



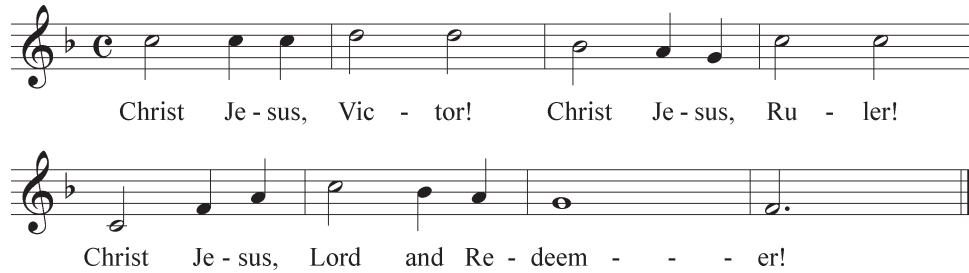
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Procession of Palms (10:00)

The Most Reverend Alexander J. Brunett
Archbishop of Seattle, *Presider*

BLESSING OF THE PALMS ENTRANCE

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ALL: To Jesus Christ, our sov'reign King,
Who is the world's salvation,
All praise and homage do we bring,
And thanks and adoration.

BLESSING OF PALMS

GOSPEL OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

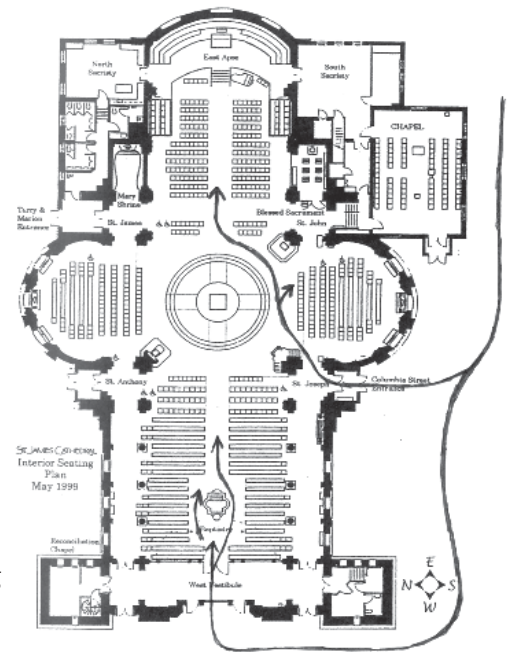
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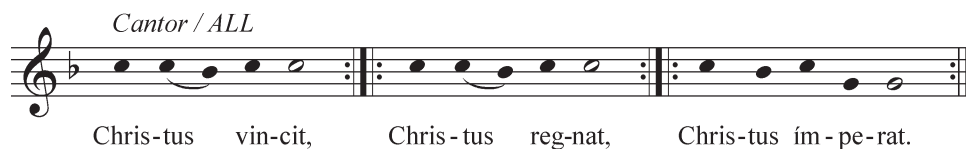
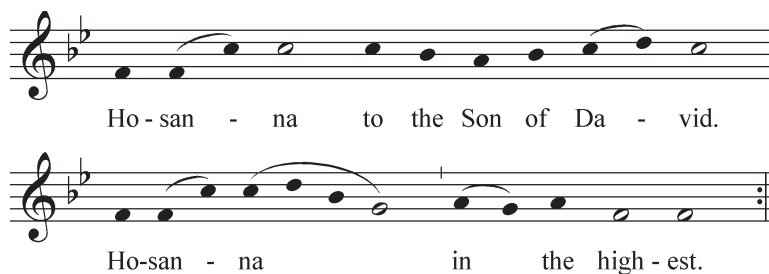
Through the **Ceremonial Doors** to west nave seating

Through the **courtyard doors** to east nave and transept seating



MUSIC FOR ALL TO SING DURING THE PROCESSION

chant, adapt. Ford



chant

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE LITURGY WE ARE ABOUT TO CELEBRATE,
PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELLULAR PHONES.

BLESSING OF PALMS

CHILDREN'S PROCESSION OF PALMS (Noon) *Hosanna in excelsis*

Berthier

All children are invited to gather on the front steps before the Ceremonial Doors.



