HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2024

Palm Sunday, March 24 - 10:00 am.

Liturgy of the Palms & Mass of the Passion

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday - Mass at 12 noon

Maundy Thursday, March 28 - 7:00 p.m.

The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 29-12 noon

The Solemn Afternoon Liturgy

Holy Saturday, March 30 - 9:00 a.m.

The Pro-anaphora of Holy Saturday (Liturgy of the Word)

Easter Eve, March 30 - 7:00 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Day, March 31 - 10:00 a.m.

Mass of the Resurrection



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THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS & MASS OF THE PASSION



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the Historic Stockade District

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Commonly called Palm Sunday

PALM SUNDAY - 24 MARCH 2024 SOLEMN HIGH MASS - RITE I, 10AM

Today's liturgy begins in the Great Hall, a place apart from the church, so that all may go to the church in procession.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The procession with palms calls to mind the triumphal entry of Jesus, our Lord and King, into Jerusalem. The procession is fundamentally an act of worship, witness, and devotion to our Blessed Lord. The purpose of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem was to fulfill his Father's will; thus it is fitting that this service continues with the singing or reading of the Passion, turning the emphasis to the days which lie ahead in Holy Week. We who hail him as king one moment, may in the next deny him, even joining with the crowd in shouting "Crucify him!"

Parish Outreach

LITTLE RED WAGON SUNDAY— Our next ingathering day is April 14— Food and other items contributed will be blessed today and then taken to SiCM for distribution to their clients.

YWCA SHELTER— Sunday, June 9th is our quarterly donation for the YWCA emergency shelter. Thank you to all who have contributed to our parish outreach. This continuing ministry supports women and children who have escaped from an unsafe environment and arrive with nothing. The need is great and is ongoing. At this time, the YWCA tells us they are in most need of personal hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner, menstrual products, etc.

LOAVES AND FISHES— is a Diocesan supported feeding ministry housed at St Francis Mission, the old Grace and Holy Innocents Church on Clinton Ave. We are planning a second group trip in the new year. If you're interested in participating in this hands on ministry opportunity please send an email to: rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org

Parish Life & Beyond...

PARISH MINISTRY SCHEDULES POSTED ONLINE — The most schedule of greeter, lectors, counters, and altar guild is published online. If you are interested in serving as a lector, greeter, counter, or acolyte, please speak to Fr. Pettigrew or email him at rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org for more information.

SHAPE NOTE SINGING: All are welcome to experience the joy of singing together the beautiful a cappella harmonies and stirring songs of the Sacred Harp, a tune book and hymnal published in Georgia in 1844 and used in community singing throughout the world. We sing in the Great Hall on Saturday afternoons from 1-3:30pm. For schedule updates or more information, please contact Tarik Wareh or visit www.albanysacredharp.org

Ministers of Today's Liturgies

Celebrant: The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector **Deacon & Preacher**: The Very Reverend William W. Willoughby, III

Sub-Deacon:David G. KennisonMaster of Ceremonies:Dr. Kevin DeckerOrganist:Dr. Brian J. TaylorCantor:Dr. Louisa CarrThurifer:Chris HenryCrucifer:Daniel Meiss

Acolyte: Anne Kennison, J.J. Moran

Greeter: Carol Gaige **Lector**: Jon Pearson

Counters: Jon Pearson & Bob Paska

Altar Guild: Carol Gaige

Sacristan: David & Anne Kennison

Your Prayers are asked this Day for:

The Sick and those in need: Christine L, Leslie P, Ed C, Karen S, Scott W, Suzy T, Kevin, Jesse, Pamela, Dom, Wanda Z, Dustin, Susan, Jamie Taft, Donna T, Sam, Alexander, James L, Gabriella Rose, Sharon C, Hooter Z, Mtr Lisa S, Katie, Alessandro, Debra, Fr Michael Webber, Rev. Susan Kohlmeier, Crystal, The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Donna, Katherine, Sondra, Carol, Father Charles King, Jenna, Kyle Harris, Ramona Collins, Janet Simone, Luca Taylor, Jane Ruzicka Pennacchia, Maggie, Roasa Maria Rodriguez, Marianne Perez, John, Susan D, Fred.

The Departed: Ramona Collins, who died in this past week. L. Clark Willsey (26), Ann Stamm (26), JoLee Schirk (30)

Birthdays: Gerri Moore (24), Michael Todt (26), Diane Nemir-Reed (27), James Smigelski (28), Mtr. Lisa Schoonmaker (28), Patricia Gibbons (29)

Baptismal Anniversaries: None **Wedding Anniversaries**: None

WELCOME VISITORS! We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. Whether you live in our area and decided to worship with us today or if you are visiting from out of town, we offer you a warm Georgian welcome! There are visitor cards in most of the pews and we ask that you fill one out and give it to the Greeters at the door or simply drop it in the offering plate. We'd love to see you again. Our website, www.stgeorgesschenectady.com.

