

PALM SUNDAY

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH—JEBEL ALI

YEAR C

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon

Six days before the solemn passover the Lord came to Jerusalem, and children waving palm branches ran out to welcome him. They loudly praised the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are you who have come to us so rich in love and mercy.

Entrance Hymn

All glory, laud and honour,
to thee, Redeemer King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son;
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed one.
2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply.
3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.
4. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise.



Greeting

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

All: AMEN

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Penitential Rite

C: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Pause for silent reflection. After a brief silence all say:

All: I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

C: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

P: AMEN

The Kyrie

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

Opening Prayer

Almighty, ever-living God, you have given the human race Jesus Christ our Saviour as a model of humility. He fulfilled your will by becoming man and giving his life on the cross. Help us to bear witness to you by following his example of suffering and make us worthy to share in his resurrection.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

50:4–7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult — I know I shall not be shamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8–9, 17–20, 23–24. **R** v. 2

R My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
“He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.” **R**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **R**
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **R**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
“You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.” **R**

Second Reading

2:6–11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself, but God raised him high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Phil 2:8–9

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory:

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Gospel

22:14–23:56

C: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

C: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

N: When the hour came Jesus took his place at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them,

J: I have longed to eat this passover with you before I suffer; because, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

N: Then, taking a cup, he gave thanks and said,

J: Take this and share it among you, because from now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the kingdom of God comes.

N: Then he took some bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying,

J: This is my body which will be given for you; do this as a memorial of me.

N: He did the same with the cup after supper, and said,

J: This cup is the new covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you.

And yet, here with me on the table is the hand of the man who betrays me. The Son of Man does indeed go to his fate even as it has been decreed, but alas for that man by whom he is betrayed!

N: And they began to ask one another which of them it could be who was to do this thing.

A dispute arose also between them about which should be reckoned the greatest, but he said to them,

J: Among pagans it is the kings who lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are given the title Benefactor. This must not happen with you. No; the greatest among you must behave as if he were the youngest, the leader as if he were the one who serves. For who is the greater: the one at table or the one who serves? The one at table, surely? Yet here I am among you as one who serves!

You are the men who have stood by me faithfully in my trials; and now I confer a kingdom on you, just as my father conferred one on me: you will eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones to judge the twelve tribes of Israel.

Simon, Simon! Satan, you must know, has got his wish to sift you all like wheat; but I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail, and once you have recovered, you in your turn must strengthen your brothers.

N: He answered,
O: Lord, I would be ready to go to prison with you, and to death.
N: Jesus replied,
J: I tell you, Peter, by the time the cock crows today you will have denied three times that you know me.
N: He said to them,
J: But now if you have a purse, take it: if you have a haversack, do the same; if you have no sword, sell your cloak and buy one, because I tell you these words of scripture have to be fulfilled in me: He let himself be taken for a criminal. Yes, what scripture says about me is even now reaching its fulfilment.
N: They said,
C: Lord, there are two swords here now.
N: He said to them,
J: That is enough!
N: He then left the upper room to make his way as usual to the Mount of Olives, with the disciples following. When they reached the place he said to them,
J: Pray not to be put to the test.
N: Then he withdrew from them, about a stone's throw away, and knelt down and prayed, saying,
J: Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, let your will be done, not mine.
N: Then an angel appeared to him coming from heaven to give him strength. In his anguish he prayed even more earnestly, and his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.
When he rose from prayer he went to the disciples and found them sleeping for sheer grief. He said to them,
J: Why are you asleep? Get up and pray not to be put to the test.
N: He was still speaking when a number of men appeared, and at the head of them the man called Judas, one of the Twelve, who went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said,
J: Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?
N: His followers, seeing what was happening, said,
C: Lord, shall we use our swords?
N: And one of them struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. But at this Jesus spoke,
J: Leave off! That will do!
N: And touching the man's ear he healed him.
Then Jesus spoke to the chief priests and captains of the Temple guard and elders who had come for him. He said,
J: Am I a brigand that you had to set out with swords and clubs? When I was among you in the Temple day after day you never moved to lay hands on me. But this is your hour; this is the reign of darkness.
N: They seized him then and led him away, and they took him to the high priest's house. Peter followed at a distance. They had lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and Peter sat down among them, and as he was sitting there by the blaze a servant-girl saw him, peered at him and said,
O: This person was with him too.
N: But he denied it, saying,
O: Woman, I do not know him.
N: Shortly afterwards, someone else saw him and said,
O: You are another of them.
N: But Peter replied,
O: I am not, my friend.
N: About an hour later, another man insisted, saying,
O: This fellow was certainly with him. Why, he is a Galilean.
N: Peter said,
O: My friend, I do not know what you are talking about.
N: At that instant, while he was still speaking, the cock crew, and the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter, and Peter remembered what the Lord had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will have disowned me three times". And he went outside and wept bitterly. Meanwhile the men who guarded Jesus were mocking and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying,
C: Play the prophet. Who hit you then?
N: And they continued heaping insults on him.
When day broke there was a meeting of the elders of the people, attended by the chief priests and scribes. He was brought before their council, and they said to him,
C: If you are the Christ, tell us.
N: He replied,
J: If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the Power of God.
N: Then they all said,
C: So you are the Son of God then?

