

Holy Week



The Parish Church of
S. John the Evangelist & S. Mary Magdalene,
Goldthorpe

The Solemn Mass of Palm Sunday



Year A

We sing our final Hymn

When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his Blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson like a robe,
Spreads o'er his body on the Tree;
Then am I dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

On this day the Church celebrates Christ's
entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his
Paschal mystery.

Accordingly, the memorial of this event is
included at the beginning of the Mass with the Reading of the
Gospel and the blessing of Palms.

We go with Jesus in spirit, hailing Jesus Christ as the Lamb who,
obedient even to death, takes away the sin of the world.

Hosanna to the Son of David,
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord I

We gather in the Parish Hall and collect our Palms

When all are ready we acclaim

Hosanna to the Son of David,
Blessed is who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel
Hosanna in the Highest.

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

People: Amen.

Priest: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Dear brothers and sisters,
since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our
hearts by penance and charitable works.
Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church
the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal
Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection.
For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own
city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion,
let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our
salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by
his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in
his Resurrection and in his life.

The palm crosses and branches are blessed

Priest: Let us pray.
Almighty ever-living God,
Sanctify ✠ these branches with your blessing,
that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation,
may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Palm Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy ✠ Gospel according to Matthew

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village in front 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, you shall say, "The Lord needs them"', and he will send them at once.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Say to the daughter of Sion, "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, '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 stirred up, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Blessing

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: **and with your spirit**

Priest: Bow down for the blessing

May God the Father of mercies who has given you an example of love in the Passion of his only begotten Son, grant that, serving God and your neighbour, you may lay hold of the wondrous gift of his blessing.

All **Amen.**

So that you may receive the reward of everlasting life from him, through whose earthly death you believe that you escape eternal death

All **Amen.**

And by following the example of his self-abasement, may you possess a share in his Resurrection

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

Priest: Go forth the Mass is ended.

All **Thanks be to God**

Priest: ☩Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Priest: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

The communicants come forward in reverent procession, and make a preparatory act of reverence by bowing their head in honour of Christ's presence in the Sacrament.

People: ☩The Body (Blood) of Christ.
Amen.

We sing our Communion Hymn:

Drop, drop, slow tears, And bathe those beauteous feet, Which brought from heaven The news and Prince of Peace.	Cease not wet eyes His mercies to entreat to cry for vengeance Sin doth never cease
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**In your deep floods
Drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let his eye
See sin but through my tears**

After Communion:

Priest: Let us pray.

All stand.

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call.
Through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The notices may now follow

At the start of the procession, the priest says:

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

The Procession into church begins as we sing

*All glory, laud and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

**Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One.**

**The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before thee we present.**

**To thee before thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.**

**Within that blessed City
Thy praises may we sing,
And ever raise hosannas
To our most loving King.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,
Thy humble beast pursues his road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**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.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.**

**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.**

When all are in their places:

Priest: Let us pray.
Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility for the human
race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh
and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that
we may heed his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

We sit

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. (50:4-7)

‘The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as
those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was
not rebellious; I turned not backwards. I gave my back to those who
strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps
me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face
like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

People: The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the
help of your mercy, we may be always free from
sin and safe from distress, as we await the blessed
hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
People **For the kingdom, the power and the
glory are yours now and for ever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on
our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity in
accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.
People: **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Let us offer one another the sign of peace

The Choir now sing The Agnus Dei (Samuel Webbe):

*Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere, miserere, miserere nobis
Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere, miserere, miserere nobis
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem
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dona nobis pacem*

Or we all sing

People: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

We kneel

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: **And with your spirit**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

The Preface follows and then:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We kneel and the Eucharistic prayer continues:

Priest: The mystery of faith.

People: **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic prayer:

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

People: **AMEN.**

We stand

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by
divine teaching, we dare to pray:

People: **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,**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21

Choir: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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

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, for in him he delights.'
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

For dogs have surrounded me;
a band of the wicked besets me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet;
I can count every one of my bones.
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

They divide my clothing among them,
they cast lots for my robe.
But you, O Lord, do not stay afar off;
my strength, make haste to help me!
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

I will tell of your name to my kin,
and praise you in the midst of the assembly;
'You who fear the Lord, give him praise;
all descendants of Jacob, give him glory;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel.'
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

A reading from the letter to the Philippians. (2:6-11)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand

Choir: Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory
Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory

People: **Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory**
Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory
Christ became for us obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

People: **Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.**
Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Key: *N. Narrator. Ju. Judas ✕Jesus. Pe. Peter. P. Pilate*
W. Witness 1. HP High Priest. Pw. Pilate's wife
By. Bystander Ce. Centurion Sg1. Servant Girl 1.
Sg2. Servant Girl 2 C. Crowd, or more than one speaker.

