

**BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**



**PALM SUNDAY
OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

29 MARCH 2026

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ORDER OF MASS

His Eminence

CHRISTOPHE CARDINAL PIERRE

Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America

Principal Celebrant and Homilist at Noon

PRELUDE TO THE EUCHARIST

Vigil Prélude from Suite, Op. 5

10:30

12:00

9:00 Prelude in A Minor, BWV 543

Maurice Duruffé

(1902–1986)

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685–1750)

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

THE PROCESSION



1. To Je - sus Christ, our sov - 'reign King, Who
2. Your reign ex - tend, O King be - nign, To
3. To you, and to your church, great King, We



is the world's sal - va - tion, All praise and hom - age
ev - 'ry land and na - tion; For in your King - dom,
pledge our heart's ob - la - tion; Un - til be - fore your



do we bring And thanks and ad - o - ra - tion.
Lord di - vine, A - lone we find sal - va - tion. Christ Je - sus, Vic - tor!
throne we sing In end - less ju - bi - la - tion.



Christ Je - sus, Ru - ler! Christ Je - sus, Lord and Re - deem - er!

ANTIPHON

Peter Latona
(b. 1968)

Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest.

GREETING

BLESSING OF PALMS

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1–11

Deacon: The Lord be with you.
Assembly: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, ‘The master has need of them.’ Then he will send them at once.” This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: *Say to daughter Zion, “Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”* The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.” And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, “Who is this?” And the crowds replied, “This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
Assembly: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

Deacon: Dear brothers and sisters,
like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem,
let us go forth in peace.

HYMN TO CHRIST THE KING



1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4. To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain
who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - al - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Isaiah 50:4–7

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18a, 19–20, 23–24



My God, my God, why have you a - ban - doned me?

READING II

Philippians 2:6–11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Philippians 2:8–9



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry!

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.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 27:11–54

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(All bow during these two lines.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.

I 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 adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS



1. O Sa - cred Head sur - round - ed By crown of pierc - ing
2. I see your strength and vi - gor All fad - ing in the
3. In this, your bit - ter pas - sion, Good Shep - herd, think of



thorn! O bleed - ing Head, so wound - ed, Re - viled and put to
strife, And death with cru - el ri - gor, Be - reav - ing you of
me With your most sweet com - pas - sion, Un - worth - y though I



scorn! Our sins have marred the glo - ry Of your most ho - ly
life; O ag - o - ny and dy - ing! O love to sin - ners
be: Be - neath your cross a - bid - ing For e - ver would I



face, Yet an - gel hosts a - dore you and trem - ble as they gaze.
free! Je - sus, all grace sup - ply - ing, O turn your face on me.
rest, In your dear love con - fid - ing, And with your pres - ence blest.

(Choir) *Christus factus est pro nobis obediens*

Felice Anerio
(1560–1614)

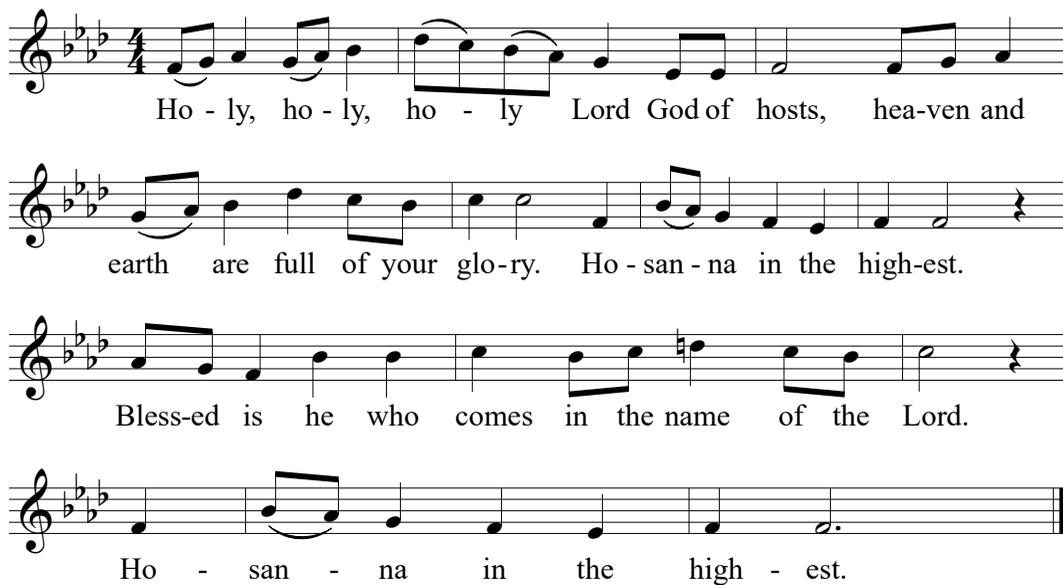
*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens
usque ad mortem,
mortem autem crucis.
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum,
et dedit illi nomen
quod est super omne nomen.*

Christ became obedient for us
unto death,
even to death on a cross.
Because of this, God highly exalted him,
and bestowed upon him the name
which is above every other name.