N: He answered,
J: It is you who say I am.
N: They said,
C: What need of witnesses have we now? We have heard it for ourselves from his own lips.
N: The whole assembly then rose, and they brought him before Pilate. They began their accusation by saying,
C: We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.
N: Pilate put to him this question,
O: Are you the king of the Jews?
N: He replied,
J: It is you who say it.
N: Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd,
O: I find no case against this man.
N: But they persisted,
C: He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.
N: When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.
Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.
Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. He said,
O: You brought this man before me as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.
N: But as one man they howled,
C: Away with him! Give us Barabbas!
N: This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.
Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back.
C: Crucify him! Crucify him!
N: And for the third time he spoke to them,
O: Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and let him go.
N: But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified, and their shouts were growing louder.
Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.
As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,
J: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, "Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"; to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?
N: Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.
When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said,
J: Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.
N: Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him saying,
C: He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.
N: The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said,
C: If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.
N: Above him there was an inscription: "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals hanging there abused him, saying,

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N: But the other spoke up and rebuked him,
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N: He replied,
J: Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.
N: It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said,
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N: With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

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- O:** This was a great and good man.
N: And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

Then a member of the council arrived, an upright and virtuous man named Joseph. He had not consented to what the others had planned and carried out. He came from Arimathaea, a Jewish town, and he lived in the hope of seeing the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. He then took it down, wrapped it in a shroud and put him in a tomb which was hewn in stone in which no one had yet been laid. It was Preparation Day and the sabbath was imminent.

Meanwhile the women who had come from Galilee with Jesus were following behind. They took note of the tomb and of the position of the body.

Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. And on the sabbath day they rested, as the law required.



Shorter form

Gospel 23:1–49

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Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

1. Accept, Almighty Father,
these gifts of bread and wine
which now the priest is offering
for us before thy shrine.
But soon the Word will make them
His Body and his Blood.
The Sacrifice renewing
once offered on the rood.
2. With these, although unworthy,
some offering we will make;
but all we have Thou gavest,
then what thou gavest take.
Our hearts, our souls, our senses
we give through Mary's hands,
who by the cross once standing
now by the altar stands.



The Offering

(If no song is sung, then the people may make the responses to the prayer of offering given here.)

- C:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.
- P:** Blessed be God for ever.
- C:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.
- P:** Blessed be God for ever.
- C:** Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- P:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Prayer over the gifts

Lord,
may the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, make us pleasing to you. Alone we can do nothing, but may this perfect sacrifice win us your mercy and love.

Eucharistic Prayer

- C:** The Lord be with you.
- P:** And also with you.
- C:** Lift up your hearts.
- P:** We lift them up to the Lord.
- C:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- P:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Acclamation

All: 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.

Memorial Acclamation

- C:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
- P:** Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Communion Rite

- C:** Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:
- All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.
- C:** Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- All:** For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Breaking of the Bread

- All:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.
- C:** This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.
- All:** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this cup may not pass, but I must drink it, then your will be done.

Communion Hymn

*The King of glory comes, the nations rejoice.
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.*

1. Who is the King of glory, how shall we call Him?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.
 2. In all of Galilee, in city and village,
He goes among His people curing their illness.
 3. Sing then of David's Son, our Saviour and brother;
in all of Galilee was never another.
 4. He gave His life for us, the pledge of salvation.
He took upon himself, the sins of the nation.
 5. He conquered sin and death, He truly has risen,
and He will share with us His heavenly vision.
1. Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine.
King, whose reign shall never cease;
prince of everlasting peace.
*Angels, saints, and nations sing:
"Praised be Jesus Christ, our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky, and sea.
King of love on Calvary."*
 2. King whose name creation thrills,
rule our mind, our hearts, our wills,
till in peace each nation rings
with Thy praises, king of kings.
 3. King most holy, king of truth,
guide the lowly, guide the youth.
Christ, Thou King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light.
 4. Shepherd-King, o'er mountains steep,
homeward bring the wandering sheep.
Shelter in one royal fold,
states and kingdoms, new and old.

Prayer After Communion

Lord,
you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. The death of your Son gives us hope and strengthens our faith. May his resurrection give us perseverance and lead us to salvation.

Concluding Rite

- C:** The Lord be with you.
- P:** And also with you.

SOLEMN BLESSINGS

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

This day the Father of light has enlightened the minds of the disciples by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. May he bless you and give you the gifts of the Spirit for ever.

✠ Amen.

May that fire which hovered over the disciples as tongues of flame burn out all evil from your hearts and make them glow with pure light.

✠ Amen.

God inspired speech in different tongues to proclaim one faith. May he strengthen your faith and fulfil your hope to see him face to face.

✠ Amen.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

✠ Amen.

Recessional Hymn

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry.
Thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments strewed.
2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eye
to see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
expects his own anointed son.
5. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain
then take, O God, thy power and reign.