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE WILL MEET TODAY AFTER MASS — Today during coffee hour the outreach committee will meet in the library.

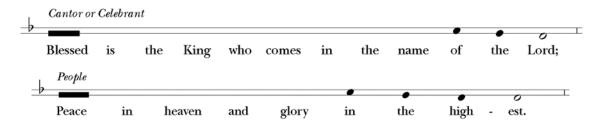
Coming up soon...

Annunciation Mass at the Cathedral of All Saints— Monday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.—Father Pettigrew will preach and Dr. Taylor will be organist at this celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend and support the ministry of our Cathedral Church. For more info speak to Father or Dr. Taylor.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

THE ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Sung by the cantor Hosanna filio David (Mode VII) Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. O King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION



Assist us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Please Remain Standing for the reading of the Lesson

THE LESSON Mark 11.1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

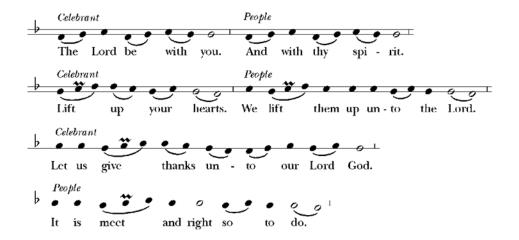
"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

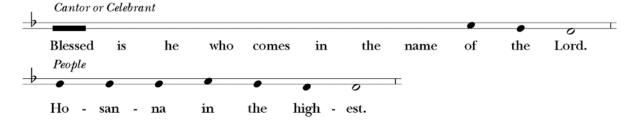
The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise be to thee, O Christ

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS



Continuing, the Celebrant sprinkles the palms with holy water.

IT IS RIGHT TO PRAISE THEE, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which thou hast redeemed us through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Bless, O Lord, these branches. Let them 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 leadeth to eternal life; who liveth and reigneth in glory with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**



As the Palms are distributed, the choir sings:

ANTHEM Pueri Hebraeorum (Mode 1) The children of the Hebrews, bearing olive branches went out to meet the Lord, crying out and saving, "Hosanna in the highest."

After the distribution of the palms, the Priest may pray:

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who didst ordain that our Lord Jesus Christ should ride upon a colt, the foal of an ass; and didst teach the throngs of people to spread their garments and the branches of trees in the way, and to sing Hosanna in his praise: grant, we beseech thee, that we may follow the example of their innocence, and like them, may render thee a worthy service. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians may receive communion. If you wish to not receive, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms, indicating that you wish to receive a blessing. Gluten-free hosts are available.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCE Sung by the Cantor & Choir

O my Father; if this cup may not pass away from me except I drink it, thy will be done.

COMMUNION ANTHEM God so loved the world fr. The Crucifixion John Stainer

(1840-1901)

COMMUNION HYMN 158 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended? Herzliebster Jesu

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER Said by All

(people kneel)

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING (people kneel)

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, & the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

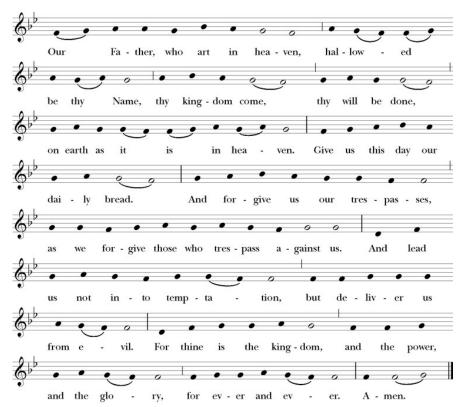
THE RETIRING PROCESSION, HYMN 168 O Sacred head, sore wounded Herzlich tut mich

verlangen

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Chorale Prelude on Herzlich tut mich verlangen

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

THE LORD'S PRAYER Sung by All



THE FRACTION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

R. Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

THE AGNUS DEI, HYMNAL S-157

Sung by All

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Said by All

(people kneel)

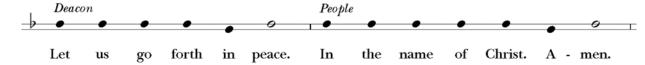
E DO NOT PRESUME to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION

V. Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

THE PROCESSION



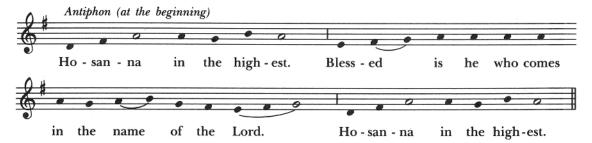
The following is sung by the Choir in the procession to the West doors of the church, The People sing the antiphon after the Cantor and where indicated by [R].