(Philippians 2:8–9)

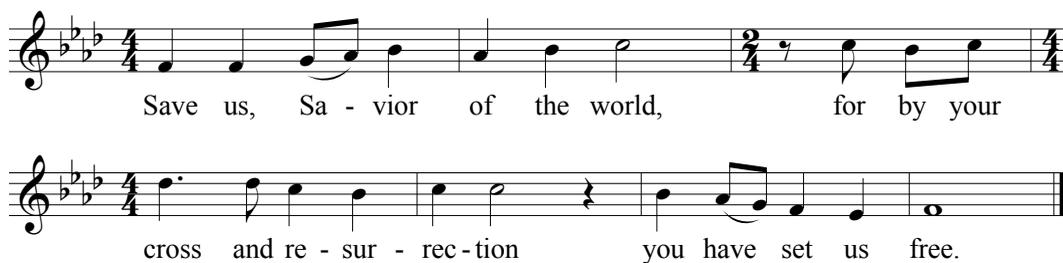
PREFACE DIALOGUE

PREFACE ACCLAMATION



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts, hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Save us, Sa - vior of the world, for by your
cross and re - sur - rec-tion you have set us free.

GREAT AMEN



A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

SIGN OF PEACE

LITANY AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

(Choir) *Missa Præparate corda vestra*
Agnus Dei

Stefano Bernardi
(1576–1636)

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For Our Fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

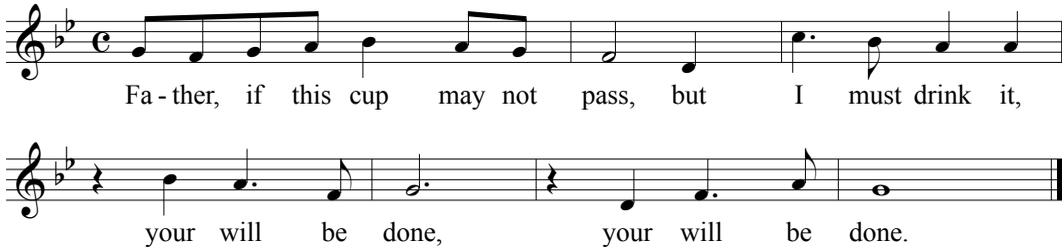
For Non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

For Those Not Receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

COMMUNION PROCESSION



Fa-ther, if this cup may not pass, but I must drink it,
your will be done, your will be done.

“Sit here, while I go yonder to pray.”
Then he began to feel sorrow and distress.

“My soul is saddened, even unto death.
Stay here and keep vigil with me.

“Could you not keep vigil with me for one hour?
Watch and pray that you may not be tempted.

“The Spirit indeed is willing,
but the flesh is weak.

“Sleep on now, take your rest.
Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man
will be betrayed and handed over to sinners.

“Arise, let us go.
Look and behold: my betrayer is at hand.”

(Choir) *In monte Oliveti*

Orlande de Lassus
(1532–1594)

In monte Oliveti ad patrem oravit:
Pater si fieri potest
transeat a me calix iste.
Spiritus quidem promptus est
caro autem infirma.
Fiat voluntas tua.
Verumtamen non sicut ego volo,
sed sicut tu vis.
Fiat voluntas tua.

On the Mount of Olives he prayed to his Father:
“Father, if it be possible,
let this cup pass from me.
The spirit indeed is willing,
but the flesh is weak.
Let your will be done.
Nevertheless, not as I will,
but as you will,
Let your will be done.”

*(Responsory after the Lesson during the Blessing of Palms on Palm Sunday,
Matthew 26:39, 41–42)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE AND DISMISSAL

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Celebrant: Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
did not hesitate to be delivered
into the hands of the wicked
and submit to the agony of the Cross.
Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Assembly: Amen.

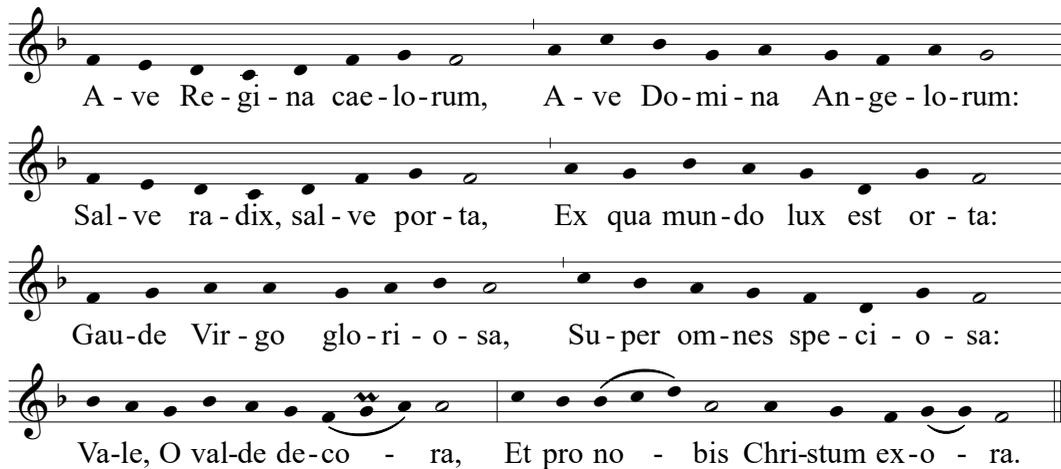
Celebrant: And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Assembly: Amen.

