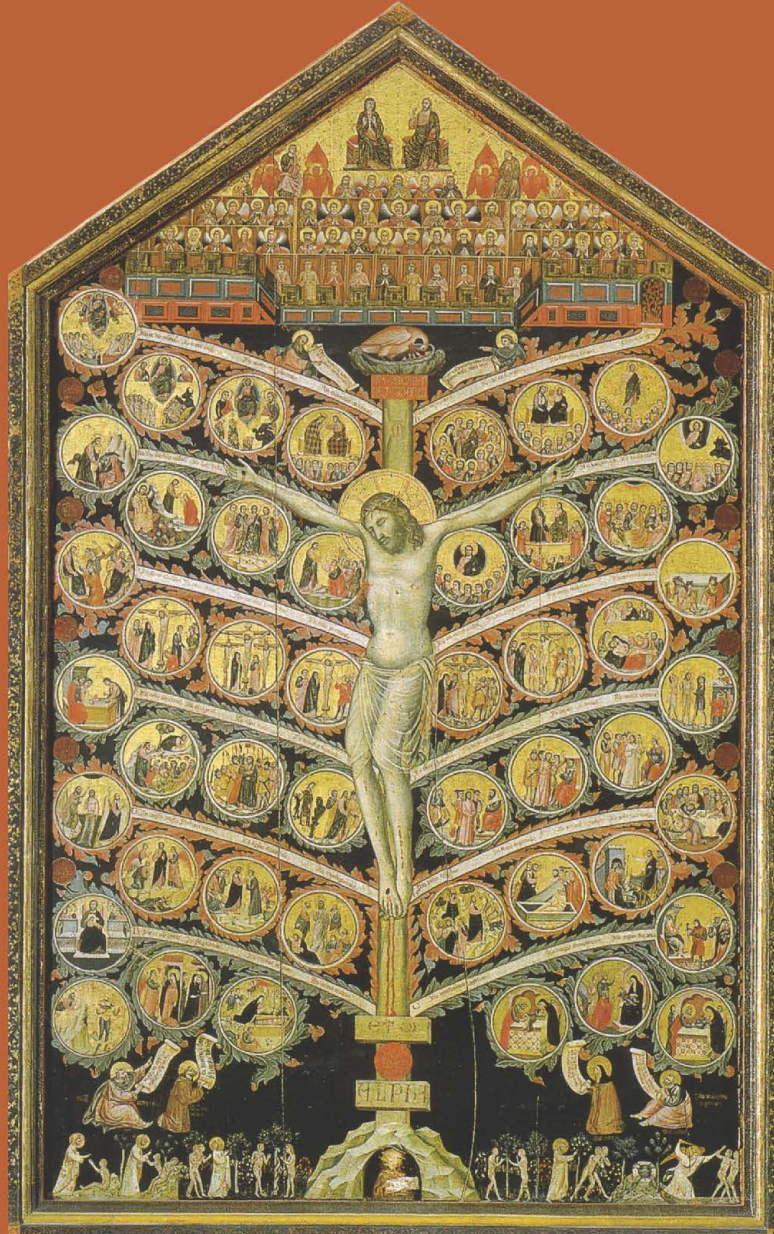


Saint Cecilia

P A R I S H



EASTER TRIDUUM

2026

Tree of Life by Pacino di Buonaguida, c. 1305-1310

3 April 2026

GOOD FRIDAY THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

PROCESSION

The celebrant enters in silence and prostrates himself before the altar.

We invite you to kneel and pray silently.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Isaiah 52: 13- 53: 12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 31: Into Your Hands

Tony E. Alonso

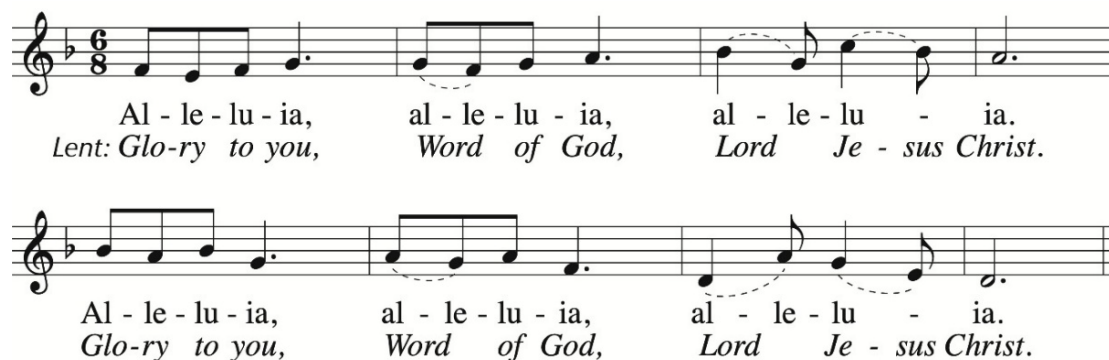
Fa - ther, in - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it, —
in - to your hands, — in - to your hands, — in -
to your hands I com - mend my spir - it. —

