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## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

24 March 2024

Christ Enters Jerusalem by Sadao Watanabe

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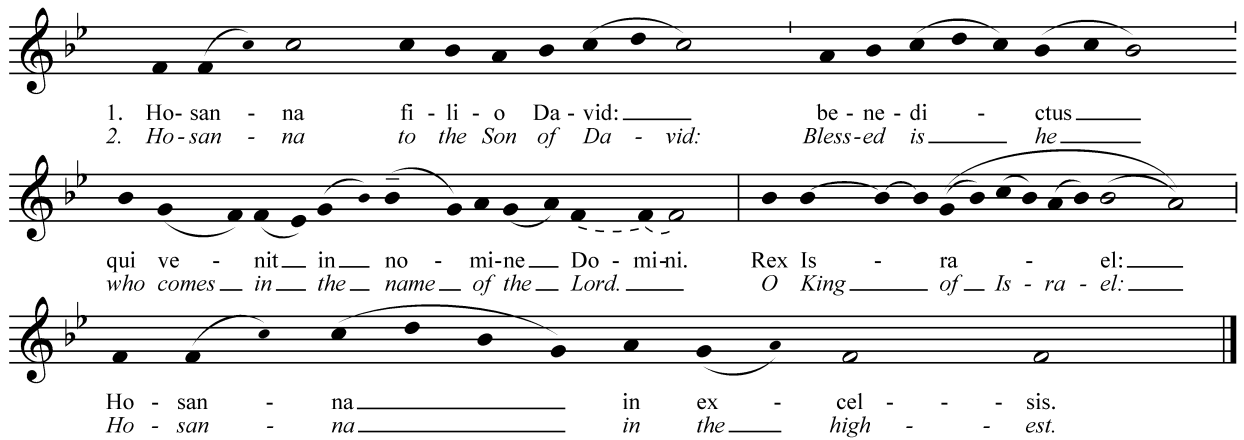
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PRELUDE | Fugue in C minor, BWV 537

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

OPENING ANTIPHON | Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel



1. Ho - san - na      fi - li - o Da - vid: \_\_\_\_\_      be - ne - di - ctus \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Ho - san - na      to the Son of Da - vid:      Bless-ed is \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_

qui ve - nit in no - mi-ne Do - mi-ni.      Rex Is - ra - el: \_\_\_\_\_  
who comes in the name of the Lord.      O King of Is - ra - el: \_\_\_\_\_

Ho - san - na \_\_\_\_\_ in ex - cel - sis.  
Ho - san - na \_\_\_\_\_ in the high - est.

BLESSING OF THE PALM BRANCHES

GOSPEL | Mark 11: 1-10

## Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem-er, King!

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

## Verses

1. You are the King of Is - ra - el And  
 2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are  
 3. The peo - ple of the He - brews With  
 4. To you, be - fore your pas - sion, They  
 5. Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; Ac -

Da - vid's roy - al Son, Now in the Lord's Name  
 prais - ing you on high; And we, with all cre -  
 palms be - fore you went; Our praise and prayers and  
 sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high ex -  
 cept the prayers we bring, Great source of love and

com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
 a - tion, In cho - rus make re - ply.  
 an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 good - ness, Our Sav - ior and our King.

COLLECT

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Isaiah 50: 4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 22: Acceptance

Rachel Burckardt



My God, my God, \_\_\_\_\_ why have you \_\_\_\_\_ a - ban - doned me? \_\_\_\_\_

They have taken my clothes to divide among them, they cast lots for my robe.  
Be not far from me Lord, O my strength come to help me, deliver my soul from the sword.

My heart is like wax. It is melted inside me; my strength is dried up like a stone.  
My tongue cannot speak, and you have brought me into the dust of death.

I will praise your name to my brothers and sisters; I will praise you where they are found.  
I will live for you Lord and my children will serve you; they shall trust in you, Lord.

SECOND READING | Philippians 2: 6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

Tony Alonso



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Lent: Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.*

GOSPEL | Mark 14: 1-15: 47

HOMILY

## NICENE CREED

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,  
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.

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER

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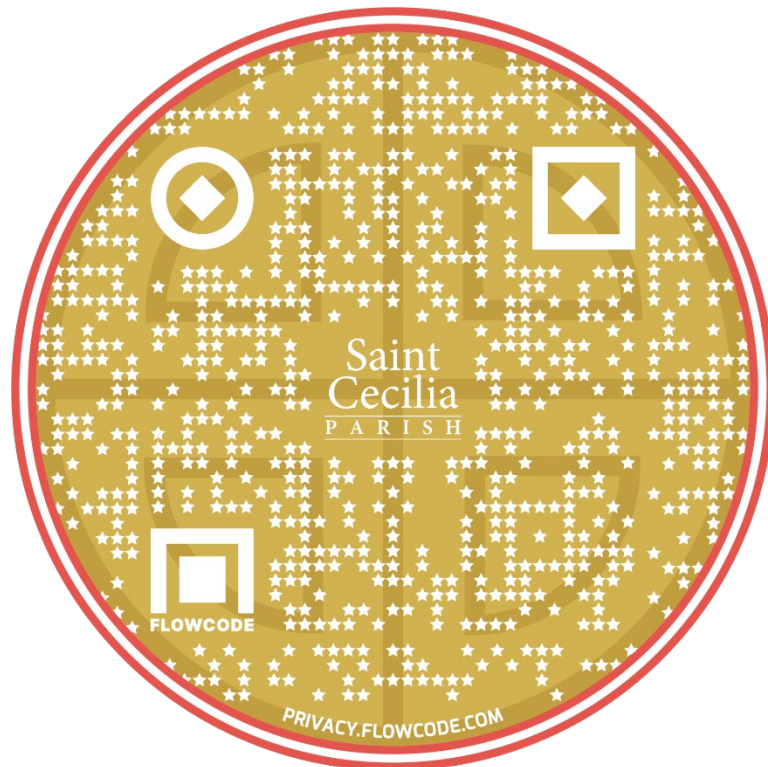
We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

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Boston, MA 02115



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

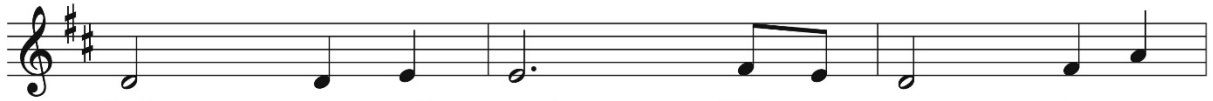
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | In This Place

