

Sunday Services

10 AM • Holy Eucharist, Rite II
with Children's Sunday School

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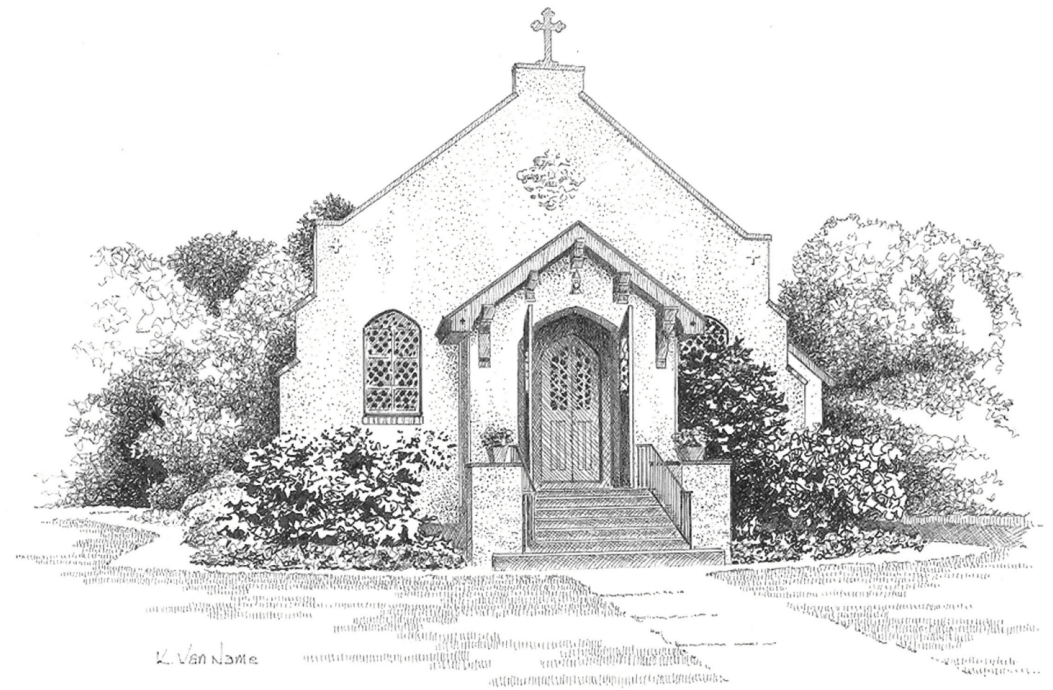
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St. John's Episcopal Church

Jesus said:

*"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest."*



Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

Holy Eucharist, Rite II • 10 AM

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Prelude

Gathering Prayer

The Liturgy of the Palms

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us Pray.

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.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Easter Flower Donations

The Altar Guild invites you to help make our Easter celebration even more beautiful through Easter flower donations. Envelopes are available in the pews. You may also give online at stjohnsouthampton.org. Look for **Online Giving**, then click **CLICK HERE TO SUPPORT ST. JOHN'S**. Dedications will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Easter Egg Hunt After Church on Sunday

Please join us after church on Easter Sunday for an Easter Egg Hunt in the front lawn! Please invite friends, children, and grandchildren to this joyful celebration! The fun begins at 11:30!

Share the Joy of Reading at the Southampton Day Care Center

Parish volunteers are invited to read at the center on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 10:00–10:30 a.m. To sign up, please see the sheet in the Narthex or contact Pat Griffith (516-429-0449, pgriffit@optonline.net) or Inez at the Day Care (631-287-8734).

2026 Altar Dedications

Altar dedications are a beautiful way to honor or remember a loved one while helping maintain the grace of our services each week. While they are welcome at any time, the Altar Guild asks that you to make your flower and candle dedications at your earliest convenience to ensure your loved ones are beautifully honored throughout the year. We deeply appreciate your thoughtful support of at least \$50. Please select a month to assist with scheduling. Forms may be found in the pews. Please contact Ursula or Ellen Greaves for more info.

Closing Hymn 498

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

The Dismissal (BCP 366)

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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— **Announcements** —

Mark Your Calendars for Holy Week Services, April 2 -- April 5

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday 6:00 p.m.
Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 3

Good Friday 12:00 Noon
(Our Good Friday liturgy will be followed by our Good Friday
preaching
series featuring Southampton clergy.)

Saturday, April 4

Easter Vigil at 5:00 p.m.
Christ Episcopal Church in Sag Harbor, New York

Sunday, April 5

Sunrise Service at Cooper's Beach at 6:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist at St. John's at 10:00 a.m.

"When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Blessing of the Branches

Celebrant The Lord be with you
People **And also with you**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People **It is right to give Him thanks and Praise**

Celebrant
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.**

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Procession

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Processional Hymn 154

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Remain standing as the Officiant says the Collect.
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 First Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from the Letter of Saint 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn 159

At the Cross Her Vigil Keeping

People and Celebrant

**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,
and the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Invitation to Communion (BCP 364)

Priest

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Postcommunion Hymn 158 verse 4 *Ah holy Jesus, how hast thou offended*

Postcommunion Prayer (BCP 365)

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

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

The Gospel

Matthew 26:14-26:66

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

"What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?"

They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

He said,

"Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'"

So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

"Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

"Surely not I, Lord?"

He answered,

"The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 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."

Judas, who betrayed him, said,

"Surely not I, Rabbi?"

He replied,

"You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

"Take, eat; this is my body."

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

"Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

"You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

Peter said to him,

"Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you."

Jesus said to him,

"Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

Peter said to him,

"Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

"Sit here while I go over there and pray."

He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

"I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

"My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

"So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

The Peace (BCP 360)

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Doxology Hymn 380, verse 3

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP 361)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**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.

The People stand or kneel

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People—Form II (BCP 385)

The Leader and People pray responsively

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the
oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper
knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

"My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again,
he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the
disciples and said to them,

"Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is
betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd
with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the
betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

"The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him."

At once he came up to Jesus and said,

"Greetings, Rabbi!"

and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

"Friend, do what you are here to do."

Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with
Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off
his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

"Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do
you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve
legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen
in this way?"

At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

"Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day
after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place,
so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled."

Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the
scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the
courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how

this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

"This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'"

The high priest stood up and said,

"Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

"I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

Jesus said to him,

"You have said so. But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

"He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?"

They answered,

"He deserves death."

Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

"Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

"You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

But he denied it before all of them, saying,

"I do not know what you are talking about."

When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

gathered before Pilate and said,

"Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first."

Pilate said to them,

"You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."

So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jeremy Carlson

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

"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!"

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees

Again he denied it with an oath,

"I do not know the man."

After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."

Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

"I do not know the man!"

At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

"Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

"I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

But they said,

"What is that to us? See to it yourself."

Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

"It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."

After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Now 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.

(At the mention of Golgotha, the congregation should stand and remain standing for the remainder of the reading.)

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), 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,