Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion March 28, 2021

✣ THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✣

To our guests:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to this place where God's name is honored, God's word heard and God's presence made real. Here may the sorrowful find comfort; the weary, rest; sinners, forgiveness; the troubled, peace; the stranger, friends; and all, God's abiding love. Whoever you are, and wherever you may be on your journey through life, we are glad that you are here.

We hope that your presence in worship today will make your heart light and your spirit serene. If there is any way in which we can help you, please let us know.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Book of Common Prayer, p. 270

Salutation: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. ***Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.***

* Collect: Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**** Gospel*** ***Mark 1:1-11***

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!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. *Response:* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

**** Blessing of palms:*** The Lord be with you – ***And also with you.***

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

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches 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 in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. ***Hosanna in the highest.***
Let us go forth in peace. ***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

* Processional hymn: **Hymnal # 154** "All glory, laud and honor" *St. Theodulf*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

* 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.

First Lesson ***Isaiah 50:4-9a***

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? *Response:* ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 31:9-16 *In te, Domine, speravi* ***BCP 623***

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."

Epistle ***Philippians 2:5-11***

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 a matter of grasping, 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.
Response: ***Thanks be to God.***

*** Hymn: H # 458, vs. 1** "My song is love unknown" *{The rest of the hymn will be sung during the Gospel reading.}*

**** Gospel*** ***Mark 14:1 – 15:47***

{See handout at the end of this document}.

Prayers of the People
Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's church and the world.

O Lord of the Church, we ask for your constant presence with us in this time of so many plagues. We long to be your beloved community in the world, and we struggle with our solitude and with the forces that keep us at a distance from each other and from those who need our presence and care. We thank you for this parish and for the faithfulness of its people. We thank you for their generosity of spirit and their relentless hope and courage. We thank you for the hope of being together again soon. ***For all your gifts we thank you.***

We thank you for the example and presence of Jesus, who goes before us and calls us to follow him in all things. Bless our own bishops, priests and deacons – Justin, Michael, Sean, Carol, Dick – and all who bear authority in this church. Bless the members of this parish and the wider church, that they may see your mission clearly in our broken world, and find in you the imagination, wisdom and courage to persevere in their calling. Grant to those in authority the patience to discern your will and the strength to carry it out even under opposition. Deliver us all from the love of false gods and deceitful fantasies; keep us from choosing the easy and comfortable instead of the right. Make us salt to the earth and light to the world, in Jesus Christ.

For our tasks in the world, give us your strength.

O Lord of the whole world, we thank you for those forces in this world that seek and fight for justice, peace and an ethic of care for the world and its creatures. We ask you to turn the hearts of the tyrants who oppress their people, and comfort those who suffer under their oppression. Deliver us from our foolish confidence in the weapons of war, and encourage those who seek to serve justice by peaceful means. Show us what equity is in distribution of the world's resources; and teach us to love the neighbors we can't see and don't know, as we make decisions about our own. Keep a vision of your Reign before our eyes, and teach us how to make compassion into political reality. ***For a vision of justice upon earth, and the means to establish it, we ask for your Spirit.***

O Lord of the nations, we thank you for giving our own nation the hope of deliverance from the tyranny of lies, greed, violence and the worship of power. We ask your blessing on Joseph our president, Thomas our governor and all elected officials; our Congress and state governments; our courts, schools, hospitals and all institutions charged with the care of our people. Deliver us from blindness to injustice and willingness to tolerate the racism, sexism and other oppressions in the systems that govern our lives. Forgive us for the ways we have betrayed our American dream. Help us to see and acknowledge the problems of our society, and find solutions for them.

For the work before us, and the sins behind us, we beg your help and leading.