Trevor Thomson

Verses



1. We are all hun - gry peo - ple, we need  
2. All our lives are a mys - t'ry; we see  
3. Though the world may tell us to  
4. In the bread that is bro - ken is the



shel - ter and strength. We are one in our  
not where they lead. We are asked now to  
look at our - selves, we reach out to an -  
Christ that re - stores. As we take, now re -



hurt - ing, we are one in our pain. In our suf -  
trust you and we know we must be - lieve. As our feet  
oth - er where suf - fer - ing dwells. As our hands  
ceive him, we find love ev - er - more. As the bread



f'ring and sad - ness, we are saved by the grace  
be - come Christ's feet, we go forth with the grace  
be - come Christ's hands, we are healed by the grace  
be - comes Bod - y, we are filled with the grace

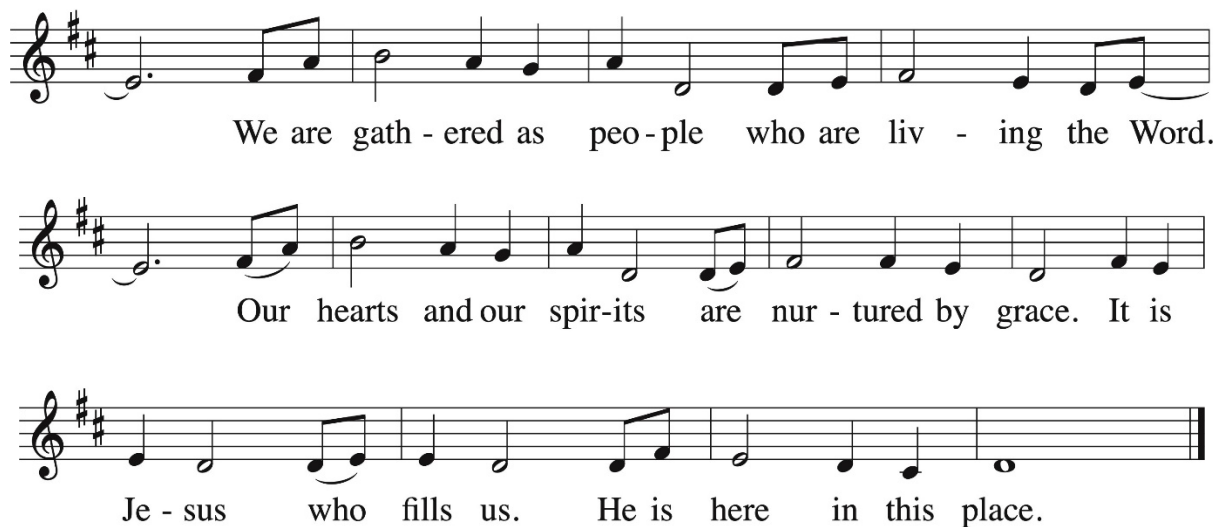


of the pow - er and the Spir - it that is here in this place.

Refrain



We are gath - ered at ta - ble as one in the Lord.



We are gath - ered as peo - ple who are liv - ing the Word.  
Our hearts and our spir - its are nur - tured by grace. It is  
Je - sus who fills us. He is here in this place.

#### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

✠ Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

✠ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

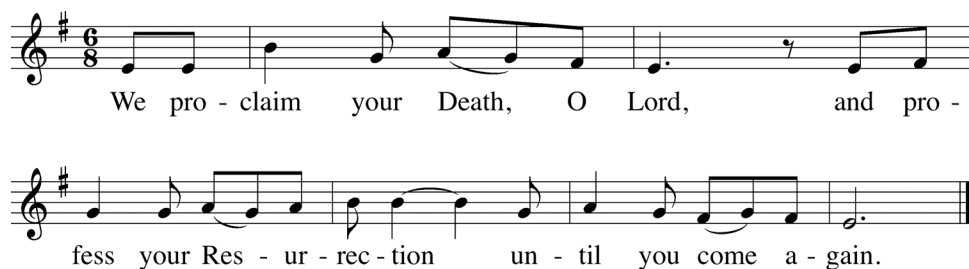
All: It is right and just.





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of the Angels and Saints



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro -  
fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.  
 Amen.

## LAMB OF GOD | Mass of the Angels and Saints

*Cantor, then all:* Have mercy on us. *Repeat ad lib.*

*Cantor:* Grant us peace. *All:* Grant us peace.

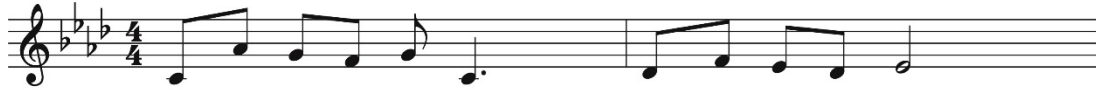
## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It is a long-held Catholic belief that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an “Act of Spiritual Communion.” When we are unable to be physically present at the celebration of the Eucharist, Pope Francis invites Catholics to say this prayer as a source of grace. We can be assured that when we express our desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, God will be with us spiritually in a special way. Here is an Act of Spiritual Communion that we encourage you to pray as you participate in our live-streamed liturgies:

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Loving Jesus, I believe that you  
 are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.  
 I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
 Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
 come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.  
 Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Refrain



Bro-ken for the bro-ken, poured out for the poor:



Bless-ed feast of God's cre - a - tion, giv-en for us all.



Bro-ken for the bro-ken, shared for hu-man-kind, we pro -



claim your death, O Lord: God's sac-ri-fice and sign.

Verses



1. For the hun - gry ones,	for the thirst - y ones,
2. For the ones a - bused,	for the ones con-fused,
3. For the voice-less ones,	for the help-less ones,
4. For the wound-ed ones,	for the shat-tered ones,
5. For the ones in chains,	for the ones in fear,
6. For the ail - ing ones,	for the hurt - ing ones,
7. As we break this bread,	as we take this cup,
8. As we trust your word,	as we live your way,
9. Change our hearts, O Lord,	give us will - ing hearts,



for the lone - ly ones, you call us to serve,	to be
for the ones re-fused, you call us to love,	to be
for the home-less ones, you call us to speak,	to be
for the ti - red ones, you call us to help,	to be
for the ones in debt, you call us to give,	to be
for the dy - ing ones, you call us to care,	to be
as we share this meal, you call us to change,	to be
as we walk by faith, you call us to share,	to be
hearts that rec - og - nize the cour - age to serve and share	



D.C.