PROCESSION TO THE FONT

GREETING

PRAYER OF BLESSING

SPRINKLING OF THE PALMS WITH HOLY WATER

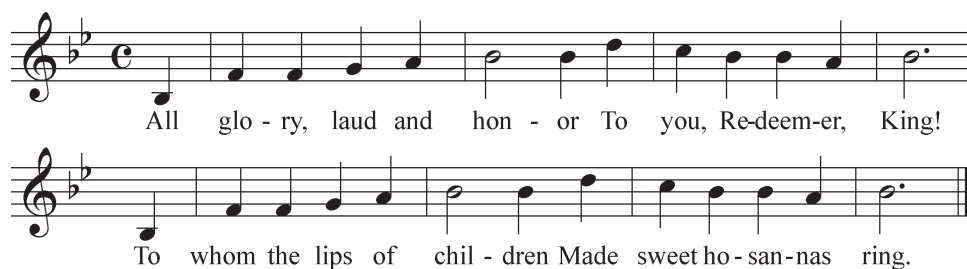
(Noon)

Pueri Hebraeorum (The Children of Jerusalem) chant, adapt. Stratman

GOSPEL OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

ENTRANCE

ST. THEODULPH



OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS No. 806

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 22

Kreutz



VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Christus factus est

chant

For our sake Christ became obedient even to death, death on a cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.

READING OF THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MARK

HOMILY

Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett (10:00)
Father Michael G. Ryan (all other Masses)

DISMISSAL OF THE ELECT (10:00) Psalm 91

Stratman

Cantor: I give them life long and full,

ALL: and I show them my power to save, says the Lord.

CREED No. 238 *chanted on one tone*

INTERCESSIONS

Berthier



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

(10:00)

Stabat Mater

Dvorak

At the cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful Mother, weeping,
Close to Jesus to the last.

(Noon)

Were you there?

trad. spiritual

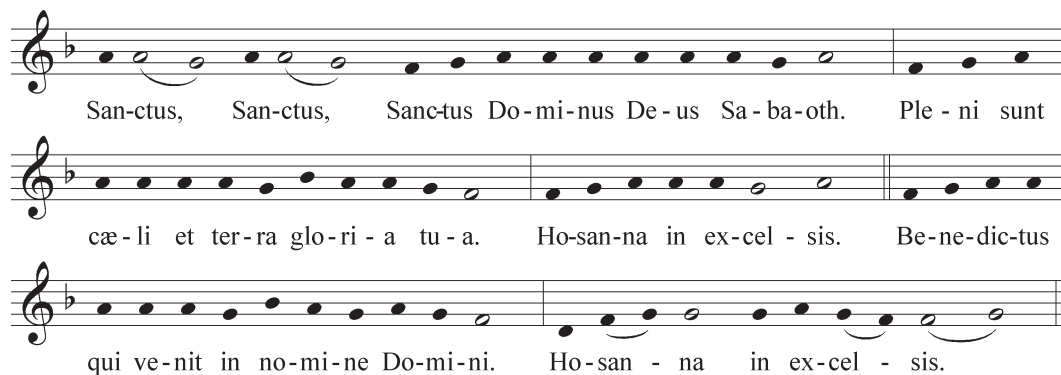
(Sunday Evening)

Vexilla Regis

chant

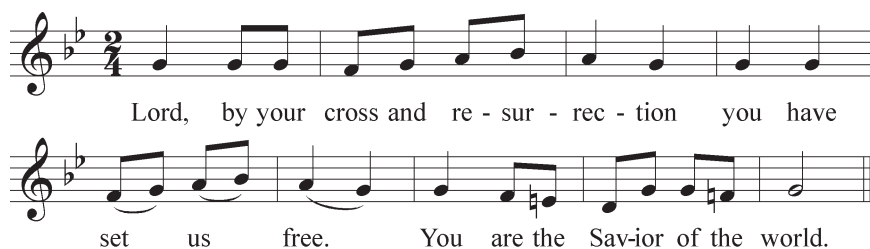
SANCTUS

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Proulx



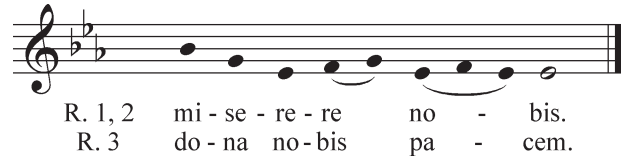
AMEN No. 350

chant

LORD'S PRAYER No. 246

AGNUS DEI

Vatican XVII



COMMUNION

Father, if this cup cannot pass away
unless I drink it, thy will be done.

(10:00)

“Eia, mater” from *Stabat Mater*

Dvorak

O thou Mother, pierce me through!
In my heart each wound renew
Of my Savior crucified.

(Noon)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul

trad. American

(Sunday Evening)

Stabat Mater

Tartini

When you return to your place after receiving Holy Communion, please **KNEEL OR BE SEATED**.
This is the norm for large assemblies in the Archdiocese of Seattle
and we thank you for following our practice.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING (10:00)

Archbishop Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All Now and forever.

Archbishop Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All Who made heaven and earth.

