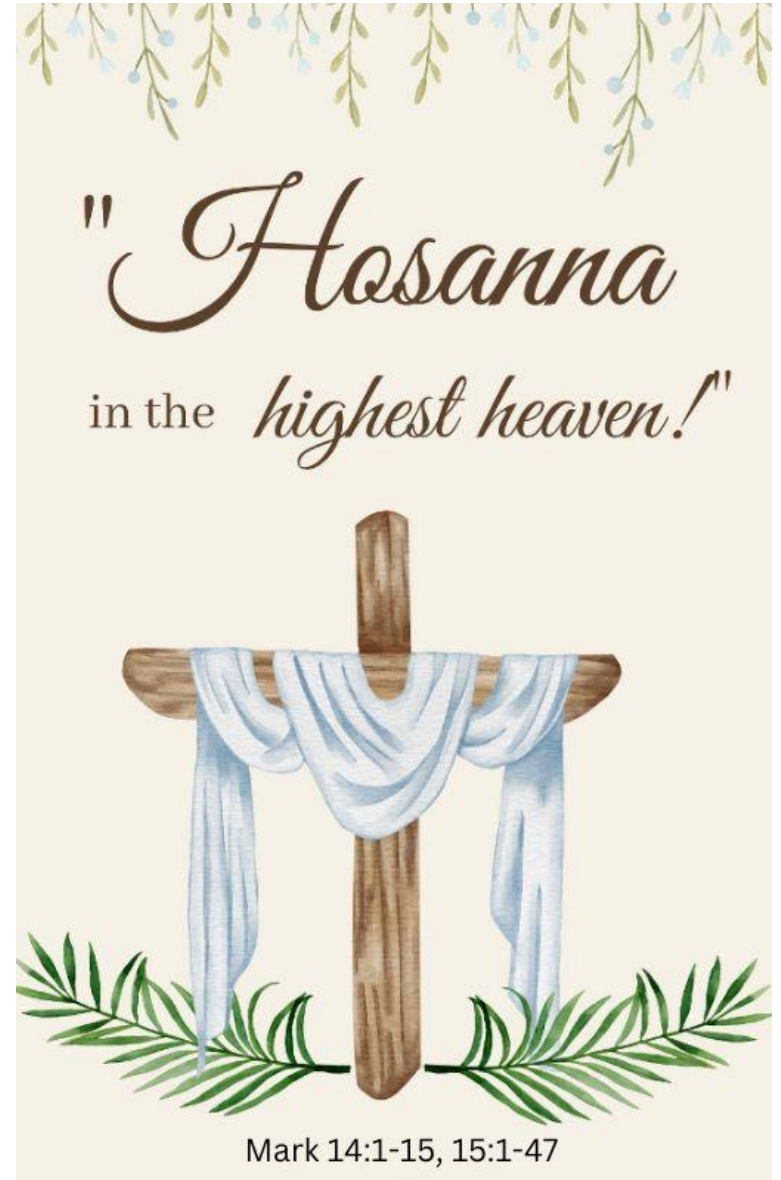




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**Palm Sunday**  
**March 24, 2024**  
**8AM & 10AM**

## Announcements

### Intergenerational Day:

Join us today after the 10:00 service in the Parish Hall for an Intergenerational Day exploring the events of Holy Week visually with tangram puzzles. All ages are invited to hear the familiar stories in a new way! *Children and youth Sunday School classes will not meet today nor on March 31 due to an Egg Hunt.*

### Adult Sunday Class:

Meets in between services in the Skylight Room. We are reading the book *On Repentance and Repair: Making Amends in an Unapologetic World* by Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg. Today we will discuss Chapter 5. Even if you aren't reading the book, you're welcome for the discussion.  
*No Adult Sunday Class on March 31.*

### MultiFaith Council Opportunities:

Annual Banquet: April 14, 5-8PM, Islamic Society of NW OH (McCord Rd). Join us for dinner and a program on the theme of "Nonviolence in Action." Keynote speaker is the director of the Institute for Nonviolence in Chicago. Tickets are \$65/person and can be purchased at [bit.ly/MFC24AB](http://bit.ly/MFC24AB).

### Vacation Bible School:

VBS returns **June 3-7, 9AM-12PM!** Registration for children aged 3 (potty-trained) through rising 4<sup>th</sup> grade opens April 1st. Volunteer rotation leaders, small group leaders (rising 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up), and emcee/skit actors are needed now! Please contact Jennifer to indicate your interest ([jen@stpaulsmaumee.org](mailto:jen@stpaulsmaumee.org)).