1.-8. Christ for each oth - er, bro - ken for the world.  
 9. Christ with each oth - er, bro - ken for the world.

Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Even though it be a cross that raiseth me.  
Still all my song shall be, near, my God to Thee.

There in my Father's home, safe and at rest,  
There in my Savior's love perfectly blest.  
Age after age to be nearer, my God, to Thee!

Oh, let the way appear, leading to heaven,  
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy given.  
Thy Spirit beckons me, near, my God to Thee.

## CONCLUDING RITES

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

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

All: **Amen.**

✠ Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL | All depart in silence.

Fantasia in C minor, BWV 537

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

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For information on becoming involved or supporting the music program at Saint Cecilia,  
please contact Dr. Robert Duff at 617-536-4548 or email: [RDuff@stceciliaboston.org](mailto:RDuff@stceciliaboston.org).

# WELCOME!

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish, a Roman Catholic community that gathers day by day, week by week, to know and make known the grace of God. By means of this abundant grace, we enjoy a diverse and close-knit parish family—young, old, rich, poor, of various ethnic origins and differing backgrounds. From our extraordinary music program to a growing children’s faith formation program; from the various liturgical ministries to the many opportunities for social outreach that the parish provides, Saint Cecilia is a vibrant community of faith, centered on prayer and worship that tries to keep the Gospel close to heart and to live by Jesus’ teachings.

Saint Cecilia Parish was established in 1888. At that time the Back Bay section of Boston along Commonwealth Avenue and Beacon Street was the residential section of the Yankee aristocracy. The maids (“Irish working out girls”) and coachmen who served these residents had long requested a church of their own. When Archbishop Williams granted their request and carved the parish from the territory of the Cathedral, they built a magnificent church out of their meager earnings. Our church building resides on the ancestral homeland of the Pawtucket and Massachusetts tribal nations.

The church was dedicated on April 22, 1894. Its architecture is Romanesque, XII Century Norman. The main altar, notable for its massive simplicity, was carved from a single block of white Carrara marble. The painting in the center reredos is a reproduction of da Vinci’s The Last Supper, and the dome above is an array of 24K gold rosettes.

For the sixtieth anniversary celebration in 1954, a massive renovation project was undertaken. During this renovation, a statue of Pope Saint Pius X (canonized that same year) was imported from Italy and placed on the right side of the sanctuary. Above the statue are paintings from Pius’ life. On the left side is a statue of Saint Patrick, principal patron of the Archdiocese of Boston, and above it are three scenes from his life.

Fourteen circular and sixteen square panels adorn the nave and arches of the church. The square panels are decorated with the symbols of Our Lady taken from the Litany of Loreto and the circular ones with symbols taken from the lives of the apostles. The great window of the Assumption—framed by the two oak cases of the organ—was installed in 1954 (the Marian Year) in spaces originally designed for windows but not until then used.

The original organ of 24 stops was built in 1902 by the Hutchings-Votey Organ Company, Opus 1465, and was rebuilt in 1954 with 32 stops. In 1998, Timothy Smith and Theodore Gilbert began a massive reconstruction of the organ. The current Smith & Gilbert Organ of 4 manuals, 54 ranks, and 3,084 pipes was dedicated on the Feast of Saint Cecilia, November 22, 1999.

Today we are experiencing something of an awakening within these old walls. Our numbers are increasing by 350 new households each year, and we continue to grow in our commitment to issues of peace, justice, and service to our neighbors, both near and far.

We’ve been right here on Belvidere Street, in the same building for over 125 years, but that does not mean that life here is stale, stagnant, or even predictable. We are proud to be entrusted with the legacy of Saint Cecilia Parish, where everything is the same, yet always changing; where we honor tradition while embracing the future; where God’s love makes all things new.

Saint Cecilia

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# HOLY WEEK

## **Palm Sunday**

*Mass of the Lord's Passion*

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

9:30 Mass will be in-person & YouTube livestreamed

## THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

### **Holy Thursday**

7:30 p.m. *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*

In-person & YouTube livestreamed

10:00 p.m. *Night Prayer*

In-person following adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### **Good Friday**

3:00 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*

In-person & YouTube livestreamed

7:30 p.m. *Commemoration of the Lord's Passion*

In-person & YouTube livestreamed

### **Holy Saturday**

8:00 p.m. *The Great Vigil of Easter*

In-person & YouTube livestreamed

### **Easter Sunday**

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. *Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord*

9:30 Mass will be in-person & YouTube livestreamed

Livestreamed Masses can be viewed at [www.stceciliaboston.org](http://www.stceciliaboston.org).

# OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

### Saturday, March 23 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant  
Rosaria Salerno, Mary Kane, and Emily Bogert, lectors

### Sunday, March 24 | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Emily St. Germain, Linda Frayling, and Jordan Barnes, lectors

### Sunday, March 24 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Kelly McClintock, Cathy Anderson, Tom O'Brien, Mike Lake,  
Esteban Vanegas, and Letitia Howland, lectors

### Sunday, March 24 | 11:30 a.m.

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant  
Pat Scofield, Ben DeWinter, Tom Skorupa, Moira Macdonald,  
Eileen Maguire, and Karen McMenamy, lectors

### Sunday, March 24 | 6:00 p.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant  
Maggie Giles, Natasha Bolton-Pierre, and Letitia Howland, lectors

## SPECIAL INTENTIONS

### Sunday, March 24 | 8:00 a.m.

Cleveland & Dorothy Nelson, *Memorial*  
Walter Doherty, *Memorial*

### Sunday, March 24 | 9:30 a.m.

Carmina Garcia, *Memorial*  
Johnny Cunnane, *Memorial*  
Glenn Calmus, *Memorial*  
Bob Pisinski, *Memorial*  
Elnora Ann Torres, *Memorial*  
Raymond Rimoldi, *Memorial*

### Sunday, March 24 | 11:30 a.m.

Lee H., *Special Intention*  
JoAnn H., *Special Intention*

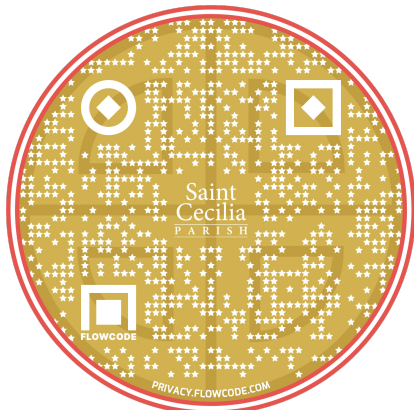
### Wednesday, March 27 | 8:00 a.m.

