 - 7:00am & 4:30pm
 Saturday, April 3 - 7:00am & 1:30pm

The Rectory will be CLOSED for evening hours on Thursday April 1st, and all day on April 2nd through 6th. We will reopen on Wednesday, April 7th.
 MQP School will be CLOSED from April 2nd through April 9th. They will reopen on Monday, April 12th.

FATHER BROWN'S SUNDAY NOTES...

Here's a good explanation for why we bless palms today on Palm Sunday, from the classic *The Church Year* by Rev. Fr. Leonard Goffine...

Why are palms blessed?

That those who carry them with devotion, or keep them in their houses, may receive protection of soul and body, as prayed for in the blessing; that those who carry the palms in may, by means of the prayers of the Church, adorn their souls with good works and thus, in spirit, meet the Savior; that through Christ whose members we are, we may conquer the kingdom of death and darkness, and be made worthy to share in His glorious resurrection and triumphant entrance into heaven. St. Augustine writes of the palms: "They are the emblem of praise, and sign of victory, because the Lord by death conquered death, and with the sign of victory, the cross, overcame the devil, the prince of death."

Remember that palms should always be cared for just as any other blessed object and should not be used in any inappropriate manner.

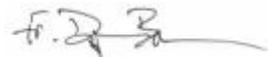
- **Please note the Holy Week Confession schedule...**which is as follows: **Sunday, March 28th at 9:30 am and 12:30 pm; Monday, March 29th at 8:30 am and 7 pm; Tuesday, March 30th at 8:30 am and 3 pm; Wednesday, March 31st at 8:30 am and 6 pm; Thursday, April 1st at 7 am and 2 pm; Friday, April 2nd at 7 am and 4:30 pm; and Saturday, April 3rd at 7 am and 1:30 pm.**
 - **It's a good sign...**that we are able to have CYO Sports this spring with the forming of a track team for our young athletes! **They begin practicing this week and will continue practices with the team from Saint Charles Borromeo in Parma to prepare for track meets.** We feel that we can successfully have a CYO Track team without the risk of spreading the virus.
 - **Join us TONIGHT...**for a special Holy Week movie called "Barabbas". It's a fictionalized account of what happened after the crucifixion of Christ. Barabbas, while grateful for his freedom, struggled with guilt and remorse. There is a lot of action as well as some great lessons of faith. The movie is free. Refreshments will be available for a nominal donation. **Barabbas screens at 6 pm on Sunday, March 28th in the Marian Lounge** – that's tonight!
 - **Tenebrae...**is a beautiful service that combines psalms and readings as a meditation upon the sacrifice of Christ. Candles are slowly extinguished until the church is in total darkness. The death of Christ is represented in a surprising way and a lone candle appears that portrays Him as the light of the world. **Tenebrae will be on Wednesday, March 31st at 8 pm in the Church.**
 - **Because the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum...**are meant to stand alone, there are no other Masses offered during this time. **Lauds or Morning Prayer will be prayed at 8 am on Thursday, April 1st; Friday, April 2nd; and Saturday, April 3rd.** Worship aids will be available.
 - **Holy Thursday...**is Thursday, April 1st. **Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper will be offered at 7 pm.** It commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist as well as the beginning of the priesthood. There will be no washing of the feet this year in accord with COVID-19 restrictions from the Diocese of Cleveland. The Mass concludes with a small procession with the Blessed Sacrament in a closed ciborium to represent Jesus being led away as a prisoner after being betrayed by Judas. **He is brought to the Altar of Repose**
- **where the Blessed Sacrament is placed within the Tabernacle as a prisoner of love for us. Adoration at the Altar of Repose continues until 11 pm.**
 - **Good Friday...**is Friday, April 2nd. We have had a good response to our first offering of "**The 24-Hours of the Passion**" according to the revelations of Luisa Piccarreta. The description of the last day of the life of Christ here on earth is read with minimal breaks. **The readings should conclude by 2 pm.** Please sign up in advance so arrangements may be made. "The 24-Hours of the Passion" will be held in the Parish Center Cafeteria.
 - **It's appropriate that on Good Friday...**we begin the **Novena to the Divine Mercy at 7:45 am in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, which is on Sunday, April 11th.** **Confessions will be heard from 12:30 to 2:45 pm with Eucharistic Adoration at the same time. A Holy Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday will be at 3 pm.**
 - **The Friday of the Lord's Passion service...**will be offered at **3 pm on Friday, April 2nd.** The Passion reading is offered as well as the veneration of the cross. The liturgy is stark with much silence and provides an appropriate reflection on the death of Christ.
 - **There are limited seats available for "The Refectory"...**which is a time modeled after the monks who have a simple meal and readings. An herb broth will be served with bread and I will offer some readings. Please call the Parish Office to reserve your spot for the Refectory. **The Refectory is the dining room for those in religious life and will be here at Mary Queen of Peace on Friday, April 2nd at 5:45 pm.**
 - **A Good Friday tradition...**are the Solemn Stations of the Cross which provide the traditional Lenten devotion with music from a small choir. For Solemn Stations of the Cross we use the version by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, which we have been using throughout this Holy Season of Lent. **The Solemn Stations will be on Friday, April 2nd at 7 pm.**
 - **Holy Saturday...**is Saturday, April 3rd and is a day when we remember the death of Christ and remain at vigil at the tomb. While not required, it has typically been a day of fasting as we wait in joyful anticipation for the Resurrection of Christ. **The Blessing of Food, in preparation for Easter Sunday, will be offered at 11:45 am and 12:30 pm in the Church.** Please bring your baskets of food as each item is blessed individually.
 - **The Great Easter Vigil...**begins with the Blessing of the Easter Fire outside from which the Paschal Candle is lit. The candle is processed into the darkened church, representing the light of Christ. The Exsultet is chanted and readings are offered which provide a brief synopsis of salvation history. **We have one person entering into the Catholic Church at this Mass, Vicky. Please keep her in your prayers this week.** The faithful have an opportunity to renew their Baptismal vows. It is a beautiful Mass that brings the joy of the Resurrection to life. **The Easter Vigil Mass will be on Saturday, April 3rd at 8:30 pm.** It will be followed by a small reception in the Marian Lounge.
 - **The glorious celebration of Easter...**will be on **Sunday, April 4th with Masses at 6:30 am; 8:30 am, and 11 am.** Come see the beautifully decorated church.
 - **A FREE Easter Sunday Community Meal...**will be available **for pick up on Sunday, April 4th between 12 and 1:15 pm.** A traditional meal of ham and other sides will be given to you to take home. Thank you to our sponsors, the Saint Augustine Food Pantry, for their generous support of our Community Meal. Deliveries are available in a limited area. Please call in advance.

