

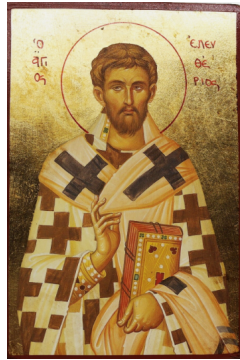
# Liturgy of the Passion

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## *Welcome to the SJC Partnership*

*'For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's harvest field, God's building.'* The First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9

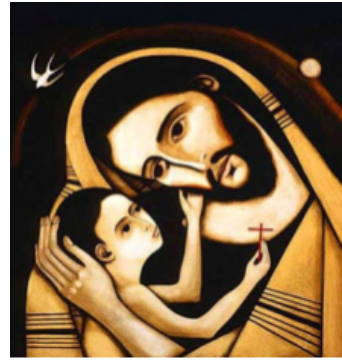
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Episcopal Church**



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***Our Mission Statement:*** *We are to be a church where people know, experience and share Christ.*

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***Our Mission Statement:*** *We aspire to be an inclusive faith community growing the love of God through: Worship, Education and Outreach.*



# Liturgy of the Passion

*A period of silence is kept. The people remain standing*

## Salutation

*The Presider says to the people*

*Presider*           The Lord be with you.

*Presider*           **And also with you.**

*Presider*           Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*The people sit.*

## Old Testament

*Reader: A Reading from Isaiah*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*After the Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*or*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*or*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16

- 9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; \* my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \* my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \* when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \* I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; \* they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \* I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \* rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \* and in your loving-kindness save me."

## The Epistle

*Reader: A Reading from 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.

*After the Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

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Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Passion Gospel

*The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read, and at the point where Golgotha (the Place of the Skull) is said, the people stand.*

*Reader:* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.

Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), [*the people stand*] they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

*The people sit. Silence may follow.*

## **The Sermon**

*When the Liturgy of the Palms has preceded, the Nicene Creed and the Confession of Sin may be omitted at this service.*

## Prayers of the People

*The person appointed leads the congregation in the Prayers of the People.*

Though willing in spirit, we are still weak in the flesh. So let us appeal to God's mercy, saying, "Help us, O Lord.

*People:*           **Lord, have mercy."**

O Lord, let the same mind be in your Church that was in Christ Jesus. With bended knees and confessing tongues, make us able to live his way of humility and obedience.

*Silence*

Help us, O Lord.

*People:*           **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, in your tender love you sent your Son our Savior Jesus to take upon him our human nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: give us hearts also to love every human being.

*Silence*

Help us, O Lord.

*People:*           **Lord, have mercy.**

O God, bless the trees: In celebration of your Son we waved their branches; in our sinful violence we took what you made good and crafted a wooden cross. O God, bless the trees.

*Silence*

Help us, O Lord.

*People:*           **Lord, have mercy.**

Merciful God, look upon our beautiful city. Forgive us our violent ways. Even in hard times, let us not become a reproach to our neighbors. Make your face to shine upon the city.

*You are invited to offer your thanksgivings, either out loud or silently.*

*Silence*

Help us, O Lord.

*People:*           **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, we pray for those who are wasted by grief, whose years are filled with sighing. We pray for those whose strength has failed and whose bones are consumed. In your loving-kindness save them.

*You are invited to offer prayers for those in need, either out loud or silently*

*Silence*

Help us, O Lord.

*People:*           **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you took human form; you died on the cross. You shared with us life and death. We trust the dead to your care. We trust our lives to you.

*You are invited to name departed loved ones, either out loud or silently*

*Silence*

Help us, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord mercy on us.**

*The Presider or appointed leader then offers prayers in the form of Collects or other prayers.*

**Collects and Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and other needs.**

*Silence, then the Presider or appointed leader then offers a concluding Collect.*

These are your prayers. Receive them in your mercy. And grant us, O Lord, your peace – your peace that passes our human understanding.  
**Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*The Presider says to the people*

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **The Liturgy of the Table**

Eucharistic Prayer 1 EOW

### **The Offertory**

*The Presider may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences provided, or with some other sentence of Scripture, or some other words of invitation and offering. The loose plate offering today will go to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.*

I beseech you, my friends, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

*Romans 12:1*

### **The Offertory Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #435**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

*The following Preface may be used at any time.*

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

*Presider and People*

*S-124 Blue Hymnal*

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

*The Presider continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.

You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider:* As our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us we now pray.

*People:*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then says,*

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter Season.*

## **Fraction Anthem**

**Blue Hymnal #S-162**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

*People* **have mercy on us.**

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*People* **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

*People* **grant us peace.**

*Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add* Behold who you are. Become what you receive.

## **After Communion Prayer**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

**Loving God,**

**we give you thanks**

**for restoring us in your image**

**and nourishing us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

**Now send us forth**

**a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;**

**that we may proclaim your love to the world**

**and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**

## **The Prayer over the People**

*In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used, as follows:*

*The Deacon or, in the absence of a deacon, the Presider says*

Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel and the Deacon or Presider says*

*From Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday*

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your

family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be

betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer

death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

*The people are dismissed with the following,*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Procession Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #439**

## **Serving Today @ St. Joseph**

- Officiant, The Rt. Rev. Kym Lucas
- Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Doug Bleyle
- Deacon, Rev. Kathleen Smith-Jones
- Altar Servers, Elinor Hamley and Teri Smith-Jones
- Hebrew Bible, Paul Godsman
- Psalm, Paul Godsman
- Epistle/New Testament, Cathy Burzynski
- Prayers of the People, Mary Carlson
- Ushers, (volunteers needed)
- Counter, Mike McCleary

## **Serving Today @ St. John Chrysostom**

- Ambassador of God: Mike Schwein
- Lay Eucharistic Minister: Pete Marcols
- Ushers: Ray & Kathy Critchell

## **Intercessory Prayers St. Joseph**

We invite you to pray for the following this week: Christy, Sue's daughter, for healing. James, Carol's brother for the repose of the soul. Paula C. for wellbeing. Larry K. for healing and recovery. Pat B. for the repose of her soul. Sarah E. for recovery. Ann Taylor requests prayers for her sister Lynn. Repose of the soul of Deb K. Matt L. for healing. Astrida for healing. Bob E. for the repose of the soul. Monroe for healing. Ashley for strength through surgery and healing. Anne for healing. Cathy's brothers, Joe and Guy, recovering from serious medical challenges, and her brother-in-law, Tim. For Leslie in her recovery. Aidan for peace and wisdom.

## **Intercessory Prayers St. John Chrysostom**

Healing prayers for Kathy, Prayers for Jenni, Healing prayers for Melinda, Prayers for, Cathy's family; Anthony & John, Prayers for Bethe's aunt Margaret, Prayers for Patty's family, Don & Carol, Healing prayers for Letta, Healing prayers for Patty, Healing prayers for Suzanne, Susan requested Prayers for her stepson Jeremy, Healing Prayers for Diane, Healing Prayers for Bethe, Healing Prayers for Jarrett, Healing Prayers for Anne's son Ian , Healing Prayers for Susan & Gary, Healing Prayers for Lisa (John & Diane's family), Prayers for Brenda, Prayers for the Rita's family, Healing Prayers for Dan