Caroline & John LaHood, *Special Intention*

### Wednesday, March 27 | 6:00 p.m.

Raul Degasperri, *Memorial*

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## PALM SUNDAY'S READINGS



Mark 11:1-10  
Isaiah 50:4-7  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47



## EASTER SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20: 1-9

# PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

## **Our Sick**

Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Jacqueline Lavelle, Glenn Gallo, Marc Pelletier, Michele Maniscalco, and Fred Tufts.

## **Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish!**

We are pleased to welcome the following new registrants: **Kelly Kush** of Galloway, Ohio, **Stuart and Catherine Fross**, **Ellie Sanderson**, **Aitana Poey**, **Junyi Fang**, and **Nancy Brooks**, all of Boston, and **Kathleen Townsend** and **Nancy Preis**, both of Cambridge. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at [www.stceciliaboston.org](http://www.stceciliaboston.org).

## **Wednesday Evening Mass &**

### **Last Opportunity For Confession Before Easter**

Mass will be celebrated this Wednesday evening (a day traditionally known as "Spy Wednesday" because we hear Matthew's account of the betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot) at 6:00. Following Mass, confessions will be heard until 8:00. This is the last opportunity at Saint Cecilia for confession prior to Easter.

## **Easter Flowers—Last Chance!**

We invite you to remember your loved ones by donating toward our Easter flowers. Please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/x8ZSXcyheh2QuVcc7>, which has the donation link: [www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/giving/funds/easter-flowers-2024](http://www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/giving/funds/easter-flowers-2024). Envelopes will also be available in the narthex for people who would like to print the names of their loved ones. The names of those remembered will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Palm Sunday (March 24) will be the last opportunity to donate.

## **Help Care for Those in Need**

At least a few times each week, men and women experiencing food insecurity come to the parish looking for something to eat. We like to offer people a gift card to a local supermarket, CVS, Dunkin', or fast food establishment. You have always responded generously to our appeal for gift cards, but once again, we are in need of having our supply replenished. If you are interested in helping out in this way, simply purchase a gift card (we prefer \$10 increments) and drop it in the collection basket at Mass or give the card to a staff person. While all gift cards are appreciated, at this point in time, gift cards to Star Market, Shaw's, and CVS would be most helpful. We are very appreciative of your assistance as we attempt to offer aid to our struggling brothers and sisters. Thank you!

## **Catholic Appeal Update**

Because of your generous support, we have reached 62% of our monetary goal and 46% of our donor goal. Thank you for responding in faith, hope, and charity by making a gift to this year's Catholic Appeal. We are stronger together and your generous participation is greatly appreciated! You can donate here: <https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate1/>

## **Parking Information**

On Palm Sunday and during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, there should be no cars parked directly in front of the church on Belvidere Street. Thank you!

## **Welcome Our Newly Initiated!**

We invite you to help us welcome our newly initiated parishioners with a cake on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 7, after the 11:30 Mass. All are welcome!

## **Mass Time Change & Coffee Hospitality**

There will be no 6:00 Mass on Easter, but we will conclude our celebration of the Paschal Triduum with Evening Prayer at 6:00 on Zoom. Also, there will be no coffee Hospitality in the Parish Hall on Easter Sunday as we'd like our dedicated volunteers to enjoy the Easter festivities.

## **Good Friday Collection**

The Good Friday collection supports the sacred places and the educational, charitable, and peace-seeking ministries of the Church in the Holy Land. You can make donations online here: <https://www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/giving/funds/good-friday-2024-holy-land>

## **Easter Collection**

Next week, at all our Easter Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical, and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit [www.clergytrust.org](http://www.clergytrust.org). To donate online visit: <https://www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/giving/funds/easter-2024-clergy-health-trust>

## **Pizza Following Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mass**

We invite you to join us after the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, April 7 for pizza and fellowship in the Parish Hall. We'll see you there!



# TRIDUUM

As we commemorate the Passion of the Lord this Palm Sunday, we are in the final days of Lent which will end at sundown on Holy Thursday. We hope you will be with us for our solemn celebration of the Paschal Triduum—the three-day Easter celebration that begins on Holy Thursday with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, continues on Good Friday with our Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord, reaches its high point at Saturday night's Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter, and closes with Paschal Vespers on Easter Sunday. Please consider joining us for this one liturgy that stretches out over three days.

If you come on Holy Thursday, be sure to bring back your Rice Bowl or another gift for the poor. Please feel free to bring a check made out to Catholic Relief Services or some food from your pantry. The Great Vigil of Easter is a long and beautiful liturgy that tells the story of salvation history and God's desire for relationship with us. The Vigil is also where we welcome the newest members of our community through the waters of baptism and full communion with the Church.

## OUR ELECT AND CANDIDATES

Lastly, please keep our Elect and Candidates for Full Communion in your prayer this upcoming week. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to enliven them with the fire of God's love.



## SOME THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS

Parents are the primary source of children's faith formation. A wonderful tradition for families to cultivate is participation at the liturgies of the Paschal Triduum. These are the holiest days of the liturgical year and are the heart of the Paschal Mystery. The liturgies of the Triduum are ancient in their format and have the ability to shape and form us. It will speak volumes and have long-lasting effects upon the liturgical formation of children for parents to model participation in these sacred rites.

We invite all families to attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. At this liturgy, children can participate in the communal Washing of the Feet with their

families. At the end of Mass, you might spend a few minutes in prayer together before the Blessed Sacrament, which will be carried in procession to the altar of repose.



On Good Friday, consider observing some period of silence at home, especially during the hours of noon and 3:00 p.m.—the traditional time to honor and reflect on the death of the Lord. Plan to attend the liturgy of the Lord's Passion as a family. It's best to explain to smaller children the meaning of this liturgy before the service begins. When venerating the cross, lead your little ones by the hand and carry those too small to walk. Allow the children to reverence the cross in ways that are comfortable for them. They may touch the cross, kiss the cross, genuflect, or bow; they may prefer to simply stand before the cross for a moment of silence. We will also pray the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

Expect the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night to be very long (three hours!) but don't let this deter you from bringing your children. Allow them to dress comfortably and bring their pillows and blankets. If they fall asleep during the Vigil, that's okay! You might also consider coming for just the beginning of the Easter Vigil with the outdoor lighting of the new fire, the blessing of the paschal candle, and the singing of the Easter Proclamation. Everyone should feel comfortable coming for just that portion of the Vigil and returning on Easter morning for Mass. This is a good way to introduce children to this wonderful liturgy and still be home by 8:30 p.m.