PROCESSION

St. James Cathedral - Seattle

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

The Most Reverend Alexander J. Brunett, Archbishop of Seattle

PASTOR

The Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan

IN RESIDENCE

The Reverend David A. Brant
The Reverend Thomas Marti, MM

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Corinna Laughlin, Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy (622-3559 x3996)
Deacon David Olsen, Stephen Pace, Bryan Long, Brenda Bellamy,
Sacristans

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Dr. James Savage, Director of Music
Joseph Adam, Organist (206-382-4597)
Clint Kraus, Associate Organist; Director of Youth Music
Stacey Sunde, Music Assistant
Ian Newhall, Coordinator of Special Projects

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Helen Oesterle, Director/RCIA (206-382-4514)
TerryAnn Bowen, "Welcome Back" & Confirmation (206-382-2018)
Marianne Coté, Youth & Family Ministry (206-382-4512)
Lita McBride, Children's Faith Formation (206-654-4658)
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CELEBRATIONS of the SACRAMENTS

MASS

Sundays 8 - 10 - 12 & 5:30 pm
Weekdays 8:15 & 5:30 pm
Saturdays 8:15 & "Vigil" 5:30 pm

LITURGY of the HOURS Weekdays at 12:10 pm

VESPERS and BENEDICTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sundays at 4:00 pm.

BAPTISM Communal celebrations are held monthly. A preparation program for parents and godparents is required. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

RECONCILIATION Saturdays, 4:00 - 5:00 pm. A communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated four times yearly in preparation for Christmas and Easter.

MARRIAGE A formal program of marriage preparation over a period of several months is required, however, registered parishioners may begin the scheduling process 14 months in advance.

ANOINTING of the SICK A communal celebration is held regularly. In other situations (anticipated surgery, emergency) please call the parish office.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER with music from Taizé, Fridays at 6:30 pm.

TOURS of the CATHEDRAL Groups of 6 or more may arrange a tour by calling Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284

CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE Open 11:00 am to 3:00 pm weekdays, after Masses on weekends. Call 206-382-4500 for information

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL PARISH

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

WELCOME: *If you are a visitor to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are – whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish here in the Archdiocese. Thanks, in part, to the generosity of visitors like you, we are able to celebrate the Church's liturgy here in a fitting and beautiful way. We are also able to offer a wide range of services to needy people living in the central district of our city.*

REST IN PEACE Please pray for the repose of the souls of Gordon Pugel, Katharine Frasher, and Jean Thorpe.

THE CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE Stop by the Cathedral Bookstore today for a terrific selection of books, including *In Due Season*, a brand-new memoir by Paul Wilkes, who spoke at the Cathedral last summer. "*In Due Season* ranks alongside Merton's best because Wilkes absorbed Merton, then moved forward with him, and ultimately beyond him" (NCR).

EASTER FLOWERS Your generous offerings will help to beautify the Cathedral for the coming great feast of Easter. Envelopes are available in the pews. Thank you for your generosity.

EASTER SUNDAY Please note that there will be no coffee hour offered on Easter Sunday morning, and the Cathedral Bookstore will be closed.

NEW ON THE WEBSITE Download the complete schedule of Holy Week liturgies, and visit our special Holy Week feature to learn more about the history of the great liturgies ahead. www.stjames-cathedral.org

TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS Please note that there will be no Ecumenical Prayer with Music from Taizé this Friday, Good Friday. We will resume our weekly Taizé Prayer with Festival of Lights on Friday, April 17.

THE FIRST SENIOR TRIP for the 2009 season will be April 15—weather and bloom permitting! The journey will include lunch at a Mount Vernon buffet, a tour of two tulip fields, and time to enjoy God's creation as well as his people. *Information, or to reserve your place*, John Simpson, Pastoral Care Minister, at 206-274-3173 or jsimpson@stjames-cathedral.org. Hurry—space is limited, with priority given to registered parishioners!

ARE YOU A CATHOLIC WHO HAS BEEN AWAY FROM THE CHURCH? Our Welcome Back program provides a safe place, in the company of others who are also examining their faith, to ask questions about returning to regular church attendance, returning to the sacraments, and to learn about changes in the church. The sessions are offered on Mondays from 7:00-9:00pm, April 20 through July 13 in Cathedral Place, 2nd floor. Classes are offered without any obligation. *Information*, TerryAnn Bowen 206-382-2018 or tbowen@stjames-cathedral.org.

I AM IN YOUR MIDST AS ONE WHO SERVES

Volunteer Opportunities

ESL ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS If you care about making a difference in the lives of refugees and immigrants, and can commit to a few hours per month, we want you! The ESL Advisory Board advocates for immigration reform, helps plan, raises funds, evaluates the program, and provides general program oversight. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30pm. We ask for a commitment of two years. *Information*, Chris Koehler, (206) 382-4511 or ckoehler@stjames-cathedral.org.

