



**+ Palm Sunday – Sunday of the Passion**  
**March 28, 2021**

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## + Palm Sunday – Sunday of the Passion Order for Worship

*This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week in anticipation of God's astonishing work of salvation.*

### **Prelude**

*Fanfare on "Deo Gracias"*

Arr. Jimmi Kocher-Hillmer

### **Welcome**

### **Acclamation** *(Repeated once)*

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**C: Hosanna in the highest!**

### **Processional Gospel – Mark 11: 1-11**

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>11</sup>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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Blessing of the Palms

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us go in peace.

C: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

**All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

*Following page*




*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: VALET WILL. ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

### Prayer of the Day

P: As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

*Silence is kept. Then the presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.*

P: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race  
you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross.  
In your mercy, enable us to share in his obedience to your will  
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection,  
he who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
**C: Amen.**

## **Children's Word**

**Children's Song**

**Sanctuary**

**CCLI Song No. 24140**

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living  
sanctuary for you. *Repeat***

## **Reading – Philippians 2: 5-11**

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

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

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The first verse of hymn 345, Jesus, I Will Ponder Now, will precede the Passion reading from Mark's Gospel. As the narrative proceeds, there will be pauses in the reading for the remaining three verses of the hymn.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Jesus, I Will Ponder Now  
v. 1**

**ELW 345**

**1 Jesus, I will ponder now on your holy passion;  
let your Spirit now endow me for meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith may the image cherish  
of your suff'ring, pain, and death, that I may not perish.**

**The Passion according to St. Mark (Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47)**

*The gospel is proclaimed in parts by youth of St. Andrew.*

- 2 Make me see your great distress, anguish, and affliction,  
bonds and blows and wretchedness and your crucifixion;  
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,  
how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.**
- 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone make me see your passion,  
but its cause to me make known and its termination.  
For I also and my sin wrought your deep affliction;  
this the shameful cause has been of your crucifixion.**
- 4 Let me view your pain and loss with repentant grieving,  
nor prepare again your cross by unholy living.  
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,  
that I may in heav'n above sing your praise forever.**

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-1681; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alt. Music: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN, Melchior Vulpus, 1570-1615.

## Prayers of the People

P: Relying on the mercy and promises of God,  
we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*After each petition*

P: Hear us, O God;

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

## Benediction

P: You are what God made you to be:  
created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
chosen as holy and beloved,  
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ✠ that you may be a blessing,  
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**C: Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Sending Hymn**

**Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross**

*ELW 335*

**v. 1**

**1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream  
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.**

### *Refrain*

**In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.**

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915. Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832-1915.



*Abbreviations*

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

**C: Congregation**

***ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal***

*Those serving in worship today*

Prelude

Welcome

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