On Easter Sunday morning, start the day with hot cross buns, attend Mass, and celebrate the Risen Christ!



# PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS — JUST 6 WEEKS AWAY!

This year, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) election will be held on the weekend of May 4/5. There are three seats to be filled, each for a 3-year term. This is an exciting and critical time for our parish and serving on the Parish Pastoral Council is a significant way of contributing to our vibrancy and growth. Please take the time to vote, and if you feel inspired, consider running for one of the open seats.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RUN FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE PARISH COUNCIL?

- I. You must be a registered member of our community and at least eighteen years old. You can register by visiting our website at <https://www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/> or by filling out a paper registration form in the narthex.
- II. You should already be an active participant in the life of the parish.

## WHAT IS THE LEVEL OF COMMITMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY?

Meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. In addition to monthly meetings, members are expected to volunteer to lead or assist with occasional parish initiatives or activities. It is also expected that council members will participate in a variety of parish events and programs and be visible representatives of the parish community.

## HOW CAN I BECOME A CANDIDATE?

Please prepare a brief statement (no longer than 150 words) that tells us about yourself and why you are interested in serving the parish as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Your statement should also include the following:

- *What Saint Cecilia Parish means to you.*
- *How long have you been a registered parishioner?*
- *What ministry/ministries are you involved in?*
- *What Mass do we typically see you at?*

This statement can be sent to Scott MacDonald and will be included in the bulletins for April 21, 28, and May 5.

A headshot is also required.

Elections will be held on the weekend of June 4/5. If you cannot be present that weekend, you may submit your vote via e-mail at [info@stceciliaboston.org](mailto:info@stceciliaboston.org) until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 5.

## SCHEDULE

April 15 | Statements and headshots due to [info@stceciliaboston.org](mailto:info@stceciliaboston.org)

April 20/21 & 27/28 & May 4/5 | Biographies, platform statements, and headshots published in the parish bulletin

May 5 | Absentee ballots due no later than 1:00 p.m. via e-mail

May 4/5 | Election

**Completed materials or any questions can be sent  
to Scott MacDonald at his parish email address.**

## CONGRATULATIONS, POPE FRANCIS!

Last Tuesday, Pope Francis celebrated the eleventh anniversary of his Petrine Ministry. On the Solemnity of St. Joseph in 2013, Pope Francis received the Fisherman's Ring and the pallium—symbols of papal authority—in St. Peter's Square, inaugurating his pontificate. To mark the occasion, Pope Francis' autobiography, *Life: My Story Through History*, was released Tuesday by HarperCollins Publishers. In the memoir, written with Italian journalist Fabio Marchese Ragona, Francis traces key moments of his life and their intersection with world events and how they together inform his priorities as pope. It will come as good news to many to read Pope Francis say that he has no plans to resign and that he still has "many projects to bring to fruition." We pray that the Holy Father enjoys good health and length of days to accomplish his projects. Happy Anniversary, Pope Francis!

## NIGHT OF WORSHIP

**Tuesday, April 2 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Saint Cecilia Sanctuary | Open to: Everyone**

On the first Tuesday of every month, our Young Adults host a Holy Hour from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Saint Cecilia sanctuary, and we invite you to give yourself the gift of spending an uninterrupted hour in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, supported by music and prayer. One parishioner described the Holy Hour by saying, "Last night was just filled with healing and grace...it was one of the most powerful experiences I have had at Saint Cecilia, and there have been so many..." Bring yourself, and all that you are carrying, and allow yourself to rest in God's love. ***Please use the St. Cecilia Street entrance and ring the bell to enter the building.***



## TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRIES

Please keep in mind that our nonprofit partner agencies have an ongoing need for donations of travel-size toiletries. Individual size shampoo, conditioner, body lotion and soap are always needed. Toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant (none of which can typically be found in a hotel room!) are also always in demand. Donated toiletries need to be unused and there are plastic bins in the narthex for donations. The agencies are: Women's Lunch Place on Newbury Street ([www.womenslunchplace.org](http://www.womenslunchplace.org)), Y2Y Youth Shelter in Harvard Square ([www.Y2YNetwork.org](http://www.Y2YNetwork.org)), and the Families in Transition at the Huntington YMCA.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

### BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

#### ANNUAL LECTURE IN HONOR OF RICHARD J. CLIFFORD, S.J.

**Reading the Old Testament with Paul the Apostle's Eyes**

**Presenter:** Rev. Ronald D. Witherup, P.S.S., former Superior General of the Sulpicians, adjunct professor of Sacred Scripture, St. Mary's Seminary & University, Baltimore, Maryland

**Thursday, April 11 | 5:30–7:00 a.m. | Hybrid**

**Theology and Ministry Library, Auditorium - Room 113**

**Boston College - Brighton Campus, 117 Lake Street**

**Registration Required | Free**

For further details or to register for these events, please check the STM Online: <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education/featured-events.html>

### BOISI CENTER FOR RELIGION AND AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE — 21st ANNUAL PROPHETIC VOICES

**Prophetically Provocative:**

**Jesus as Mime, Mirror, and Muse**

**Presenter:** Rev. Nancy S. Taylor, Senior Minister Emeritus of Old South Church in Boston

**Wednesday, April 3 | 5:30–7:00 p.m. | In person | Bos-**

**ton College - Brighton Campus, 9 Lake Street, Simboli**

**Hall, Room 100 | Registration requested | Free**

For further details, visit: <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/centers/boisi-center/events.html>

### ONLINE COURSES

**Mapping Your Inner Landscape**

**April 10–May 14 | 5-Week Online Course**

**Registration Required | \$60.00**

**The Psalms: Prayers for All Times**

**April 10–May 14 | 5-Week Online Course**

**Registration Required | \$60.00**

Learn more: <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/sites/crossroads/course-schedule.html#tab-march>

### SAINT SUSANNA PARISH — DEDHAM

**Living in the New Present—Grief and Loss—**

**Hope/Healing Through Pastoral Care**

**Presenter:** Melissa Kelley, Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

**Monday, April 1 | 7:00–9:00 p.m. | Zoom**

Learn more: [https://www.saintsusanna.org/adult\\_faith\\_formation.html](https://www.saintsusanna.org/adult_faith_formation.html)

## HELP CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUPPORT NEWLY-ARRIVED REFUGEES

For the past seven years, our parish has provided ongoing support to Catholic Charities programs that provide aid to refugees. Just in the past year, Catholic Charities has opened two new shelters to address the Commonwealth's refugee and homelessness crisis. We have offered to provide refugee families with supermarket and general gift cards so that they will have food and household items while their applications for political asylum are processed. If you would like to purchase gift cards to Visa, Target, Market Basket, Stop 'n Shop, and Shaw's/Star Markets —and no more than \$25 per card —please feel free to drop them in the offertory basket or mail them to Mark Lippolt, Saint Cecilia Parish, 18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA 02115. The need has never been greater and your accustomed generosity is greatly appreciated!