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN During the summer months when satellite winter shelters are closed, many people find themselves out on the streets with no place to go. Homeless women are especially vulnerable during this season. St. James is partnering with Operation Nightwatch to meet the housing needs of these women by establishing a 3-month summer shelter for women. We are looking for women volunteers (18+) who are interested in serving as overnight hosts in pairs. We are hoping to host the shelter here so we will need a core of committed volunteers. Please consider serving one or two nights a month. *Information*, Jennifer Ibach 206-654-4640 or jibach@stjames-cathedral.org.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME! Join us for Cathedral Night at Safeco Field as the Seattle Mariners take on the San Francisco Giants on Friday, May 22 at 7:10pm. \$12/person (some accessible seating is available—first come, first serve). Reserve your tickets now! *Information*, Theresa Van de Ven, 206-219-5822, tvandeven@stjames-cathedral.org

COME AND SEE WHERE GOD MIGHT BE CALLING YOU! We invite single Catholic Women (21-45 yrs.) to come for a visit with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace to consider a call to religious life. Come—for a day, a weekend; join us for one of our Reflection Days. *Information*, Sr. Jo-Anne Miller, CSJP, jmiller@csjp-olp.org or 425-451-1770 ext. 118.

CATHOLIC 101: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (AS YOU HAVE NEVER THOUGHT OF THEM BEFORE!) Join us on Tuesday, April 21 (4th), April 28 (5th), May 12 (6th) and May 19 (7th); 1:00-3:00pm or 7:00-9:00pm, Cathedral Place, second floor, for an ongoing look at the newly published *US Catechism for Adults*. Helen Oesterle reviews the foundations of our Catholic faith from our American Catholic experience and facilitates lively conversations among the participants *Information*, Helen Oesterle, 206-382-4514 hoesterle@stjames-cathedral.org.

JOURNEY OF THE ELECT

Our Elect are now entering their final week of preparation for the Easter Vigil, where they will be baptized, confirmed and receive Eucharist for the first time as one with us in the faith. They will participate with us in our Holy Week liturgies, being dismissed for the last time on Holy Thursday evening. They will also participate in a daylong retreat on Holy Saturday in their final preparation rites prior to the celebration of the Vigil of all vigils! You are encouraged to join us at the Easter Vigil to celebrate this most important day of their lives where we, the baptized, will also renew our baptismal promises as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.



PRAYER CARDS FOR THE ELECT Thank you for keeping our Elect in your prayers during this season of Lent. Now is the time to turn in your *personalized* cards or notes for our Elect that will be distributed to them on Holy Saturday. You can drop off your cards in the baskets located at the place of prayer in the Cathedral, in the Hall during hospitality on Sunday mornings, at the Parish Office, or in the Bookstore during its regular hours. ***They need to be turned in no later than Good Friday evening.*** *Information*, Helen Oesterle 206-382-4514.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? You are invited to participate in the RCIA, a process of initiation into the Catholic community of faith. It is a process which encompasses the study of Scripture, Catholic teaching, and Christian values—the development and deepening of a life of prayer and action—all with the support and involvement of the parish community. A new inquiry session will begin Wednesday, April 29. *Information*, Helen Oesterle, 206-382-4514, hoesterle@stjames-cathedral.org.



THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

Be sure to visit the place of prayer for the year of St. Paul in the south aisle of the Cathedral.

- Christ takes on “the form of a slave” for our salvation. The saints have followed Christ’s example, becoming the servants of all (think of Mother Teresa, or of St. Martin de Porres). Are there people in your life who follow Christ’s example of service?
- “Christ humbled himself, becoming obedient.” What does it mean to be humble? When in your life have you encountered an example of true humility?