Deacon: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

MARIAN ANTIPHON (at Noon Mass)



A - ve Re - gi - na cae - lo - rum, A - ve Do - mi - na An - ge - lo - rum:
Sal - ve ra - dix, sal - ve por - ta, Ex qua mun - do lux est or - ta:
Gau - de Vir - go glo - ri - o - sa, Su - per om - nes spe - ci - o - sa:
Va - le, O val - de de - co - ra, Et pro no - bis Chri - stum ex - o - ra.

*Hail, O Queen of Heaven, Hail, O Lady of Angels:
Hail, thou root, Hail, thou gate from whom unto the world, a light has arisen:
Rejoice, O glorious Virgin, Lovely beyond all others:
Farewell, most beautiful maiden, And pray for us to Christ.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

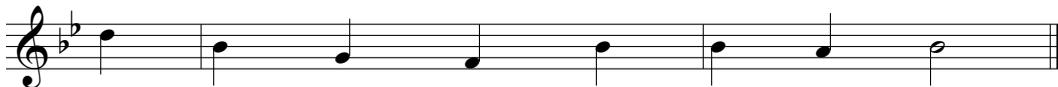
*We ask you to respect our custom of standing in place
and singing the complete Recessional Hymn.*



1. Ride on, ride on in maj - est - y! Hark, all the tribes
2. Ride on, ride on in maj - est - y! In low - ly pomp
3. Ride on, ride on in maj - est - y! The spir - it arm -
4. Ride on, ride on in maj - est - y! Thy last and fierc -
5. Ride on, ride on in maj - est - y! In low - ly pomp



ho - san - na cry! Thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road
ride on to die: O Christ, Thy tri - umphs now be - gin
ies of the sky Look down with awed and won-d'ring eyes
est strife is nigh; The Fa - ther on His sap - phire throne
ride on to die: Bow no - ble head to mor - tal pain,



With palms and scat - ter'd gar - ments strowed.
O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
To see theap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
Ex - pects His own a - noint - ed Son.
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

POSTLUDE

Vigil Finale from Symphony No. 4 in G minor

10:30

12:00

4:30

9:00 Fugue in A minor, BWV 543

Loius Vierne

(1870-1937)

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685-1750)

SUNG VESPERS FOR PALM SUNDAY

4:00 P.M. ♦ Great Upper Church

4:30 P.M. Mass following

HOLY WEEK
AT THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Crypt Church

Monday through Wednesday: 7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 12:10 P.M. and 5:15 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Confessional Chapel

Monday and Tuesday: 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. and 3 P.M. to 5 P.M.

Wednesday through Saturday: 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. and 1 P.M. to 5 P.M.



HOLY THURSDAY

2 April 2026

The Great Upper Church

CHORAL PRELUDE

5:30 P.M.

Choir of the Basilica of the National Shrine

Peter Latona, *conductor*

Adam Chlebek, *organist*

SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

6:00 P.M.

His Eminence

CHRISTOPHE CARDINAL PIERRE

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GOOD FRIDAY

3 April 2026

The Crypt Church

12:00 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

REVEREND MONSIGNOR VITO A. BUONANNO

Director of Pilgrimages

Presider

1:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

EXPOSITION OF THE RELICS OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

The Great Upper Church

2:00 P.M.

AN ORGAN MEDITATION ON THE PASSION

Benjamin LaPrairie and Adam Chlebek, *organists*

2:30 P.M.

A CHORAL MEDITATION ON THE PASSION

Choir of the Basilica of the National Shrine

Peter Latona, *conductor*

3:00 P.M.

SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

His Eminence

CHRISTOPHE CARDINAL PIERRE

Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America

Presider

REVEREND MONSIGNOR WALTER R. ROSSI

Rector of the Basilica

Celebrant and Homilist

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**EASTER AT THE BASILICA
OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE**

HOLY SATURDAY

4 April 2026

The Great Upper Church

8:00 P.M.

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

His Eminence

CHRISTOPHE CARDINAL PIERRE

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EASTER SUNDAY

5 April 2026

The Great Upper Church

Masses for the Day

7:30 A.M. (Crypt Church), 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 4:30 P.M.

SOLEMN MASS

12:00 NOON

His Eminence

ROBERT CARDINAL MCELROY

Archbishop of Washington

Principal Celebrant and Homilist

Broadcast live by the Eternal Word Television Network

MISA SOLEMNE (EN ESPAÑOL)

2:30 P.M.

Su Excelencia

REVERENDÍSIMO TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO

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Celebrante Principal y Homilista

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Sundays in Easter at 4:00 P.M.
(excluding Easter Sunday)
4:30 P.M. Mass following
Great Upper Church

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