## LOW-GLUTEN ALTAR BREAD AVAILABLE

If you have celiac disease, please let us know. We have a supply of low-gluten altar bread available for those who cannot tolerate gluten. These hosts are prepared by the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri.

*Documentary Film Screening and Discussion:*

**HOW CATHOLIC PARISH LIFE IS CHANGING IN THE UNITED STATES**



**Tuesday, April 2**  
**6:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. ET**

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & MINISTRY  
 SIMBOLI HALL, ROOM 100

Register here: 

Register at: [bc.edu/stmreg](https://bc.edu/stmreg)



**Most Rev. Cristiano B. Barbosa**  
 Auxiliary Bishop  
 Archdiocese of Boston



**Sebastian Gomes**  
 Executive Editor  
 America Media



**Nicole Pascarelli O'Brien**  
 Pastoral Director of Operations  
 St. Cecilia Parish, Boston



**Prof. Hossfman Ospino**  
 Boston College School of  
 Theology and Ministry

What are the major shifts and trends happening in Catholic parish life today? Join us for a special viewing of America Media's groundbreaking film, "People of God: How Catholic Parish Life is Changing in the United States," followed by a panel discussion, moderated by Hossfman Ospino, with the film's director, Sebastian Gomes, Rev. Cristiano Barbosa, auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Boston, and Nicole Pascarelli O'Brien, pastoral director of operations at St. Cecilia Parish in Boston.



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## LGBTQ CATHOLICS: *Inclusive Ministry 101*

**Thursday, April 4**  
**6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. ET**

Is there a need for LGBTQ Ministry in the Church? What are some common challenges and best practices? What principles of doctrine and pastoral care help discern this topic? Based on her book, *LGBTQ Catholics: A Guide to Inclusive Ministry*, join Yunuen Trujillo as she addresses these and other questions. This session will be the beginning of a process of discernment for those who wish to know how to better serve this part of the Body of Christ.

Register here: 

**Yunuen Trujillo, Esq.**

Religious Formation Coordinator  
 (Spanish) with the Catholic Ministry  
 with Lesbian and Gay Persons of the  
 Archdiocese of Los Angeles

## TUTTI MUSIC COLLECTIVE CONCERT

The Tutti Music Collective is committed to showcasing the music of local, minority, and LGBTQIA+ composers. The collective will present its annual spring concert, "Echoes of Heritage: A Medley of Folk Tunes, New and Traditional," on Saturday, April 13, at 2:00 p.m., at Boynton Yards Performance Hall (101 South Street, Somerville, MA). The concert will feature pieces by six local, living composers along with Margaret Bonds, Carole King, and John Prine. Following the performance, attendees are invited to a reception celebrating Portico Brewery's first anniversary at its Boynton Yards location (next door)! You can buy tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/echoes-of-heritage-tickets-849131614517?aff=oddtcreator>

## RICE BOWLS AND THE EUCHARIST

Jesus says, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst" (John 6:35). United with Christ in the Eucharist, may we see with new eyes and may we see that we are called to be one global family. As we pray, fast, and give on these last days of Lent, let us reflect on our journey and be grateful for any spiritual growth we may have been blessed with this season. When you donate to Catholic Relief Services through Rice Bowl, you make it possible for people overseas to learn new farming techniques, deal with changes in the weather, and discover how to thrive as a community. Remember, 25% of what you donate stays right here to fight poverty in the Boston Archdiocese through Catholic Charities. Thank you!. Donate here: <https://bit.ly/42FAtRR>

SAINT CECILIA FAR-FLUNG FLOCK  
ONLINE COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, April 7 | 4:00 p.m. ET

Saint Cecilia Parish's Far-Flung Flock leadership is excited to welcome Tanya Rybarczyk, pastoral associate at Saint Cecilia, to our April 7 online coffee hour for a Meet and Greet. Tanya is a Catholic writer, speaker, teacher, and retreat leader specializing in adult faith formation, meditative Christian prayer, and spiritual caregiving. She most recently worked as the director of spiritual care at two Massachusetts residential care facilities and as a retreat team member at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in Connecticut. She holds a master's degree in pastoral ministry from the University of Portland and finds it a joy to walk with parishioners through the RCIA process, lead Saint Cecilia CARES, and liaise with our vibrant parish ministries. Tanya lives with her husband in Waltham and is the mother of two college-aged children. Please join us for an inspiring and interactive call, as Tanya shares her unique faith journey and how she came to Saint Cecilia. If you have any questions about any of the ministries at St. C's, about what a pastoral associate does, or about RCIA in particular, you won't want to miss this coffee hour! We think many of you will relate to her journey and appreciate her passion.

If you have not registered or attended any online coffee hour in the past, you must register for the FFF email list with this link (<https://bit.ly/45pDVRa>). There is no need to re-register if you've attended in the past. If you have registered, but are not receiving FFF email notifications, please email the ministry to confirm your email address.

CONCERT TO BENEFIT  
WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE

"Music for Food" is a musician-led initiative to fight hunger in our local communities. Music for Food's concerts have already raised funds to create more than 1.5 million meals! Music for Food's 14th season concludes at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 7 in New England Conservatory's Brown Hall. This special concert will be curated by 11-time Grammy nominee Marc-André Hamelin and features Richard Strauss' melodrama *Enoch Arden*. Marc-André will be joined by world-renowned actor, playwright, and pianist Hershey Felder for this once-in-a-lifetime performance.