Parking during Holy Week & Easter at St. James Cathedral

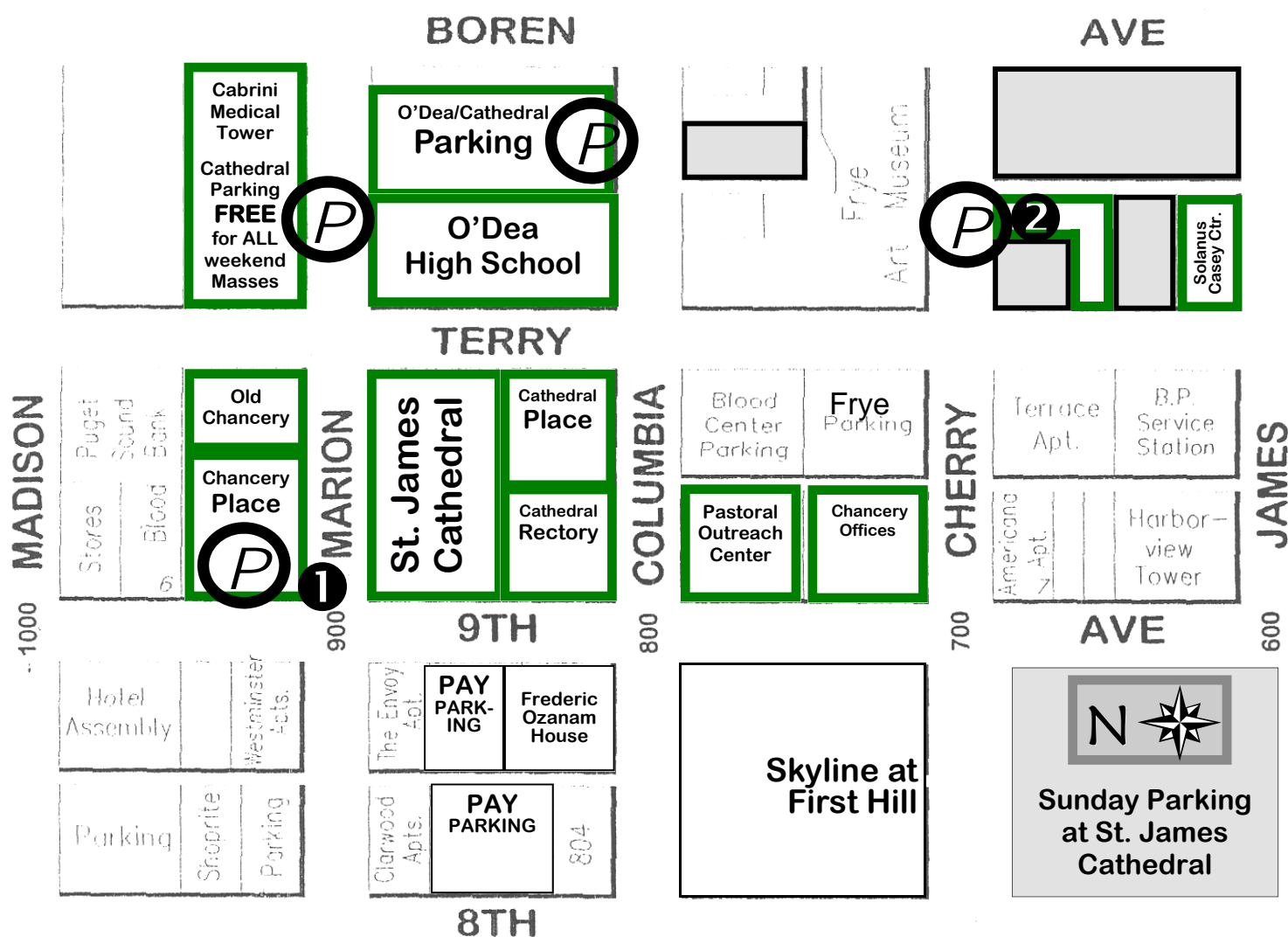
We are doing our utmost to provide ample free parking for the Holy Week and Easter liturgies. For the evening liturgies on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Holy Week free parking is available at the Cabrini Garage, the O'Dea High School parking lot, the "P-1" lot under Chancery Place, and the Cherry and Terry Lot. The O'Dea High School Parking lot is also available for parking during the Tre Ore service from 12-3 on Good Friday.

On Easter Sunday, all of our lots will be open for free parking; in addition, we will

have uniformed police officers on duty during the morning Masses to help direct traffic.

In addition to our regular parking, the Frye Art Museum has offered its parking lots for our use for certain liturgies during Holy Week. *Look for the Cathedral Parking signs; they will tell you when these lots are available.*

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact Larry Brouse, Pastoral Assistant for Administration, 206-382-4280 or e-mail lbrouse@stjames-cathedral.org.



HOLY WEEK 2009

at ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

The Most Reverend Alexander J. Brunett, *Archbishop of Seattle*
The Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan, *Pastor of St. James Cathedral*



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, April 5

Masses Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:00, 10:00, Noon, and 5:30pm

10:00am Solemn Procession of the Palms
Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett, *presider and homilist*

Cathedral Choir of St. James, Cathedral Brass,
Cathedral Piper Tyrone Heade
Congregational chants, acclamations, hymns;
Christus factus est, chant; *Stabat mater dolorosa* and
Eia mater from *Stabat Mater* (Dvorak)

12:00 Noon Children's Procession of the Palms
Father Michael G. Ryan, *presider and homilist*

