

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*St. Paul's is a loving family united in the ministry of Jesus Christ;  
worshiping, learning, and serving together in the Episcopal tradition.*

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**Palm Sunday**  
**April 2, 2023**  
**8AM & 10AM**

## Announcements

### Hiring Notice

The Human Resources Comm. is searching to hire a part-time secretary working M-F from 9am to 1pm in the Parish office. Our current secretary, Marissa, will be leaving us shortly as planned as she graduates from BGSU. If you know someone who is interested please have them contact Marty Baker, HR Chair, at 419-346-2815. It is the HR policy of St. Paul's that no congregants may apply. Position description is on the church website.

### Earth Day Cleanup

Do you want to help make a difference this Earth Day, April 22? The Outreach Committee wanted to help organize an event that would provide an opportunity for fellowship with our fellow Maumee churches while making a difference in our community. Partners for Clean Streams has a program called "Clean Your Streams 365" where volunteers can choose a time and a location and PCS will provide the cleanup supplies (gloves, trash bags, data cards, and grabbers). Sign up link will be on the church website.

### Christian Education

**Adult Education:** Join us tomorrow at 8PM on Zoom for our series, "Easter Stories with John Dominic Crossan." If possible, please prepare by watching Lecture 3: The Eastern Tradition of Universal Resurrection. The link is available on the website or by contacting Jennifer V. All are welcome, even if you don't have a chance to watch the video.

### **Intergenerational Day: April 2**

All ages are invited to the Parish Hall after the 10:00 service for activities related to Holy Week. No youth Sunday School classes will meet on Palm Sunday or Easter.



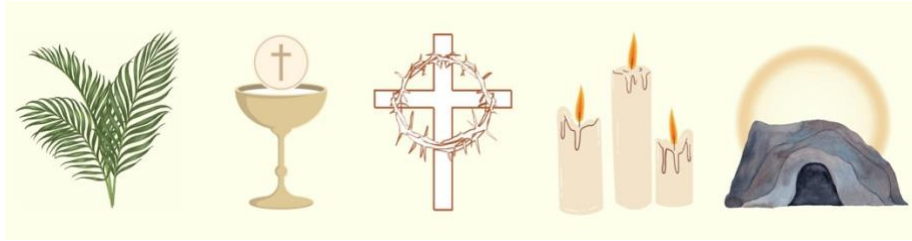
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## **Holy Week Schedule**

**Maundy Thursday Service:  
Thursday April 6, 6PM**

**Good Friday Service:  
Friday April 7, 12PM & 7PM**

**Good Friday Prayer Walk:  
Friday April 7, 2PM**  
(More information can be found on the church website)

**Prayer Vigil:  
Starts on Good Friday at 1PM, ends Holy Saturday at 8PM**  
(Sign up link can be found on the church website)

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil:  
Saturday, April 8, 8PM**

**Easter Sunday Services:  
Sunday April 9, 8AM & 10AM**

## **The Sunday of the Passion Year A 8:00am and 10:00am The Liturgy of the Palms**

**Prelude “Hosanna”**.....Theodore Dubois

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.*

**The Holy Gospel:** Matthew 21:1-11

When they 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!” 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.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
*People: And also with you.*

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.*

*Children distribute the palms to everyone during the hymn.*

**Hymn** “*The King of Glory*” ..... [R267]

**Processional:** “*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*” ..... (vs. 1-3). [Hymnal 154]

### The Word of God

#### The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

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 Lesson:** Isaiah 50:4-9a.....[Bible 594]

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 word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## Service Leaders

**Rector:** The Rev. Dr. J. Paul Board

**Christian Education Director:** Jennifer Vasquez

**Director of Music:** Brad Cresswell

**Organist:** Jane Weber

**Livestream Engineer:** Bekah Vasquez

**Lectors:** Ken Robinson 8AM, Michele Alexander 10AM

**Chalice Bearers:** Ken Robinson 8AM, Todd Deye 10AM

**Altar Guild:** Michele Alexander, Sue Cohen, Stephanie Mattoni, Rachel Small

**Ushers:** Glenous Favata 8AM, Michele Alexander 10AM

**Chancel Flowers**

For world peace by Linda Fravel.

## Passion Play Cast

**Narrator:** Ken Robinson 8AM, Kathy Greene 10AM

**Judas:** Anne Galindo 10AM

**Disciples:** Fran Board 10AM

**Jesus:** Ray Fidler 10AM

**Peter:** Lori Board 8AM, Todd Deye 10AM

**Chief Priests:** John Board 10AM

**Servant Girl 1:** Berkeley Thompson 10AM

**Servant Girl 2:** Carol Sachs 10AM

**Bystander:** Dan Sachs 10AM

**Pilate:** Jonathan Ashton 10AM

**Pilates Wife:** Michele Alexander 10AM

**Soldiers:** Glenous Favata 8AM, Trevor Sachs 10AM

**Centurion:** Donna Dick 10AM

## Intercessions

### Birthdays

Tara Robinson, Brent Cousino

### Prayers

Matthew B., Rick Mueller, Jeny Mazza

### Hospitalized

Leslie Milauc, Marty Wendler

### Continued Care

John Adam Tallman, Joyce Willard, Rachel Small, Mary Sabin, Kurt Anders,  
Mike Waggoner

### Military

Captain Matthew Swiergosz, Sgt. Valerie Warren, Sgt. Jason Warren,  
Pvt. Max Elliott, SSGT Sean Stuart, TSgt Kenney Dupre, A1C Gage Graham



## The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #408 Chant setting



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## 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**."