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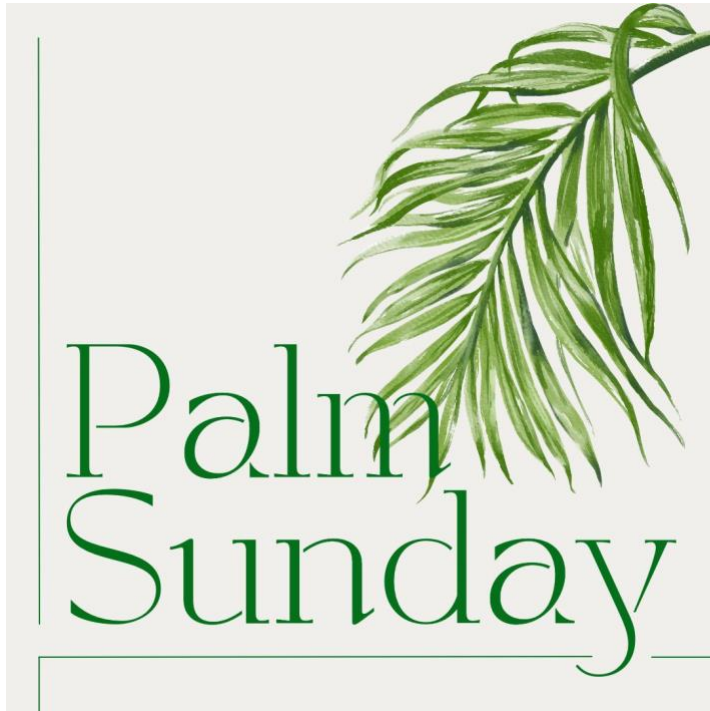
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**The Sunday of the Passion  
Year B  
8:00am and 10:00am  
The Liturgy of the Palms**

**Prelude** “*Christ’s Entry Into Jerusalem*”.....Stanley Saxton

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:** Mark 11:1-11a

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup> 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.

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]  
*(children distribute palms)”*

**The Collect**

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first 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*

**Processional:** “*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*” ..... [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

**Service Leaders**

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

**Christian Education Director:** Dr. Jennifer Vasquez, ELCA Deacon

**Director of Music:** Brad Cresswell

**Organist:** Jane Weber

**Guest Musician:** Diana King

**Livestream Engineer:** Bruce Burgin

**Coffee Hour:** Michele Alexander

**Lectors:** Linda Baumgartner 8AM, Terry Fraker 10AM

**Chalice Bearers:** Ken Robinson 8AM, Jack Robinson 10AM

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

**Ushers:** Glenous Favata 8AM, Bruce Burgin 10AM

**Chancel Flowers**

In memory of my mother, Alvina Frisch, on what would have been her 101st birthday by Carol Sachs.

In loving memory of my husband Ray’s birth anniversary on March 23 by Phyllis Gallo.

## Passion Play Cast

### 8 am Service

<b>Mark the Narrator:</b>	Jack Robinson
<b>Jesus:</b>	
<b>Chief priest and scribes:</b>	Sue Young
<b>Roman Soldiers:</b>	Ernie Lippert
<b>The Disciples:</b>	Noreen Brown Linda Baumgartner
<b>The Crowd:</b>	the congregation
<b>Peter:</b>	
<b>Judas:</b>	
<b>The High Priest:</b>	Sue Young
<b>Pontius Pilate:</b>	Jim Dorton
<b>a Bystander:</b>	Sue Young
<b>the Centurion:</b>	
<b>a Servant Girl:</b>	Cam Dorton

### 10 am Service

<b>Mark the Narrator:</b>	Jack Robinson
<b>Jesus:</b>	Bruce Burgin
<b>Chief priest and scribe:</b>	
<b>Roman soldiers:</b>	Kris Martz Joanie Asendorf John Board Fran Board
<b>The Disciples:</b>	Ana Ashton Kathy Greene the congregation
<b>The Crowd:</b>	
<b>Peter:</b>	Anne Galindo
<b>Judas:</b>	Dan Sachs
<b>The High Priest:</b>	Michele Alexander
<b>Pontius Pilate:</b>	Carol Sachs
<b>a Bystander:</b>	Jerry Martz
<b>the Centurion:</b>	Stephanie Mattoni
<b>a Servant Girl:</b>	Berkeley Sachs Ruby Sachs

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.