As with all Music for Food concerts, admission is free with a suggested donation (\$40/adult, \$15/student), no tickets or RSVPs are necessary, and ALL proceeds will go to Women's Lunch Place, which is celebrating its 41st anniversary of providing needed resources to vulnerable women in Boston.

ARE YOU AN ADULT WHO  
HAS NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED?

Are you an adult Catholic who has been baptized and received first Communion, but was never confirmed? If so, perhaps this is the right time.



This year's adult confirmation will take place at Saint Cecilia on Pentecost Sunday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m. We will be offering a class at Saint Cecilia for adults who wish to prepare for the sacrament of confirmation. Four classes will be held at Saint Cecilia from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: April 10, April 17, April 24, and May 1. If you would like more information or would like to register for this class, contact Scott MacDonald at his parish email address.



Fr. Marcos Enrique leads kids in song at his summer camp at St. Mark's, Dorchester

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The liturgy of this Palm Sunday invites us to contemplate God who, out of love, comes down to meet us. He shares our humanity, making himself servant of everyone in his son Jesus. Jesus is the incarnated God and, due to the conflict that his ministry provoked among the powerful and the mighty of the people, he will endure persecution, prison, torture and death. The cross is very close to him now, once he arrived to the holy city of Jerusalem. Entering the city, it will be revealed to us the last step of this path of new life that, in Jesus, God proposes us: to donate life because of love.

Jesus enters Jerusalem, the holy city, the city he loves so much up to the point of crying over it, foreseeing its destruction. (Mathew 23; 37: "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.") He is acclaimed by the people who calls him son of David, the blessed one who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel. Nevertheless, what perhaps not everybody notices is the fact that this king is different from the other kings of this world. He is humble, he doesn't present himself with honors, luxury and glory. But humbly he comes seated upon an ass. This king doesn't threaten anyone with his power. As it was predicted by the prophet Zechariah, the people of God has no more reason to fear. Because the king of glory comes in humility, as a servant, to save them. "Fear no more, O daughter Zion; see, your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt." (Zechariah 9,9)

The people who looks Jesus passing by the streets of Jerusalem revere him, calling him the blessed one who comes in the name of the Lord and put palms and leaves to honor his passage. In the letter to the Philippians Paul depicts the portrait of this king, of this blessed one, of this one sent in the name of the Lord. In the second chapter of the letter—which is in fact a liturgical hymn—Jesus Christ is at the center of every word and feeling Paul evokes to his beloved community. He writes to the Philippians who are Christians and have, therefore, Christ as the prototype of human being and of true life. And the description Paul

makes of Jesus in the second reading of this Palm Sunday is exactly the one of the humble and obedient servant.

The hymn begins referring in subtleness to the contrast between Adam who didn't obey to God, and Christ, the obedient, the New Human Being. Adam's superb was redeemed by Christ's "kenosis," humbly stripping himself of every privilege. Being God, he didn't remain attached to his divine condition, but accepted to incarnate, assuming human flesh, in order to serve, to give life, to reveal totally the Father's love. He obeyed completely until death on the cross. And because of that he could teach us the supreme lesson of love, mercy, and service.

That is the reason why we can call him king. This descent to the world and to human flesh was not a loss, but the condition by which he received from God resurrection and glory. Because of his obedience, God made him *Kyrios*, Lord and the whole world recognizes and praises him as the one who reigns upon the entire earth and presides history. That is the path of Jesus. So, it must be our path too. Only in humility and service to others, renouncing to pride and privileges, we can follow this one we call king and lord.

The gospel—already announced at the beginning of liturgy—will go behind, before the glorious entrance in Jerusalem, to Bethany where Jesus, feeling death approaching, is together with disciples and friends. And a woman was there. Who is that woman? The tradition has sometimes interpreted and identified her with Mary of Bethany, Martha's and Lazarus' sister, who sat at Jesus' feet, listening to his word. But the gospel only mentions "a woman," who came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly and precious, and poured it on Jesus' head.

While through Jerusalem rumors of death and hate were moving on, that woman made a gesture of pure love, anointing Jesus' head.

Some of those who were there protested. Why this waste of such an expensive oil which could have been sold and given to the poor? Jesus supports the woman and her gesture. He

knew the hypocrisy hidden behind those protests. He had always spoke in favor of the poor. But now, he puts in value and tenderly accepts and receives that woman's gesture and offer. She did a good thing for him, anointing his body for the burial that would come with the violent death he would endure. And declares that "wherever the gospel would be proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told, in memory of her."

Jesus, the son of man, never had a place to lay his head. (Luke 9, 58) This woman's gesture anointed him as servant and messiah, and he accepted it, as prophetic anticipation of his Passover. The perfume and the essence of love poured out anointed him, and through him, the whole universe who will be able to smell it: full life who will come from the death freely accepted for the sake of the others. And this perfume will be remembered in memory of her who makes memory of him.

Anointed by the woman, Jesus can begin his pilgrimage through Jerusalem, to the supper with his beloved friends and then to prison, to agony, to the painful prayer where God is pure silence in the Gethsemane, to judgement, torture, and death. We, his disciples are called to follow him assimilating his attitude and his way of living.

The first reading would have prepared us to live this mystery, in the following of Jesus. It presents us to an anonymous prophet, called by God to testify among nations the word of life. In spite of suffering and persecution, the prophet trusted in God and was faithful to his projects.

The primitive Christians saw in the face of this servant Jesus himself, as described by the letter to Philippians: humble, obedient. This prophet received from God a mission: to speak, to use his disciple's tongue, gift of God. It is a well-trained tongue, good to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. But in order to speak, the prophet, the disciple must first of all listen. Every morning the Lord opens his ear so he can hear. And he listens, humbly, to everything the Lord wants to tell him, everything the Lord wants him to speak to others, to the people.

And because he has not rebelled to his mission, didn't run away from the danger and the pain, turning and offering his back to those who beat him and not shielding his face from buffets and spitting, the word he pronounces and announces will be of great help to the poor, the oppressed and everyone who suffer and is sad and in despair.

Those readings of Palm Sunday call us to contemplate Jesus who enters in Jerusalem, humbly upon an ass and is acclaimed by the crowd as king. We are invited to continue

to contemplate him who is anointed in anticipation of his death and burial, he who will suffer at the same city which acclaimed him as king and lord. This is our call in this Palm Sunday.

