

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



Palm Sunday
March 29th, 2026

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Welcome to Holy Innocents

This leaflet contains all you need to join in today's service. Please take it home with you.

Please be still and quiet as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist.

When the bell rings, please stand and turn to face the gallery. Please join in:

**Ride on, ride on, in majesty! Hark! All the tribes 'Hosanna' cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road with palms and scattered garments strewed.**

**Ride on, ride on, in majesty - in lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.**

The president begins the service:

Hosanna to the Son of David:

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

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion, meek and lowly, sitting upon a donkey.

Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice.

Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever;

and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.

You have loved righteousness and hated evil:

therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

The president greets the people and introduces the celebration.

The Lord be with you:

and also with you.

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his suffering we may share his risen life.

Everyone holds up their palms:

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these palms be for us signs of his victory; and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Palm Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end: This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you O Christ.

A voice from the congregation says:

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

As the president and other ministers move to the sanctuary step, please join in:

**Ride on, ride on, in majesty -the wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes, to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on, in majesty - thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father, on His sapphire throne, expects His own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on, in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.**

The candles are lit as the procession moves into the sanctuary and the ministers take their places.

The COLLECT: *The prayer for Palm Sunday*

Let us pray.

After a short time of silent prayer the president says the COLLECT:

At the end: **Amen**

The Ministry of the Word and the Passion Gospel

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

At the end: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31 vv9-16 *Please join in the middle verses. The outer verses are sung by the choir.*



Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul and my body also. For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of my affliction, and my bones are consumed.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; //when they see me in the street they flee from me. I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind; I have become like a broken vessel.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; //fear is on every side; they scheme together against me, //and plot to take my life.

But my trust is in you, O Lord. I have said: ‘You are my God, my times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant and save me for your mercy’s sake.’

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11

At the end: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand. A piece of music introduces:

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.’ The chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of Caiaphas the high priest, and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said, ‘Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.’

While Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, ‘Why this waste? This ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘Why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. You always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.’

One of the twelve, Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, ‘What will you give me if I betray him to you?’ They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, ‘Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?’ He said, ‘Go into the city and say to the man of whom I told you, “The Teacher says, my time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.” ’

So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

PLEASE SIT.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.' They became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, 'Surely not I, Lord?' He answered, 'The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go 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.' Judas, who was to betray him, said, 'Surely not I, Rabbi?'

He replied, 'You have said so.' While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you;

for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.' Then, when they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.



O sacred head, sore wounded with grief and pain weighed down

How scornfully surrounded with thorns thy only crown!

How pale art thou with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!

How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!

Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.' Peter said to him, 'Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' Peter said to him, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you' - and so said all the disciples.



Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and became distressed and agitated. He said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' Going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' He went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.' Once more, he came back and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

So leaving them, he went away again and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.' While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.' At once he came up to Jesus and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him. Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.' Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?'

Jesus said to the crowds, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.' Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

O Lord of life and glory what bliss till now was thine!

I read the wondrous story, I joy to call thee mine

Thy grief and thy compassion were all for sinners' gain

Mine, mine was the transgression - but thine the deadly pain.



Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, 'This man said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."' The high priest stood up and said, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?' But Jesus was silent.

Then the high priest said to him, 'I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.' Jesus said to him, 'You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.' Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?' They answered, 'He deserves death.' Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, 'Prophecy to us, then, Messiah! Who is it that struck you?'

While this was going on, Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, 'You also were with Jesus the Galilean.' But he denied it before all of them, saying, 'I do not know what you are talking about.' When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

'This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.'

Again he denied it with an oath, 'I do not know the man.'

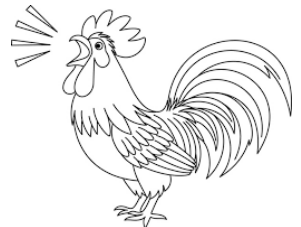
After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, 'Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.'

Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

'I do not know the man!'

At that moment the cock crowed and Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.'

He went out and wept bitterly.



When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' But they said, 'What is that to us? See to it yourself.' Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he left them and went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking back the pieces of silver, said, 'It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.' After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason, that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.'

PLEASE STAND

Jesus stood before the governor who asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, to Pilate's astonishment.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' for he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?'

All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!' Pilate saw that he could do nothing, and that a riot was beginning, so he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' So he released Barabbas for them; and after having Jesus flogged, he handed him over to be crucified.



The soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

When they came to a place called Golgotha

(which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him.

PLEASE SIT OR KNEEL



Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

Two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'you - who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself - if you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son."'

The bandits who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

What language shall I borrow to praise thee, heavenly Friend

For this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?

Lord, make me thine for ever, nor let me faithless prove

O let me never, never abuse such dying love!



From noon onwards, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' - 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'wait; let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

The curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. When the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him.

Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.