I am grateful for the opportunity to celebrate Easter with all of you instead of where we all were a year ago. It has not been the easiest time, but here we are, preparing for a moving Holy Week and a great Easter. Throughout all of these challenges, we are reminded to trust God. **I like these words from the book, *The Gift of Oneself* by Fr. Joseph Schryvers, C.S.S.R.** It describes the trust of God in this way:

The simple soul, having by practice acquired the habit of self-surrender, allows herself to be led by God through all the events of life. Knowing nothing of the future, and not desiring to know, she is content to hold God's hand and to accompany her Master through the entire day."

What a beautiful image of trusting and walking with God. In these still-uncertain times, we pray for the ability to trust God more and more. May your Holy Week be blessed.

Yours in Christ,



Father Brown

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MARY QUEEN OF PEACE SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended our Easter Bunny Breakfast this past Saturday. Our pre-school teachers did an excellent job planning and preparing this event. The kids had a great time. All money collected will go towards our pre-school scholarship.

On Friday, our third quarter officially closes. The teachers will be finalizing their report cards and those will be sent home next Thursday. Please contact their teacher directly if you have any questions. It's hard to believe there are only 10 weeks left of the school year!

Finally, as the weather begins to change into more spring-like temperatures, we remind everyone that students will be playing outside more. Proper outerwear should be worn to school, including light jackets. In addition, please be mindful when our students are playing in the parking lot and you are driving through. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Have a wonderful week!
God Bless!

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"The 24 Hours of the Passion of Jesus Christ"

As dictated by Jesus to Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta
Good Friday, April 2 at 8:00am to 2:30pm
At Mary Queen of Peace Cafeteria

Jesus said that He would release one soul for every word that is meditated on, and that the Tribulation will not affect the location where the Hours of the Passion is read.

The charge for the book is \$10 and the registration fee is a free will offering. Bring your own water and there will be no food consumed during the program. If you have your own book, no problem, let the office know that you will be attending and bring your free will offering with you.

This is a very intense and beautiful experience that will move you beyond belief closer to Jesus!

Świeconka (Blessed Easter Basket)

The blessing of Świeconka derives from the religious character of the Polish people. Poles believe the food we enjoy is a great gift from God and it should be blessed as a sign of our appreciation for all His grace. Preparation of Easter food and items placed in the Blessed Basket is done at home on Holy Saturday morning with the entire family involved. Traditionally the mother takes care of the baked goods, the father prepares the meat and the children make Pisanki eggs (decorated Easter Eggs). A small portion of each food is placed in a special wicker basket lined with white linen or lace. The basket is then decorated with spring greens & flowers. The food is then covered with a special Easter Basket Doily that displays Easter symbols.