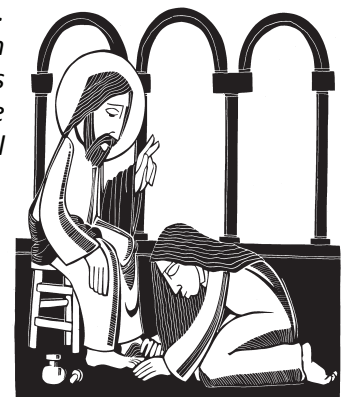
The readings are calling us to adopt the same attitude as Jesus: humility, service, readiness to listen to the word of God. Once we listen we are called to speak, to announce what we heard and learned. And that announcement is that God didn't forget his people, but brought them salvation and consolation of all sufferings and dangers.

The readings are also calling us to make gestures as the one made by the woman who poured all the precious perfume she had in the alabaster jar to anoint Jesus and confess him as messiah and king. We are called to express love in the world to others, mostly to those who suffer as Jesus was suffering at that moment. The woman's gesture of love and praise is valuable to be announced all over the world. It is gospel, good news.

The readings finally call us to learn with Jesus the path for true life. And true life is life which is put at service of liberation of the poor and oppressed. This way of living is not loss or unhappiness or anguish. Even if suffering is included, those who live and serve humbly like Jesus, we will not be defeated.

God the father who rescued his son from death and glorified him will do the same for each word, each gesture of true and humble service we will give graciously to our brothers and sisters.

*~ Maria Clara Lucchetti Bingemer is a Brazilian theologian and academic at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC). Bingemer is an associate professor of theology at PUC and has served as both the vice dean and dean of the Center of Theology and Human Sciences of the university, her alma mater. She has served in an advisory position with the Brazilian Catholic Bishops' Conference, looking specifically at the role of women and married laity in the Church and civil society. Bingemer is also a leader in the Christian Life Communities program and serves on the boards of various theological journals and committees.*



# PARISH RESOURCES

## Parish Office & Mailing Address

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Phone | 617 536 4548; Fax | 617 536 1781  
Website | [www.stceciliaboston.org](http://www.stceciliaboston.org)

## Parish Staff

*Rev. John J. Unni*, Pastor  
*Rev. James Shaughnessy, SJ*, Pastoral Support  
*Christine Burns*, Digital and Print Media Coordinator  
*Mark Donohoe*, Pastoral Associate  
*Robert Duff*, Director of Music  
*Carly-Anne Gannon*, Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation  
*Scott MacDonald*, Director of Faith Formation and Parish Visibility  
*Colleen Melaugh*, Director of Finance and Development  
*Nicole Pascarelli O'Brien*, Pastoral Director of Operations  
*Lisa Pickering*, Director of Facilities and Events  
*Tanya Rybarczyk*, Pastoral Associate

## Assisting Clergy

Rev. Terrence Devino, SJ | Rev. Peter Grover, OMV | Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ

## Music Ministry

*Tyler Cesario*, Assistant Director of Music  
*Daniel Lamoureux*, Vigil Organist  
*Brett Maguire*, Parish Organist  
*Pendexter Macdonald*, Assistant Organist

## Audiovisual Support

*Maureen Deery*, Parish Photographer & Creator of Weekly Slide Show  
*Geoffrey Edwards*, Livestream Videographer  
*Vasily Izumchensky*, Livestream Sound Engineer

## Schedule for Liturgy

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday | 8:00 a.m.  
Lord's Day | Sat 5:00 p.m.; Sun 8:00, 9:30\*, 11:30 a.m., & 6:00 p.m.  
Holy Days | 8:00 a.m.  
\* Please note that the 9:30 Mass is both in person and livestreamed.

## Hearing Assistance in Church

The church is equipped with an assistive listening system. If you would like to use one of the small receivers, please ask one of our greeters.

## Building Accessibility

Both the church and Parish Hall Center are accessible by elevator.

## For Those with Celiac Disease

If you have celiac disease, please let us know. We have a supply of low-gluten altar bread available for those who cannot tolerate gluten.

## Parking

There is discounted parking at The Hynes Auditorium Garage (located at 50 Dalton Street next to Bukowski's Tavern), for \$13, available on Sundays until 3:00 p.m., and \$13 after 4:00 every day of the week. To get this discount, ask a greeter for a chaser ticket at Mass or ask a staff person during the week. Chaser tickets must be used at the machine at the exit gate. To obtain the discount, place the ticket you received upon entering the garage into the machine, then follow it with the chaser ticket.

## Baptism for Infants

Infant baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. For more information, please contact Mark Donohoe in the Parish Office.

## Faith Formation for Children

To register your child for Faith Formation, contact our Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, Carly-Anne Gannon, at her parish email.

## Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team

The CAP Team is responsible for training all parish staff and volunteers in mandated reporting laws and the Protecting God's Children program (VIRTUS). They provide consultation and support to anyone who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Maria Roche, Letitia Howland, or Erin Young if you have any questions. The Archdiocese of Boston has in place a vigorous program to protect children from harm and to educate its ministers and faithful about the nature of abuse, with a goal of increasing knowledge, creating a safe environment for children, and recognizing and reporting potentially dangerous situations. The full policy is available in the narthex, Parish Office, and on our website.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This is the communal process through which non-baptized men and women become members of the Catholic Church. It is also suitable for those baptized in different faith traditions who are interested in becoming Catholic, or for those who were baptized Catholic, but have yet to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation.

## Marriage

Couples who wish to prepare for marriage should contact Mark Donohoe in the Parish Office at least six months in advance.

## Care of the Sick

To arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick, for Holy Communion to be brought to those unable to attend the Sunday celebration, or for Viaticum for the Dying (Holy Communion for those in danger of death), please contact the Parish Office. It is always possible to anoint the sick during regularly scheduled liturgies.

## Order of Christian Funerals

The parish is prepared to celebrate the Vigil (wake) in the church. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

## Joining Our Community

We're happy that you're with us! Our community offers a warm, spiritual home for a diverse group of Catholics. We come from many neighborhoods in and around Boston, but also have long distance parishioners from around the country and around the world. We invite both local and long distance individuals and families to fill out a new parishioner form on our website. No matter what your background or location, please know that you are always welcome at Saint Cecilia.

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● Archdiocese of Boston, we have removed email addresses  
● from our online parish bulletin to avoid the danger of po-  
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● address or ministry email address, please call our reception  
● desk (617-536-4548) and our receptionists would be happy to  
● pass along the appropriate information. Thank you for help-  
● ing us maintain our parish security online!  
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