The four Youth Choirs of St. James Cathedral;
Ian Newhall, Trumpet
Congregational chants, acclamations, hymns;
Christus factus est (chant), *Were you there* (African
American arr. Burleigh), *What Wondrous Love*
(Southern Folk Hymn)

5:30pm Evening Blessing of Palms
Father Michael G. Ryan, *presider and homilist*

Women of St. James Schola
Congregational chants, acclamations, hymns;
Christus factus est (chant); *Stabat Mater* (Tartini)

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, April 6 and 7
Masses at 8:15am and 5:30pm

WEDNESDAY, April 8
Masses at 8:15am and 5:30pm

7:30pm OFFICE OF TENEBRAE
Father Michael G. Ryan, *presider*

Cathedral Men's Chant Choir
Sopranos Ann Glusker, Lisa Cardwell Pontén,
Linda Strandberg, Stacey Sunde, Rebekah
Gilmore; Margriet Tindemans, viola da gamba;
Joseph Adam, Organ

Traditional chants; *Christus factus est* (chant); First
and Third *Leçons de Ténèbres* (Couperin); *In monte
oliveti* (Charpentier); *Miserere* (Allegri);
Instrumental responsories by Bach and Marais

HOLY THURSDAY, April 9

8:30am MORNING PRAISE
Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett, *presider*



Cathedral Cantorei; Congregational
hymns and responses; Psalmody (Stratman,
Marier, Anon.)

6:00pm EVENING MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER
Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett, *presider*
Father Michael G. Ryan, *homilist*

*Offertory Procession will include presentation
of Lenten Rice Bowls*

Cathedral Choir of St. James, Women of St. James
Schola; Joseph Adam, organ; Cathedral
Bellringers
Congregational chants, acclamations, hymns
(Haugen, Proulx, Jinguji, Berthier); *Prelude on the
name of Alain* (Durufle); Mass Ordinary Mass of
Angels (chant); Mass Ordinary Mass of *Angels*
(chant); *Ubi caritas, Tantum ergo* (Durufle); *Caro
Mea* (A. Gabrieli)

9:45pm COMPLINE
Father Michael G. Ryan, *presider*

Women of St. James Schola; Congregational
Gregorian Hymns; *Stabat Mater* (Tartini)

To 12 Midnight
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

GOOD FRIDAY, April 10

8:30am MORNING PRAISE
Father Michael G. Ryan, *presider*

Cathedral Men's Chant Choir
Congregational hymns and responses; Psalmody
(Stratman, Marier, Anon.)

12:00 Noon, TRE ORE

Father Michael G. Ryan, *presider*;
Rev. Robert Barron will preach on the
Seven Last Words of Christ



Clint Kraus, Organist
Jubilate! Young Women's Ensemble, Rebekah
Gilmore, Conductor
Cathedral Chamber Orchestra
Lisa Cardwell-Ponten, Ya-Li Lee Cheng, Kathryn
Weld, soloists
Elizabeth Stoyanovich, guest conductor

The Seven Last Words of Christ (P. Stoyanovich)

6:00pm GOOD FRIDAY of the LORD'S PASSION

Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett, *presider*
Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, *homilist*

Cathedral Choir of St. James,
Women of St. James Schola



Congregational hymns, responses
(chant); *Christus factus est* (chant);
Trisagion (trad. adapt. Stratman); *God so loved the
world* (Bruckner); *Crux fidelis* (John IV of
Portugal); *Vexilla Regis* (chant); *Were you there* (arr.
Burleigh)

HOLY SATURDAY, April 11

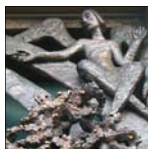
8:30am MORNING PRAISE

Father David A. Brant, *presider*

The Women of St. James Schola
Congregational hymns and responses; Psalmody
(Stratman, Marier, anon.)

8:30pm EASTER VIGIL

The Resurrection of the Lord
in the Holy Night of Easter
Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett,
presider and homilist



Cathedral Choir of St. James, Women of St. James
Schola, Men's Chant Choir
Congregational hymns, chants, and responses;
Psalmody (Jinguji); Mass Ordinary (Haydn, *Heilig
Messe* (adapt.); Easter hymns for congregation
and brass (arr. Herbolsheimer); *Antiphon and
Acclamations for the Procession of the Elect at the
Easter Vigil* (Proulx); *Vidi aquam* (Hurd); *Haec dies
quam fecit* (Palestrina); *Dextera Domini* (Franck)

EASTER SUNDAY,

April 12



8:00am MASS

Father David A. Brant, *presider*
Father Michael G. Ryan, *homilist*

Clint Kraus, organ; Paul Hearn, psalmist
Ya-Li Lee Cheng, soprano
"Andante Sostenuto" from Symphony No. 10
(Widor); "Alleluia" from *Exultate Jubilate*
(Mozart); Congregational hymns and responses;
Fête (Langlais)

