

# Saint George and Saint James

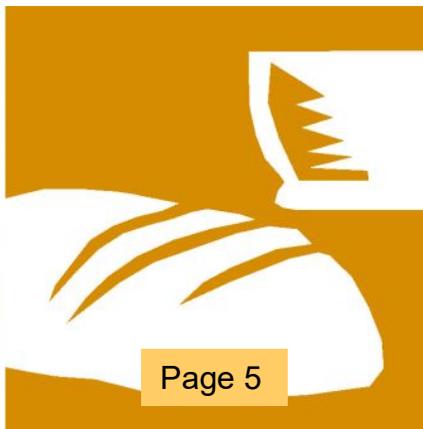
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# READINGS FOR



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# HOLY WEEK

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# LITURGY OF THE PALMS & PASSION SUNDAY

**Jesus' entry into Jerusalem from the Gospel of the Year**

## **Isaiah 50.4-9**

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> 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;

<sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9</sup> It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

**Psalm 31.9-18**      (*APBA p.250*)

9 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:  
my eye wastes away for grief,  
my throat also and my inward parts.

10 For my life wears out in sorrow,  
and my years with sighing:  
my strength fails me in my affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.

11 I am become the scorn of all my enemies:  
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

12 I am a thing of horror to my friends:  
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.

13 I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:  
I have become like a broken vessel.

14 For I hear the whispering of many:  
and fear is on every side;

15 While they plot together against me:  
and scheme to take away my life.

16 But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:  
I have said 'You are my God.'

17 All my days are in your hand:  
O deliver me from the power of my enemies  
and from my persecutors.

18 Make your face to shine upon your servant:  
and save me for your mercy's sake.

## **Philippians 2.5-11**

5 Let the same mind be in you that was\* in Christ Jesus,  
6 who, though he was in the form of God,  
    did not regard equality with God  
    as something to be exploited,  
7 but emptied himself,  
    taking the form of a slave,  
    being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
8 he humbled himself  
    and became obedient to the point of death—  
    even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God also highly exalted him  
    and gave him the name  
    that is above every name,  
10 so that at the name of Jesus  
    every knee should bend,  
    in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue should confess  
    that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
    to the glory of God the Father.

## **Gospel Reading**

*Dramatic Reading of the Passion according to Gospel of  
the Year (from booklet)*

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

## Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14

**12** The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

**14** This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

**Psalm 116.1-2, 11-18** (APBA p. 346)

1 I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:  
the voice of my supplication;

2 Because he inclined his ear to me:  
in the day that I called to him.

11 How shall I repay the Lord:  
for all his benefits to me?

12 I will take up the cup of salvation:  
and call upon the name of the Lord.

13 I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
in the presence of all his people.

14 Grievous in the sight of the Lord:  
is the death of his faithful ones.

15 O Lord, I am your servant,  
your servant and the child of your handmaid:  
you have unloosed my bonds.

16 I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:  
and call upon the name of the Lord.

17 I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
in the presence of all his people,

18 In the courts of the house of the Lord:  
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

## 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'<sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'<sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## John 13.1-17, 31-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.'<sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, 'You will

never wash my feet.’ Jesus answered, ‘Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.’ <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, ‘Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!’ <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.’ <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, ‘Not all of you are clean.’

<sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

## **Psalm 22 (APBA p. 241)**

*(Read by a lone reader at the lectern as the church is stripped and the lights are progressively dimmed, leaving a darkened church.)*

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me:  
why are you so far from helping me  
and from the words of my groaning?

2 My God, I cry to you by day, but you do not answer:  
and by night also I take no rest.

3 But you continue holy:  
you that are the praise of Israel.

4 In you our forebears trusted:  
they trusted, and you delivered them;

5 To you they cried and they were saved:  
they put their trust in you and were not confounded.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man:  
the scorn of all and despised by the people.

7 Those that see me laugh me to scorn:  
they shoot out their lips at me  
and wag their heads, saying,

8 'He trusted in the Lord—let him deliver him:  
let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'

9 But you are he that took me out of the womb:  
that brought me to lie at peace on my mother's breast.

10 On you have I been cast since my birth:  
you are my God, even from my mother's womb.

11 O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand:  
and there is none to help.

12 Many oxen surround me:  
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.  
13 They gape wide their mouths at me:  
like lions that roar and rend.  
14 I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint:  
my heart within my breast is like melting wax.  
15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd:  
and my tongue clings to my gums.  
16 My hands and my feet are withered:  
and you lay me in the dust of death.  
17 For many dogs are come about me:  
and a band of evildoers hem me in.  
18 I can count all my bones:  
they stand staring and gazing upon me.  
19 They part my garments among them:  
and cast lots for my clothing.  
20 O Lord, do not stand far off:  
you are my helper, hasten to my aid.  
21 Deliver my body from the sword:  
my life from the power of the dogs;  
22 O save me from the lion's mouth:  
and my afflicted soul from the horns of the wild oxen.  
23 I will tell of your name to my companions:  
in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.  
24 O praise the Lord, all you that fear him:  
hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob,  
and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.  
25 For he has not despised nor abhorred

the poor man in his misery:  
nor did he hide his face from him,  
but heard him when he cried.

26 From you springs my praise in the great  
congregation:

I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;

27 The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—  
may their hearts rejoice for ever!

28 Let all the ends of the earth remember  
and turn to the Lord:

and let all the families of the nations worship before him.

29 For the kingdom is the Lord's:

and he shall be ruler over the nations.

30 How can those who sleep in the earth do him  
homage:

or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?

31 But he has saved my life for himself:

and my posterity shall serve him.

32 This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:

and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.

*Remain until the sanctuary is stripped and the church  
darkened.*

*At this point there can be a procession to the altar of  
repose where people may remain for a time in quiet  
reflection.*

# GOOD FRIDAY

## Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12

- <sup>13</sup> See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.
- <sup>14</sup> Just as there were many who were astonished at him  
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human  
semblance,  
and his form beyond that of mortals—
- <sup>15</sup> so he shall startle many nations;  
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;  
for that which had not been told them they shall see,  
and that which they had not heard they shall  
contemplate.

**53** Who has believed what we have heard?

- And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- <sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
- <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.
- <sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,

struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup> They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup> Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many  
righteous,

and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

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and those that see me in the street shrink from me.

13 I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:  
I have become like a broken vessel.

14 For I hear the whispering of many:  
and fear is on every side;

15 While they plot together against me:  
and scheme to take away my life.

16 But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:  
I have said 'You are my God.'

## 1 Corinthians 1.18-31

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?

Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we

proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and

sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

## **Dramatic Reading of John's Gospel**

# **Holy Saturday**

The day Jesus was in the tomb and descended to the place of the dead

# **Easter**

Holy Saturday ends and Easter Day begins after sunset on the Saturday.

Why?

Christians have inherited from our parent faith, Judaism, the liturgical practice of calculating the start of the new day at sunset on the day before a major feast.

**THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER IS THE EASTER VIGIL ON SAT NIGHT**