## The Second Lesson Philippians 2:5-11..... [Bible 954]

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 word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Sequence: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross".....[H474]



# The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

Matthew 26:14- 27:66

The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts.

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

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

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

**Narrator:** 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,

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

**Narrator:** He said,

**Jesus:** "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.'"

**Narrator:** 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,

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

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

**Disciples:** "Surely not I, Lord?"

**Narrator:** He answered,

**Jesus:** "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."

**Narrator:** Judas, who betrayed him, said,

**Judas:** "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

**Narrator:** He replied,

**Jesus:** "You have said so."

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

**Jesus:** "Take, eat; this is my body."

## The Lord's Prayer.....[BCP 364]

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 Breaking of the Bread..... Jane Weber

Soprano



Jane Weber

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

## Communion Hymns.....[R60, R72, R98]

## Post Communion Prayer.....[BCP 365]

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Recessional Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates..... [H436]

## Dismissal

## Postlude: "O Thou of God the Father" .....J.S. Bach

**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.*

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Jane Weber**

*Celebrant and People*

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord. God of po - wer and might.

5  
Hea - ven and Earth are full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

9  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

13  
sa - na in the high - est Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

**Celebrant:** Therefore, according to his command, O Father [BCP 368]

**People:**

*We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;*

**Celebrant:** Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith ..... [BCP 363]

**People:** *Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.*

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

**Jesus:** "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."

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

**Jesus:** "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."

**Narrator:** Peter said to him,

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

**Narrator:** Jesus said to him,

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

**Narrator:** Peter said to him,

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

**Narrator:** And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

**Jesus:** "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

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

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

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

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

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

**Jesus:** "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."

**Narrator:** Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

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

**Narrator:** 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,

**Jesus:** "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."

**Narrator:** 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,

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

**Narrator:** At once he came up to Jesus and said,

**Judas:** "Greetings, Rabbi!"

**Narrator:** and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

**Jesus:** "Friend, do what you are here to do."

**Narrator:** 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,

**Jesus:** "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?"

**Narrator:** At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

**Jesus:** "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."

**Narrator:** 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,

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

**Narrator:** The high priest stood up and said,

**High Priest:** "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

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

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 gathered before Pilate and said,

**Chief Priests:** "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."

**Narrator:** Pilate said to them,

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

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

**Narrator:** The Passion of the Lord.

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Homily** ..... The Rev. Dr. J. Paul Board

**The Prayers of the People—Form III**..... [BCP 387]

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Lord, in your mercy.

*Hear our prayer.*

*(Intercessions from the congregation are encouraged)*

**The Peace**

Celebrant: May the Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

**Announcements**

**The Offertory** "*The Palms*" ..... Jean-Baptiste Faure

**The Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*



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,

**Bystanders:** "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."

**Narrator:** In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

**Chief Priests:** "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.'"

**Narrator:** 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,

**Jesus:** "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

**Narrator:** that is,

**Jesus:** "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

**Narrator:** When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**Bystanders:** "This man is calling for Elijah."

**Narrator:** 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,

**Bystanders:** "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

**Narrator:** 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,

**Centurion:** "Truly this man was God's Son!"

**Narrator:** 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.

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

**Narrator:** Jesus said to him,

**Jesus:** "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."

**Narrator:** Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

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

**Narrator:** They answered,

**Chief Priests:** "He deserves death."

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

**Chief Priests:** "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

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

**Servant Girl 1:** "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

**Narrator:** But he denied it before all of them, saying,

**Peter:** "I do not know what you are talking about."

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

**Servant Girl 2:** This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

**Narrator:** Again he denied it with an oath,

**Peter:** "I do not know the man."

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

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

**Narrator:** Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

**Peter:** "I do not know the man!"

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

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

**Narrator:** 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,

**Judas:** "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

**Narrator:** But they said,

**Chief Priests:** "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

**Narrator:** 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,

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

**Narrator:** 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,

**Pilate:** "Are you the King of the Jews?"

**Narrator:** Jesus said,

**Jesus:** "You say so."

**Narrator:** But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

**Pilate:** "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

**Narrator:** 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,

**Pilate:** "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

**Narrator:** 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,

**Pilate's Wife:** "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

**Narrator:** 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,

**Pilate:** "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

**Narrator:** And they said,

**Congregation:** "Barabbas."

**Narrator:** Pilate said to them,

**Pilate:** "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

**Narrator:** All of them said,

**Congregation:** "Let him be crucified!"

**Narrator:** Then he asked,

**Pilate:** "Why, what evil has he done?"

**Narrator:** But they shouted all the more,

**Congregation:** "Let him be crucified!"

**Narrator:** 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,

**Pilate:** "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

**Narrator:** Then the people as a whole answered,

**Congregation:** "His blood be on us and on our children!"

**Narrator:** 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,

**Soldiers:** "Hail, King of the Jews!"

**Narrator:** 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.)*

**Narrator:** 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."