10:00am MASS

Father Michael G. Ryan, *presider and homilist*

Cathedral Choir of St. James, Cathedral Brass,
Cathedral Soloists
Carillon de Westminster (Vierne); "Toccata in F"
from Symphony No. 5 (Widor); Congregational
hymns, chants, and responses; Haydn *Heilig
Messe* (adapt.); *Easter Hymns for congregation and
brass* (arr. Herbolsheimer), *Victimae paschali laudes*
(chant); *Vidi aquam* (Hurd); *Haec Dies quam fecit*
(Palestrina); *Dextera Domini* (Franck)

12:00 Noon MASS

Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett, *presider and homilist*

Music as at 10:00am Mass; see above

4:00pm SOLEMN VESPERS OF EASTER

Procession to the Baptismal Font with the Newly Baptized
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Father Michael G. Ryan, *presider*

Women of St. James Schola, Cathedral Cantors
Congregational hymns, chants, and responses;
Easter Antiphons (Stratman)

5:30pm EVENING MASS OF EASTER SUNDAY

Father Michael G. Ryan, *presider and homilist*

Women of St. James Schola, Cathedral Cantors
"Andante Sostenuto" from Symphony No. 10
(Widor); "Toccata in F" from Symphony No. 5
(Widor); Congregational hymns and responses;
Haec Dies (chant); Easter Antiphons (Stratman)

OCTAVE OF EASTER

Monday, April 13 through Saturday, April 18

Masses at 8:15am and 5:30pm; Midday Prayer at
12:10pm. Saturday, April 18, Mass at 8:15am

*All daily Masses during the Octave of Easter will be celebrated
with music. Cathedral cantors and organists will support the
assembly's prayer with traditional chants, hymns, and
acclamations for the Easter Week.*

Temple De Hirsch Sinai, Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry, St. James Cathedral,
and the Shemanski Institute for Christian and Jewish Understanding present



YOM HASHOAH

Remembering the Holocaust

On Thursday, April 16, 2009, at 7:00pm, Holocaust survivors will join Jewish, Christian, and Muslim leaders in the service, which will also feature the music of Seattle Pro Musica and youth musicians from Temple de Hirsh Sinai. The service will conclude with a candle-lighting in memory of the six million who lost their lives in the Holocaust.

Pope John Paul II has said, "We remember the tragic sufferings of the victims not for the sake of reopening painful wounds or of stirring up sentiments of hatred and revenge, but rather in order to honor the dead, to acknowledge historical reality and above all to ensure that those terrible events will serve as a summons for the men and women of today" (15 January 2005). ALL ARE WELCOME.

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News from the *Cathedral Kitchen*

St. James Cathedral, Seattle

April 2009

Dear Friends,

It has been almost two years since the “Family Kitchen” turned over their operation to St. James Cathedral. Since the changeover the Cathedral Kitchen has made some revisions of the entrance criteria. Instead of limiting our guests to men over 55 years of age, families, and women, we have opened our doors to all who come, clean and sober.

After a year and a half of this changeover, the last couple of months we have had an opportunity to reevaluate this change, recognizing that there is no perfect solution to feeding our guests. At the present time we distribute 150 tickets daily to those in need of nourishment. We recognize that this procedure has had some drawbacks and has created concern within the neighborhood and other parish programs. After a considerable amount of discussion and prayer, and in light of the current financial crisis which is putting such a burden on all of us, we have decided to renew our commitment to serve all people in need, regardless of age. At the same time, we commit ourselves to working with our neighbors and our guests to find creative solutions to challenges as they arise.

NETWORKING

Where does all of our food come from? Operating a meal program such as the one at St. James requires the participation of many in our community. The Kitchen gleans from three PCC stores and Madison Market on a daily basis, and QFC University Village on Fridays. We select the items we need, and repack the boxes for St. Mary's Food Bank, four days a week. They in turn supply us with basic items that we are lacking for our meal such as milk, tomatoes, etc. On Fridays we share our gleaning load with the Seattle



Indian Center or the Cross Church in White Center. Our coffee is donated from various coffee establishments and is picked up every two or three weeks. Desserts come from various stores in the Magnolia area, homemade cookies from various parishes and Sugar Bakery on Madison. Other donations are gleaned from the Northwest Harvest warehouse in Kent and the Union Gospel Mission. Items that we are unable to glean or trade for are purchased by cash gifts made to the Cathedral.

The old adage that “it takes a village to raise a child” can be revised to “it takes a city to take care of our brothers and sisters in need.”