HYMN 157

The Liturgy of the Palms: Processional

Ancient Gallican chant

Antiphon:



1 Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

ord. **R**

2 "This is the gate of the Lord;

he who is righteous may enter."

- I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. $\hat{\mathbf{R}}$
- The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 6 On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 7 Hosanna, Lord, hosanna!
 Lord, send us now success.
- Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord. $\hat{\mathbf{R}}$
- God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar. $\hat{\mathbf{R}}$
- 10 "You are my God, and I will thank you; You are my God, and I will exalt you." R
- 11 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

At the West Doors of the Church, the congregation sings the refrain. The choir, from within the Church sings the verses.



STATION AT THE WEST DOORS

The subdeacon knocks on the door of the church with the processional cross. The doors open and the celebrant offers this prayer:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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(people kneel)

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." \maltese

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." \(\mathbf{F} \)

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy \maltese grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

As the Procession enters the Church, all sing:

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST according to St. MARK

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

People may be seated for the first part of the Passion.

Please **STAND** at the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (The Skull)
Please **KNEEL** for a time at the verse which says: "Having said this, he breathed his last."
Please **STAND** until the end.

THE SERMON

When the Liturgy of Palms has preceded,

the **NICENE CREED** and the **CONFESSION OF SIN** are omitted at this service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

as announced

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE Sung

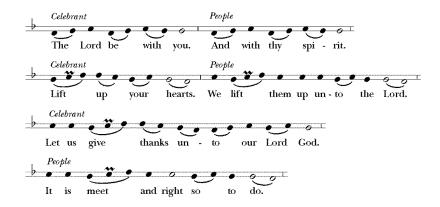
Sung by the Cantor & Choir

Thy rebuke has broken my heart; I am full of heaviness; I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man: Neither found I any to comfort me; they gave me gall to eat, and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

OFFERTORY HYMN, HYMNAL 458 My song is love unknown

Love Unknown

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Celebrant sings the Proper Preface of Holy Week

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT

HYMNAL S-113

Sung by All

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

 \maltese Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. $$10\,$



Ride on! ride on in majesty!

Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;

thy humble beast pursues his road

with palms and scattered garments strowed.

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.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!

The angel armies 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 MASS OF THE PASSION

MASS SETTING

The First Communion Service

John Merbeck (1510-1585)

THE INTROIT

Sung by the Cantor and the Choir

O Lord remove not thy succor afar from me; look thou to my defense and hear me; deliver me from the mouth of the lion; yea from the horns of the unicorns hast thou regarded my cry. Ps. My God my God look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me? And art so far from my health; and from the words of my complaint? O Lord remove not thy succor afar from me ...

KYRIE ELEISON HYMNAL S-90

(people kneel)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x) Christ, have mercy upon us. (3x) Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hath sent thy son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 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. 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

V. The Word of the Lord R. Thanks be to God

THE GRADUAL Sung by the Choir

Thou hast holden me by my right hand; thou shalt guide me with thy counsel; and after that receive me with glory. Truly God is loving unto Israel; even such as are of a clean heart. Nevertheless; my feet were almost gone; my treadings had well-nigh slipped. And why? I was grieved at the wicked; I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.

THE EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, 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 a 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 should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

THE TRACT	Sung by Cantor & Choir	Psalm 22:1-
Cantor	My God, My God, look upon me: why hast thou forsaken me?	
Choir	And art so far from my health: and from the words of my complaint?	
Cantor	O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not: and in the night so take no rest.	eason also I
Choir	And thou continuest holy: O thou worship of Israel.	
Cantor	Our fathers hoped in thee: they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver t	hem.
Choir	They called upon thee, and were holpen: they put their trust in thee, and confounded.	1 were not
Cantor	But as for me, I am a worm and no man, a very scorn of men and the ou people.	tcast of the
Choir	All they that see me laugh me to scorn. They shoot out their lips and sh heads saying,	ake their
Cantor	"He trusted in God that he would deliver him. Let him deliver him if he whim."	rill have
Choir	They stand staring looking upon me. They part my garments among the lots upon my vesture.	m and cast
Cantor	Save me from the lion's mouth. Thou hast heard me also from among the unicorns.	ie horns of
Choir	O praise the Lord ye that fear him. Magnify him all ye of the seed of Jaco	ob.
Cantor	They shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation. They shall come a heavens shall declare his righteousness.	and the
Choir	Unto a people that shall be born whom the Lord hath made.	