When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; Pilate ordered it to be given to him. Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, 'Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, "After three days I will rise again." Therefore, command that the tomb be made secure until the third day; otherwise, his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead, and the last deception would be worse than the first.' Pilate said to them, 'You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.'

So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

**Be near me, Lord, when dying, O show thyself to me
And for my succour flying, come, Lord, to set me free
These eyes, new faith receiving, from Jesus shall not move
For all who die believing die safely through thy love.**



At the end of the Passion narrative please remain seated or kneeling for a time of silence.

Then please STAND with the president for the PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL.

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, for grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battle-ground, and for those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement, and for those, who weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, and that we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

A time of silence follows, then:

Ho -ly God, ho-ly & strong, ho- ly and im- mortal, have mercy up – on us.



The president introduces THE PEACE:

Christ is our peace, he has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All exchange a sign of peace. Then please join in:

**All glory, laud, and honour to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One.**

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.**

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

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.**



The bread and wine are brought to the altar.

The president says a prayer over the gifts to which we all respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER follows.

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

*THE PRESIDENT continues the prayer, thanking God for his saving works,
and then invites the people to join their praises with the whole company of heaven:*

..... for ever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*THE PRESIDENT asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine, and then repeats
the Lord's own words over the bread and cup.....*

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

THE PRESIDENT CONTINUES, joining our offering with Christ's sacrifice of himself.

At the end of the prayer the president says:

.....all honour and glory be yours almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The president introduces the Lord's Prayer, and we say together:

**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 thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**



بر زمین نیز کرده شود. نان ی پدر ما که در اسمانی، نام تو مقدس باد، ملکوت تو بیاید. اراده تو چنانکه در آسمان است، و ما را در آزمایش و قرض های ما را ببخش چنانکه ما نیز قرضداران خود را می بخشیم، کفاف ما را امروز به ما بده. زیرا میاور، بلکه از شریر ما را رهایی ده.
ملکوت وقوت و جلالتا ابدالابد از آن تو است، آمی

We SIT OR KNEEL as the president breaks the consecrated bread into pieces for all to share:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sin have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
give us, give us your peace.**



The president addresses those who wish to come to Holy Communion.

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Those who wish to receive the Sacrament or a blessing approach the altar. Those who are baptised, may receive the sacrament. Others are asked to fold their arms for a blessing. When all who wish to have received Holy Communion, what remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in the tabernacle and there is a time of stillness and quiet, then all please STAND with the President.

Let us pray

A time of silent prayer follows, then:

Lord Jesus Christ,

you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:

**give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

عیسی مسیح خداوند، خود را با خدمتگزار معرفی کردن، فروتن ساختی و با فرمانبرداری روی صلیب برای نجات ما متحمل مرگ شد: به ما خردی عطا کن که پیرو تو باشیم و تو را خداوند و فرمانروا بخوانیم، بواسطه جلال خدای پدر.

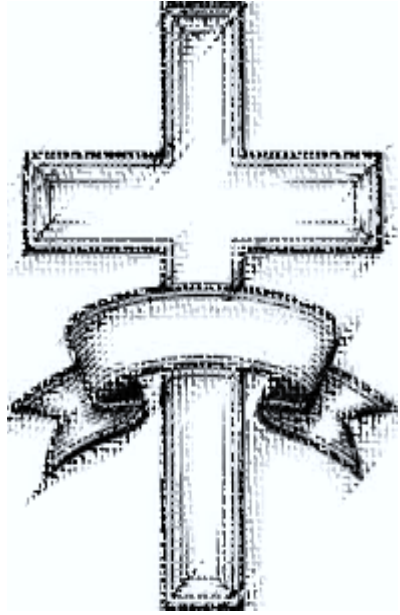
Please join in:

**The royal banners forward go,
the cross shines forth in mystic glow;
where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
our sentence bore, our ransom paid.**

**Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
life's torrent rushing from his side,
to wash us in that precious flood,
where mingled water flowed, and blood.**

**O cross, our one reliance, hail!
Still may thy power with us avail
to give new virtue to the saint,
and pardon to the penitent.**

**To thee, eternal Three in One,
let homage meet by all be done:
whom by the cross thou dost restore,
preserve and govern evermore. Amen.**



PLEASE SIT for the announcements, then STAND for the blessing and dismissal.

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 almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.



A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN SEVEN DAYS

Holy Week:

Monday March 30th

1930 Eucharist

Tuesday March 31st

1200 Stations of the Cross

Wednesday April 1st

1830 Prayer

1930 Eucharist

Thursday April 2nd Maundy Thursday

0915 St James' School Eucharist

1930 The Eucharist of the Lord's Supper: Washing of Feet; Watch of Prayer

Friday April 3rd: Good Friday

1200 Church open for silent prayer

1300 Meditation on the Lord's Passion

1400 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday April 4th: Easter Eve

2030 The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday April 5th: Easter Day

1000 Sung Eucharist for the Resurrection

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