

Sunday of the Passion, with the Liturgy of the Palms – Red March 28, 2021 – 4pm

Online Service, based on the *Book of Alternative Services*

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- Mark: Josée
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- the High Priest: Wendy Crooks
- Pontius Pilate: Hugh Mitchell
- a Bystander: Wendy Nelles
- the Centurion: John Richard
- a Servant Girl: Chelsea Patterson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Josée

The Presider gives notice of matters affecting the life and work of the congregation.

The Gathering of the Community

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS (BAS, p. 297)

Josée

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

Hosanna in the highest!

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way

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of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READING OF THE GOSPEL (BAS, p. 298)

Tania

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (*Mark 11:1-11*)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

"Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

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.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29 (BAS p. 866)

Astrid

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *

his mercy endures for ever.

² Let Israel now proclaim, *

"His mercy endures for ever."

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; *

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ "This is the gate of the Lord; *

he who is righteous may enter."

²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *

and have become my salvation.

²² The same stone which the builders rejected *

has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the Lord's doing, *

and it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ On this day the Lord has acted; *

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *

Lord, send us now success.

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *

we bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷ God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *

form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ "You are my God, and I will thank you; *

you are my God, and I will exalt you."

²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *

his mercy endures for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

HYMN

CP #181 – *All Glory, Laud, and Honour*

Ref. All glory, laud, and honor

To thee, Redeemer, King,

To whom the lips of children

Made sweet hosannas ring.

3. The people of the Hebrews

With palms before thee went;

Our praise and love and anthems

Before thee we present. (ref.)

4. To thee, before thy passion,

They sang their hymns of praise;

To thee, now high exalted,

Our melody we raise. (ref.)

5. Thou didst accept their praises;

Accept the prayers we bring,

Who in all good delightest,

Thou good and gracious King. (ref.)

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 760–821, tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt

Collect of the Day

Quitterie

Prions.

Dieu tout-puissant et éternel, dans un tendre amour pour toute notre race humaine, tu as envoyé ton Fils notre Sauveur Jésus-Christ pour prendre notre chair et souffrir la mort sur une croix cruelle.

Puissions-nous suivre l'exemple de sa grande humilité et partager la gloire de sa résurrection; par

Jésus-Christ notre Seigneur, qui est vivant et règne avec toi et le Saint-Esprit, un seul Dieu,

maintenant et pour toujours.

Amen.

Or

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Wendy N.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 50:4-9a)

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?

The word of the Lord. **Or** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16 (BAS p. 740)

John

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 neighbours,

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."

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading

Quitterie

Lecture de la lettre aux Philippiens (*Phil. 2 :5-11*)

Comportez-vous entre vous comme on le fait quand on est uni à Jésus Christ :

Il possédait depuis toujours la condition divine,
mais il n'a pas voulu demeurer à l'égal de Dieu.

Au contraire, il a de lui-même renoncé à tout ce qu'il avait
et il a pris la condition de serviteur.

Il est devenu un être humain parmi les êtres humains,
il a été reconnu comme un homme ;

il a accepté d'être humilié et il s'est montré obéissant
jusqu'à la mort, la mort sur une croix.

C'est pourquoi Dieu l'a élevé à la plus haute place
et lui a donné le nom supérieur à tout autre nom.

Il a voulu qu'au nom de Jésus, tous les êtres,
dans les cieux, sur la terre et sous la terre,
se mettent à genoux,

et que tous reconnaissent publiquement :

« Le Seigneur, c'est Jésus Christ,
pour la gloire de Dieu le Père. »

Écoutez ce que l'Esprit dit aux Églises.

Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

Or

A reading from the letter to the Philippians (*Philippians 2:5-11*)

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.

The word of the Lord. **Or** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Rehearsal of the Passion of Christ

Mk 14.1—15.47 – Narration

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.
	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 his 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 my 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 his 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 priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,
Judas:	The one I will 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 it, saying,

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

Mark: And he went out into 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: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter: I do not know this 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.

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 according 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 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 Priests: **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,

Crowd: **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,

Bystander: **Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to 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.

An extended pause is observed.

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 were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided 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 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 the 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 Joses saw where the body was laid.

Hymn & Meditation

CP #634 – *Jesus Remember Me*

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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Text: Luke 23:42

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Laudate Omnes Gentes, Taizé, 2003 (3:23min.)

The Prayers of the People

Edna

God the Son humbled himself, taking on human flesh, suffering and dying in our place. Let us pray to God our Father, and place in his hands the suffering of the world.

We pray for the church, that we may humbly bear our crosses and follow Jesus as our King and Lord. We pray for clergy entrusted with your holy word, like the priests and scribes. May they preserve the truth of your word and teach and live according to it.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all in government, like Pilate and Herod. May they use their power properly, and serve truth and justice. We pray for peace in areas where there is unrest and conflict. Protect our brothers and sisters in Christ in these places. May their neighbours see the Son of God in them.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the whole human race, that all will come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour, pray for those who hurt them, and forgive them too. We pray for parents like Mary who have lost a child. May they bear their suffering and know the comfort of your love.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who have sinned, like Peter. Teach us to be sorry for our sins, and forgive us all that we do wrong. We pray for prisoners and criminals like Barabbas. May they find true freedom by changing the way they live.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

And we pray for those with special needs who are known to us personally, and whom we now name silently in our hearts... *(Please offer your prayers, as the Spirit moves you)*

We pray for those who are dying, like the thieves crucified with Jesus. May they die with Jesus by their side, and be received into your kingdom.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father, may the suffering and death of Jesus lighten the burdens of all who suffer. Lead us in the way of the cross, that as we suffer with Jesus, so we may rise to life in his glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Coventry Litany of Reconciliation in Holy week

Wendy

Please join me in praying the litany-after each petition ending with "in your mercy", please respond with **Father Forgive**

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,
in your mercy, **Father Forgive**

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
in your mercy, **Father Forgive**

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,
in your mercy, **Father Forgive**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
in your mercy, **Father Forgive**

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,
in your mercy, **Father Forgive**

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,
in your mercy, **Father Forgive**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
in your mercy, **Father Forgive**

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (BAS, p. 211)

Wendy

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Hymn

CP #192 – *Were You There*

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

3. Were you there when they pierced him to the side?
Were you there when they pierced him to the side?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble
Were you there when they pierced him to the side?

4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Text: African-American spiritual.

THE SENDING

Blessing

Josée

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and for ever.

Amen.

Dismissal (BAS, p. 215)

Josée

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.