The blessing of Świeconka takes place in church on Holy Saturday. The baskets are lined up in the center aisle. The food is uncovered and the Priest blesses it with Holy Water while offering prayers. Three groups of food are specifically mentioned...eggs and dairy, breads and pastries, meat and roasts. Items in the basket have symbolic meaning: eggs - life and Christ's resurrection; bread - the Eucharist; lamb - Christ as the paschal offering; salt - purification; horseradish - the bitter sacrifice of Christ; ham - abundance.

List of items to place in your Świeconka Basket:

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|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| ~Pisanki eggs | ~Butter Lamb | ~Ham |
| ~Kielbasa or Sausage | ~Bread | ~Pastries or Cake |
| ~Horseradish | ~Salt | ~Easter Palms |

You are not limited to these foods for your basket.

The blessing of food will be Saturday, April 3 at 11:45am and 12:30pm in the Church.

FREE PALM SUNDAY MOVIE: *BARABBAS*

This Palm Sunday join Fr. Brown for a special screening of the 1961 classic *Barabbas* which follows the life of the criminal Barabbas who was released during Passover instead of Jesus Christ. Refreshments available throughout and a commentary by Fr. Brown to follow. **Movie will be March 28th (Palm Sunday) at 6 PM in the Marian Lounge.**

Please pray for our fellow parishioners who are ill:

Sylvia Nieves Alwine; Raenell Andres; Elaine Bukach; Theresa Fridrich; Bill Gonzalez; Julie Hobrath; Ariel Jarrett; Ava Jarrett; Olga Jazak; Eddie Jones; Mike Jusek; Maria Koston; Julianna Kuzilla; Bob Natolli; Ashley Payne; Pat Rodak; Joyce Shay; Chris Woznicki; Jeff Woznicki; Robert Yodenes; that they may know the healing power of Jesus. *If you would like your name or someone else's name added to our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 216-749-2323. Names will remain on the list for four weeks.*

Heavenly Father, be with our men and women as they serve our country. We pray for those in the service, especially: **CDR David C. Asseff, MC USN; CDR Steven Asseff, USN; Sgt. Emily Clymer Army; Capt. Karl J. Eisenmann, USMC; Lance CPL Anthony Gajewski, SSgt. Melanie Grotenrath Air Force; PVT Logan Haney, US Army; Pfc. Joshua Harris, US Army; SPC Dominic Hess, Army; MSgt. Jamie Kolakowski; Chief MSgt. Dennis Kuzel, Air Force; TSgt. Steve Kuzel Air Force; PVT Manus Edward McCaffery, US Army; Captain Joseph McCormack Air Force; Sgt. John O'Connor; Sage Rocut USMC; Katlyn Seamone, US Army; SSgt. Brian Skalecki US Army; SSgt Thomas Skalecki, US Army; AIC Montana Stiegelmeier, Air Force; Sgt. Aaron Virkler.**

GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!

This Week At Mary Queen of Peace

Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday

40 Days For Life; Holy Rosary Challenge sponsored by the Legion of Mary; Lenten Alms Collection for MQP St. Vincent de Paul; Drawing for "Year-Round Utility Raffle"

6:00am-6:00pm Church Open for Private Prayer
 6:00am Holy Rosary - Church
 6:30am Mass - Church
 8:00am Holy Rosary - Church
 8:30am Mass - Church
 9:30am Confessions - Church
 9:30am CCD Class - Parish Center
 9:30am Sunday Morning Bible Study - Marian Lounge
 10:30am Holy Rosary - Church
 11:00am Mass - Church
 12:30pm Confessions - Church
 6:00pm Holy Week Movie: "Barabbas"- Marian Lounge

Monday, March 29

6:00am-6:00pm Church Open for Private Prayer
 6:15am Mass (Latin) - Church
 8:00am Mass - Church
 8:30am Confessions - Church
 3:00pm Monday Night Bible Study - Church
 6:00pm CYO Track Practice - School Playground
 7:00pm RCIA - Parish Office
 7:00pm Confessions - Church
 7:30pm Daily Reflection Meeting (AA) - Parish Center

Tuesday, March 30

6:00am-6:00pm Church Open for Private Prayer
 6:15am Mass (Latin) - Church
 8:00am Mass - Church
 8:30am Confession - Church
 8:30am Holy Hour of Reparation to the Holy Face - Church
 3:00pm Confessions - Church
 6:00pm CYO Track Practice - School Playground
 7:30pm Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Edward F. Hoban Assembly #1407 Meeting - Marian Lounge

Wednesday, March 31

6:00am-6:00pm Church Open for Private Prayer
 6:15am Mass (Latin) - Church
 8:00am Mass - Church
 8:30am Confessions - Church
 6:00pm Wednesday Holy Hour (Sponsored by the Legion of Mary) - Church
 6:00pm Confessions - Church
 6:00pm CYO Track Practice - School Playground
 6:30pm 8th Grade Confirmation Class - Parish Center
 7:30pm Men's Big Book Meeting (AA) - Parish Center
 8:00pm Tenebrae - Church