Matthew 26:14-27:66

N At that time: One of the Twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot,
went to the chief priests and said,
Ju What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?
N And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he
sought an opportunity to betray him. Now on the first day of
Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,
C Where would you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?
N He said,
✕ Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says,
My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my
disciples.'
N And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared
the Passover. When it was evening, he reclined at table with the
Twelve. And as they were eating, he said,
✕ Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.
N And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after
another,
C **Is it I, Lord?**
N He answered,
✕ He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me.
The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by
whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that
man if he had not been born.
N Judas, who would betray him, answered,
Ju Is it I, Rabbi?

**Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
Themselves displease,
And 'gainst him rise.**

**They rise, and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he To suffering goes,
That he his foes
From thence might free.**

**In life no house, no home,
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb,
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home;
But mine the tomb
Wherein he lay.**

**Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.**

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **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 holy Church.**

Priest: Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son,
O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so
that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this
sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects
of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Faithful

After each petition.

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

All: **✠and let light perpetual; shine upon them**

Leader: May they rest in peace

All: **Amen**

At the end of all the petitions.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

We sing the Offertory Hymn

**My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O, who am I, That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?
He came from his blest throne,
Salvation to bestow:
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend, My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!
Sometimes they strew his way,
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!' Is all their breath,
And for his death
They thirst and cry.**

N He said to him,

✠ You have said so.

N Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said,

✠ Take, eat; this is my body.

N And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying,

✠ Drink of 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 not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

N And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

✠ You will all fall away 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 before you to Galilee.

N Peter answered him,

Pe Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.

N Jesus said to him,

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

N Peter said to him,

Pe Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!

N And all the disciples said the same. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,

✠ Sit here, while I go over there and pray.

N And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them,

✠ My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.

N And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying,

✠ My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.

N And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter,

✠ So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

N Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed,

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

N And 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 again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

✠ Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.

N While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the Twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, ‘The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.’ And he came up to Jesus at once and said,

Ju Greetings, Rabbi!

N And he kissed him. Jesus said to him,

✠ Friend, do what you came to do.

N Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

✠ Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?

N At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

✠ Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.

N Then all the disciples left him and fled. Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

W This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’

N And the high priest stood up and said,

HP Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify

N Pilate said to them,
P You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.
N So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard. The Gospel of the Lord.

A Homily may follow

**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,
At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.
 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.**

N And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying,

✘ *Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*

N that is, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said,

C This man is calling Elijah.

N And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

C Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

N And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

All kneel for a period of silence.

N And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And 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, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said,

C Truly this was the Son of God!

N There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance 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,

C Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead’, and the last fraud will be worse than the first.

against you?

N But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him,

HP I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.

N Jesus said to him,

✘ You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

N Then the high priest tore his robes and said,

HP He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need?

You

have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgement?

N They answered,

C He deserves death.

N Then they spat in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, saying,

C Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?

N Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said,

Sg1 You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

N But he denied it before them all, saying,

Pe I do not know what you mean.

N And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

Sg2 This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

N And again he denied it with an oath:

Pe I do not know the man.

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

By Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.

N Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear,

Pe I do not know the man.

N And immediately the cock crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, ‘Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.’ And he went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. And they bound him and led him away And delivered him over to Pilate the governor. Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying,

Ju I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

N They said,
C **What is that to us? See to it yourself.**
N And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,
C **It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.**
N So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me.' Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him,
P Are you the King of the Jews?
N Jesus said,
 ✕ You have said so.
N But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him,
P Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?
N But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them,
P Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?
N For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him,
Pw Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.
N Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them,
S Which of the two do you want me to release for you?
N And they said,
C **Barabbas.**
N Pilate said to them,
P Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?
N They all said,
C **Let him be crucified!**

N And he said,
P Why? What evil has he done?
N But they shouted all the more,
C **Let him be crucified!**
N So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,
P I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.
N And all the people answered,
C **His blood be on us and on our children!**
N Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,
C **Hail, King of the Jews!**
N And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. 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 garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying,
C **You who would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.**
N So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,
C **He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'**