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame. In your justice, set me free. Into your hands I commend my spirit. You will redeem me, O Lord, O faithful God.
2. Because of all my foes I have become a reproach, an object of scorn to my neighbors and of fear to my friends. Those who see me in the street flee from me. I am forgotten, like someone dead and have become a broken vessel.
3. But as for me, I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God. My lot is in your hands, deliver me from the hands of my enemies and those who pursue me."
4. "Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love."
Be strong, let your heart take courage, all who hope in the Lord.

SECOND READING | Hebrews 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

Tony E. 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.

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THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST | John 18: 1-19:42

HOMILY

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

Response:



Let us pray to the Lord, *All:* Lord hear our prayer.

THE SHOWING OF THE HOLY CROSS

Be-hold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the
world. **R.** Come, let us a-dore.

In the Cross of Christ

Marty Haugen

Refrain

In the cross of Christ, our glo - ry, Christ, our sto - ry,
Christ, our song, Christ, our song.

Verses 1, 2

1. Let your mind and heart be one with Christ who
2. He was pierced for our in - iq - ui - ties, and
emp - tied him - self, for us be - came a slave, ac -
crushed for our sins. He died to make us whole, and
D.C.
cept - ing death up - on the cross.
by his suf - f'ring we are healed.

Verses 3-5



3. Come, be - hold the cross of sac - ri - fice on which
4. May we nev - er boast of an - y - thing save the
5. Now in Christ, we who were a - li - ens have been



Je - sus died— the Sav - ior of us all— to
cross of Christ, by which we die to sin and
rec - on - ciled; as mem - bers of God's house, we



save a lost and bro - ken world.
rise to life in Je - sus Christ.
live as God's own dwell - ing place.



1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?
 2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;



What won - drous love is this, O my soul?
 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;



What won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be,



To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my soul;
 While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
 And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on!



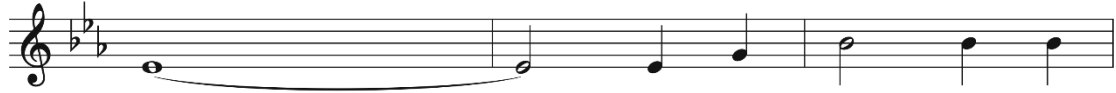
To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul?
 While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Were You There? (verses 1, 2 and 5)

Traditional African American Spiritual



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my
 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the
 3. Were you there when they pierced him in the
 4. Were you there when the sun re - fused to
 5. Were you there when they laid him in the



Lord?
 tree?
 side?
 shine?
 tomb?
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cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 nailed him to the tree?
 pierced him in the side? Oh! Some-times it
 sun re - fused to shine?
 laid him in the tomb?



caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble,



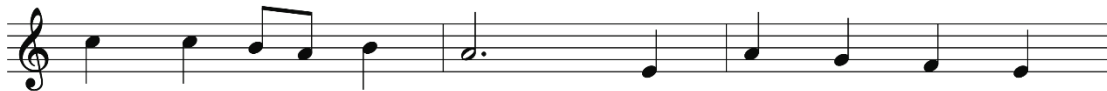
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 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

O God, Why Are You Silent?

PASSION CHORALE



1. O God, why are you si - lent? I
 2. Now lost with - in my griev - ing, I
 3. My hope lies bruised and bat - tered, My
 4. Through end - less nights of weep - ing, Through
 5. May pain draw forth com - pas - sion, Let



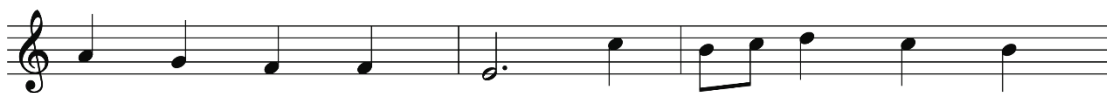
can - not hear your voice. The proud and strong and
 fall and lose my way, My frag - ile, faint be -
 wound - ed heart is torn; My spir - it spent and
 wea - ry days of grief, My heart is in your
 wis - dom rise from loss. O take my heart and



vio - lent All claim you and re - joice.
 liev - ing So swift - ly swept a - way.
 shat - tered By life's re - lent - less storm.
 keep - ing, My com - fort, my re - lief.
 fash - ion The im - age of your cross.