Thursday, April 1

Holy Thursday

6:00am-11:00pm Church Open for Private Prayer
 7:00am Confessions - Church
 8:00am Lauds (Morning Prayer) - Church
 2:00pm Confessions - Church
 6:00pm CYO Track Practice - School Playground
 7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper
 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Thursday Men) - Parish Center, Room 202
 8:00pm Adoration at the Altar of Repose - Church

Friday, April 2

Good Friday

Rectory & School Closed

6:00am-8:00pm Church Open for Private Prayer
 7:00am Confessions- Church
 7:45am Novena to the Divine Mercy - Church
 8:00am Lauds (Morning Prayer) - Church
 8:00am 24-Hour Reading of the Passion - Cafeteria
 8:30am Legion of Mary Meeting - Parish Office
 3:00pm Good Friday of the Lord's Passion - Church
 4:00pm Confessions - Church
 6:00pm "The Refectory"; Broth Soup and Reading of the Passion - Marian Lounge
 7:00pm Solemn Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, April 3

Holy Saturday

Rectory Closed

6:00am-10:30pm Church Open for Private Prayer

7:00am Confessions - Church
 7:45am Novena to the Divine Mercy - Church
 8:00am Lauds (Morning Prayer) - Church
 8:45am Holy Rosary for First Saturday - Church
 9:00am RCIA Holy Saturday Rehearsal - Church
 11:45am Blessing of Food - Church
 12:30pm Blessing of Food - Church
 1:30pm Confessions - Church
 8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass
 10:30pm Easter Vigil Reception - Marian Lounge

Sunday, April 4

Easter Sunday

Rectory Closed

6:00am-6:00pm Church Open for Private Prayer
 6:00am Holy Rosary - Church
 6:30am Mass - Church
 7:45am Novena to the Divine Mercy - Church
 8:00am Holy Rosary - Church
 8:30am Mass - Church
 9:30am Confessions - Church
 10:30am Holy Rosary - Church
 11:00am Mass (Latin Low Mass) - Church
 12:00pm Easter Take-Out Dinner - Cafeteria

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Readings

3/28/21
 Is 50:4-7

Reading 1

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. (2a) 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. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Reading 2

Phil 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.

Verse Before the Gospel

Christ became 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

Phil 2:8-9

Gospel

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

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.
"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."
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."

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,
"Where do you want us to go
and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"
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."
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."
They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one,
"Surely it is not I?"
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."

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."
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."
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."
Peter said to him,
"Even though all should have their faith shaken,
mine will not be."
Then Jesus said to him,
"Amen, I say to you,
this very night before the cock crows twice
you will deny me three times."
But he vehemently replied,
"Even though I should have to die with you,
I will not deny you."
And they all spoke similarly.

Then they came to a place named Gethsemane,
and he said to his disciples,
"Sit here while I pray."
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."
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."
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."
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."

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,
"The man I shall kiss is the one;
arrest him and lead him away securely."
He came and immediately went over to him and said,
"Rabbi." 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."
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, "We heard him say,
'I will destroy this temple made with hands
and within three days I will build another
not made with hands.'"
Even so their testimony did not agree.
The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus,
saying, "Have you no answer?
What are these men testifying against you?"
But he was silent and answered nothing.
Again the high priest asked him and said to him,
"Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?"
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.'"
At that the high priest tore his garments and said,
"What further need have we of witnesses?
You have heard the blasphemy.
What do you think?"
They all condemned him as deserving to die.
Some began to spit on him.
They blindfolded him and struck him and said to him, "Prophecy!"
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,
"You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus."
But he denied it saying,
"I neither know nor understand what you are talking about."
So he went out into the outer court.
Then the cock crowed.
The maid saw him and began again to say to the bystanders,
"This man is one of them."
Once again he denied it.
A little later the bystanders said to Peter once more,
"Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Galilean."
He began to curse and to swear,
"I do not know this man about whom you are talking."
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,
"Are you the king of the Jews?"
He said to him in reply, "You say so."
The chief priests accused him of many things.
Again Pilate questioned him,
"Have you no answer?
See how many things they accuse you of."
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,
"Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?"
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,
"Then what do you want me to do
with the man you call the king of the Jews?"
They shouted again, "Crucify him."
Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?"
They only shouted the louder, "Crucify him."
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, "Hail, King of the Jews!"
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,
"Aha! You who would destroy the temple
and rebuild it in three days,
save yourself by coming down from the cross."
Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes,
mocked him among themselves and said,
"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."
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?*"
which is translated,
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
Some of the bystanders who heard it said,
"Look, he is calling Elijah."
One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed
and gave it to him to drink saying,
"Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down."
Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

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,
"Truly this man was the Son of God!"
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 Jesus
watched where he was laid.

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