**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 Mark**

Mark 14:1 – 15:47

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

**Mark:** Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

**Mark:** 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,

**Chief Priests:** Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.

**Mark:** 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,

**Crowd:** 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.

**Mark:** And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

**Jesus:** 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.

**Mark:** Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him 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.

## **Intercessions**

### **Birthdays**

Emma Baumgartner 3/24, Elisabeth Hanrahan 3/25, Kelly Trame 3/27  
Matt Carson 3/27, Jennifer Perry 3/27, Angie Tavormina 3/30

### **Continued Prayers**

John Adam Tallman, Rachel Small, Susan Bannister, Leslie Milauc, Nancy Whitaker, Matthew B, Carol Weide, Nancy Warmath, Charlotte & Jack Gillen – Ray Fidler’s sister & brother-in-law, Ben Kolar and family, Dick Wagener – brother of Deb Graham, David King - brother-in-law of Deb Graham, Kelsy and Brent Carroll – daughter and son-in-law of Joni Kryspin

### **Military**

Pvt. Max Elliott, SSGT Sean Stuart, TSgt Kenney Dupre,  
A1C Gage Graham, Senior Master Sergeant James Ashton,  
Tech Sergeant Valerie Warren USAF,  
Ensign Jason Warren US

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

**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

Jane Weber

Soprano



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 366]

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of you 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 forever. Amen.

**The Recessional Hymn** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates..... [H436]

**Dismissal**

**Postlude:** “*The Jerusalem Gate*” .....Lani Smith

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, the disciples said to Jesus,

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

**Mark:** So he sent two of the disciples, saying to them,

**Jesus:** 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.

**Mark:** 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, Jesus came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

**Jesus:** Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.

**Mark:** They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

**Disciples:** Surely, not I?

**Mark:** Jesus said to them,

**Jesus:** 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.

**Mark:** While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

**Jesus:** Take; this is body.

**Mark:** 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,

**Jesus:** 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.

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

**Jesus:** You will all become deserters; 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.

**Mark:** Peter said to him,



**Peter:** Even though all become deserters; I will not.

**Mark:** Jesus said to him,

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

**Mark:** But Peter said vehemently,

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

**Mark:** And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to the disciples,

**Jesus:** Sit here while I pray.

**Mark:** He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them,

**Jesus:** I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.

**Mark:** 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,

**Jesus:** Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.

**Mark:** Jesus came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

**Jesus:** Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

**Mark:** And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more 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,

**Jesus:** 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.

**Mark:** 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 priest, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

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 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 Joseph saw where the body was laid.

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

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

**The Prayers of the People**..... music sheet in pew

**The Peace**

**Celebrant:** May the Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People:** And also with you.

**Announcements**

**The Offertory** “I see a Huntsman”.....George F. Handel (Diana King)

**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*

**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**

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.



crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

**Crowd:** Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

**Mark:** In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

**Chief Priest:** 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.

**Mark:** 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,

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

**Mark:** which means,

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

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

**Bystanders:** Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

**Mark:** And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

**Bystanders:** Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come and take him down.

**Mark:** 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 centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

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

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

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

**Judas:** The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.

**Mark:** So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

**Judas:** Rabbi!

**Mark:** 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,

**Jesus:** 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.

**Mark:** 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 elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting 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,

**Crowd:** 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.'

**Mark:** But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

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

**Mark:** But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

**High Priest:** Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?

**Mark:** Jesus said,

**Jesus:** 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.'

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

**High Priest:** Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?

**Mark:** All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him saying to him,

**Chief Priests:** Prophecy!

**Mark:** The guards also took him over and beat him.

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,

**Servant Girl:** You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

**Mark:** But he denied, saying,

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

**Mark:** And he went out to the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

**Servant Girl:** This man is one of them.

**Mark:** But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

**Crowd:** Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.

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

**Peter:** I do not know the man you are talking about.

**Mark:** 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.

### **Mark 15:1**

**Mark:** 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,

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

**Mark:** Jesus answered him.

**Jesus:** You say so.

**Mark:** Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

**Pilate:** Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.

**Mark:** 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 to his custom. Then he answered them,

**Pilate:** Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

**Mark:** For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

**Pilate:** Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

**Mark:** They shouted back,

**Crowd:** Crucify him!

**Mark:** Pilate asked them,

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

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

**Crowd:** Crucify him!

**Mark:** So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him 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 saluting him,

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

**Mark:** 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.

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 him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they