ONGOING NEEDS

As the number of guests served continues to increase, we continue to need more volunteers, particularly for cleanup. There is also a need for gleaners, as well as good cooks. If you'd like to volunteer, call 206-264-2091 or e-mail jmcauliffe@stjames-cathedral.org. We'd love to hear from you!

In your midst,
Jill & Jim McAuliffe
Co-Directors of the Cathedral Kitchen

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Understanding Religious Freedom

Dear Friends in Christ,

During last fall's campaign on I-1000, the supporters of assisted suicide repeatedly attacked the Catholic Church for trying to impose its values on society. We also have seen similar charges on issues such as abortion and pharmacists' right to act according to their consciences.

Not only are such charges unfounded, they reveal a fundamental misunderstanding of the right of religious freedom and our democratic form of government. I am very concerned that such attacks not only undermine religious freedom but they are injurious to our political process. It is important to remember the vital role of this process in balancing competing interests within human society.

The Church does not seek to coerce or impose its values on anyone (*God is Love*, no. 28). But we will continue to insist on our right to advocate for universal values derived from our dignity as human beings.

God created human beings in His image and likeness. This is the source of our dignity. But we are not created solely as individual persons. A vital part of our identity as humans is that we are meant to be in relationship with others. And because we are in relationship with others in community, there will always be a challenge to balance the rights we have as individuals with the need to protect the common good.

I pray that each of you continue to learn more about the right to religious freedom and to have the courage to defend it when the Church is attacked. Not only will you assist the Church in its mission but you will contribute to the health of our political system.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Alex J. Brunett

Most Rev. Alex J. Brunett
Archbishop of Seattle



Two significant aspects to Religious Freedom

When considering religious freedom, there are two important aspects to keep in mind. The first is that each human being has the right to practice their religion. As Vatican II said, "the Christian faithful, in common with all other [people], possess the civil right not to be hindered in leading their lives in accordance with their consciences." (*Declaration on Religious Freedom*, no. 13)

The second key aspect of the right is to be free from coercion – that people not be forced by society to believe certain things. As Vatican II declared, "Religious freedom...has to do with immunity from coercion in civil society." (*Declaration on Religious Freedom*, no. 1)

Separation of Church and State

The beginning of the Bill of Rights, the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, reads, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...” It is important to understand what is meant by the separation of Church and State. It means that the government will neither designate an official Church nor interfere with people practicing their religion. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, “The State may not impose religion, yet it must guarantee religious freedom and harmony between the followers of different religions. For her part, the Church, as the social expression of Christian faith, has a proper independence and is structured on the basis of her faith as a community which the State must recognize. The two spheres are distinct, yet always interrelated.” (*God is Love*, no. 28)

Our Responsibilities

With any right there are associated responsibilities. God desires us to be “lovers of true freedom” (*Declaration on Religious Freedom*, no. 8). True freedom does not mean that we can do whatever we please. True freedom is tempered by our duty to seek the truth, to form our consciences well. The reason the Church honors the role of the individual conscience is that “each one of us is to render to God an account.” (Romans 14:12; see also Mt. 25:31-46)

Just as there are two important aspects to the right to religious freedom, so there are two key responsibilities: (1) to develop a well-formed conscience, and (2) to respect the religious freedom of others. “Although each individual has a right to be respected in his [or her] own journey in search of the truth, there exists a prior moral obligation, and a grave one at that, to seek the truth and to adhere to it once it is known.” (*The Splendor of Truth*, no. 34) As followers of Jesus, we should never do what is “incompatible with the spirit of the Gospel. At the same time, the charity of Christ urges [each disciple] to love and have prudence and patience in [our] dealings with those who are in error or in ignorance with regard to the faith.” (*Declaration on Religious Freedom*, no. 14)

Suggested Talking Points

When talking to neighbors or people you meet throughout the day, consider raising the following points when someone argues that the Church should not impose its values on society.

✚ Everyone has the basic human right to religious freedom. The values of religious people have a place in public arenas. Just think where our society would be without religious people entering the public sphere – for example, religious people led the movements to abolish slavery and to secure civil rights for all.

✚ Society needs to consider all of the good that Catholics contribute to society: health care, education and social services, to name only three.

✚ When people suggest that the Church has no business in advocating for values in the public square, they are not upholding the U.S. Constitution. We all need to have the courage to protect and exercise our right to religious freedom.

Resources

- ✚ Catechism of the Catholic Church
#2104-2109
www.usccb.org/catechism/text
- ✚ Declaration on Religious Freedom
Vatican II
www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_decl_19651207_dignitatis-humanae_en.html
- ✚ The Splendor of Truth
Pope John Paul II
www.vatican.va/edocs/ENG0222/_INDEX.HTM

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