O Lord of creation, we thank you for the beauty, abundance and sustenance of the world you made, and for the efforts of those who seek to cherish and preserve it. Forgive us for our abuse of the creatures you give us to care for – the animals, the plants, the vast resources of our fragile earth. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear its cries for help. Turn our hearts from the selfishness of entitlement and the love of comfort that keep us on the path to destruction. Enable all those who work on climate-change and new modes of energy production. Speed the discoveries in science and technology that promise new ways of life and work, more tender and responsible to your creation. ***For all that must be done in our laboratories, industries, attitudes and hearts, we ask your blessing.***

O Lord of infinite compassion, we ask for your presence with all who are sick and suffering, especially in this time for those attacked by COVID – the sick, the dying, those in mourning, and the millions who have died. We pray for our own: David, Reid, Bill, Sue, Martha, Janet, Jim, Katie, Carlo, Gloria, Ian, Peggy, Ruth, Gayle, Jason, Dale Joseph, Juanita, John, Gianna, Mia, Susie, Amber, John and Becky, Pat, Ron, Catherine, Ken, Mark, Marissa, Dorothy, Ed, David, Brady, Payton, Char and Dick, Terry, Maddie, Michelline. We pray also for all those near and far who are captive to tyranny, slavery, abuse, mental and spiritual sickness, terror, prisons, ignorance, cults. Have mercy on the lonely; the desperate; the helpless; the children deprived of school, food and a chance to grow up healthy; the victims of disaster and war; and all those who have no one to care for them.

For all the world's pain, we ask for your mercy and help.

We pray for those others known to us who need our prayers: the workers whose work we so often fail to honor – teachers, helpers and all essential workers; our own Lisa, Scott, Nick, Kelly, Sean, Jane, Rich and MaryAnn, Chris and Becky, William; and those who have no work. We pray for first responders and our armed forces: Corey, Danny, Keith, Morgan, Chris, Zach, Harrison, Cara, Cordell, David, Jennifer, Ryan and Jade, Justin and Caitlyn, Mack, Mason, Makayla, Natalie and Nathan, Vince, Geo, Sam, Jordan.

For the deep needs of the world, we thank you for your providence and ask you to sustain those who provide.

Hear our prayers, most gracious God, and do not forsake us in our need, for Jesus's sake. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*** Offertory: H # 498** "Beneath the cross of Jesus"

* The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer C BCP 369

The Lord be with you - ***And also with you.***

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

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. ***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. ***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. ***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn: (S130) ***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. :

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanks-giving, ***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, of Sarah, Hannah and Mary; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renew-al. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. ***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, your church gives honor, glory, and worship from generation to generation. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

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 and the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread S164

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world, : grant us your peace. :

Prayer after Communion: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy before 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CHURCH GOES FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Blessing

* **Hymn: H # 156** "Ride on, ride on in majesty" *Winchester New*

Memory verse: ***Now when the centurion who stood facing Jesus saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"*** *Mark 15:40*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Mark 14:1 – 15:47

The congregation may remain seated until the procession to Golgotha, and then rise for the rest of the reading.

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?

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray Jesus to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow,
But men made strange and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
Who at my need his like did spend!

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sac-rificed, his disciples said to Jesus, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, `The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Ol-ives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away; for it is written,
`I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all fall away, I will not." Jesus said to him, "Amen, I tell you, this day, this very night before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

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.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Ab-
ba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." He came and found them sleep-
ing and said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come to the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak."

Again he went away and prayed, saying the same words; and again he
came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said
to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The
hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners Get up, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to Jesus at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.

But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." All of them deserted him and fled. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the el-ders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sit-ting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, "We heard him say, `I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" But even on this point their testimony did not agree.

Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus said, "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.'" Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

Why, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! But they at these
Themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Na-zareth." But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Cer-tainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.
As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom
they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom.

Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted
all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet steadfast he to suffering goes,
That he his foes from thence might free.

Then the soldiers led Jesus into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began salu-ting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

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They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull); and they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it; and they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified Jesus. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed

by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; he cannot save
himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why
have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."
Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the cen-turion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

In life no house, no home, my Lord on earth might have,
In death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave;
What can I say? Heaven was his home,
But mine the tomb wherein he lay.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

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 would gladly spend.