You prom - ised you would hold me With
 O God of pain and sor - row, My
 Will you not bend to hear me, My
 Come, share my tears and sad - ness, Come,
 Then may I know your heal - ing Through




ten - der - ness and care. Draw near, O Love, en -
 com - pass and my guide, I can - not face the
 cries from deep with - in? Have you no word to
 suf - fer in my pain; O bring me home to
 heal - ing that I share, Your grace and love re -



fold me, And ease the pain I bear.
 mor - row With - out you by my side.
 cheer me When night is clos - ing in?
 glad - ness, Re - store my hope a - gain.
 veal - ing Your ten - der - ness and care.

Jesus, Remember Me Taizé

Ostinato Refrain



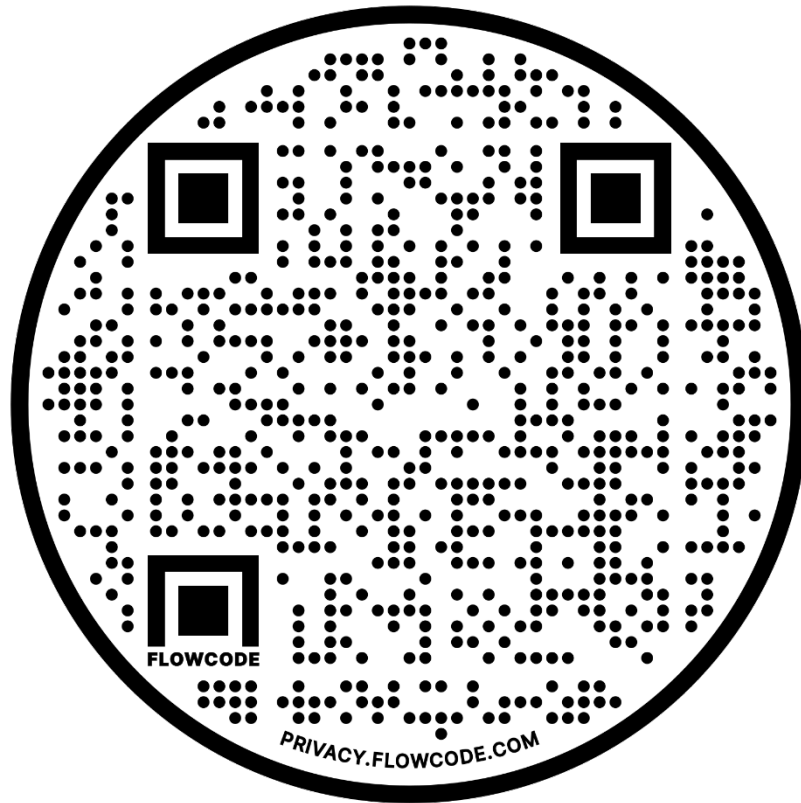
Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.
 Spanish: *Je - sús, re - cuér - da - me cuan - do en - tres en tu Rei - no.*
 Polish: *Je - zu, w kró - les - twie Twym wspom - nij na swo - je - go słu - gę.*



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OFFERTORY

Today's collection is designated for the support of the Holy Land. The church has asked all parishes to contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps fund the upkeep and maintenance of Holy Land shrines and supports pastoral, charitable, and educational works for Christians in the Middle East. To contribute, please cut and paste this link in your browser: <https://www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/giving/funds/good-friday-2026-holy-land> or use the Flowcode below. Thank you for your generosity.



HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The altar is covered with a cloth and prepared. Please stand when the Blessed Sacrament, which has been reserved from the Holy Thursday liturgy, is brought to the altar in silence.

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.

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, the church 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.

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.

My Song Is Love Unknown

Karen Marrolli
(b. 1975)

My song is love unknown – my Savior’s love to me, love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
Oh, 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 such disdain! So few the longed for Christ would know!
But oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they crowd 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.

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? Heaven 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!

COMMUNION MEDITATION | Jesus Christ Is Lord

Philip W.J. Stopford
(b. 1977)

Though he was in the form of God, he 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 the 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 confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*We invite you to keep a few moments of silence following this evening’s liturgy.
After genuflecting to the Cross, all depart in silence.*

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