

March 29, 2026

Passion SUNDAY

The crowds answered,
“This is Jesus, the
prophet from Nazareth
in Galilee.”

Matthew 21:11, NIV

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When we celebrate Holy Communion we are eating and drinking the true body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins. Because the Bible says it is possible for someone to eat and drink to their harm if their understanding of the sacrament is lacking, we ask our visitors to speak with our Pastor before communing here for the first time. Ask an usher to help you find our Pastor before the service begins, or call during the week.



AS WE GATHER

While we may think of “*Hosanna*” being a word of praise or even a “*Hooray*,” the word actually means, “*Save us, Lord.*” As Jesus set His face to go to the cross of His death, He was answering that “*Hosanna,*” “*Save us, Lord.*” As the Suffering Servant who dies For Us, Jesus is the fulfillment of God’s promise. Since we are the recipients of Christ’s forgiveness, we will all read the words of the various groups of people involved in His Passion – including those who praised Him and those who ridiculed Him.



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS – *All are invited to join the children in the Narthex for the Palm Sunday procession.*

SHARING THE PEACE – *We share a brief greeting of the Lord's peace.*

CHOIR ANTHEM – “*Sing Hosanna, Sing*”

Please stand and face the Sanctuary entrance...

INVOCATION AND PROCESSIONAL GREETING

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna! Save us, we pray, O Lord!

COLLECT

P Let us pray.

C Mercifully assist us, Lord God of our salvation, so that we may with joy contemplate those mighty acts by which You have given us life everlasting; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

John 12:12-19

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

L The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out,

C “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

L ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!” ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another,

C “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

P Let us go forth in peace

C in the name of the Lord.

All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel and David’s royal Son,
Now in the Lord’s name coming, Our King and Blessed One.

The company of angels Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation In chorus make reply.
The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present.

To You before Your Passion They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.
As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev’ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.

All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P O Lord, with the Palm Sunday crowd, we cry to You this day:

C Hosanna! Save us now, we pray!

Save us for we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

Save us for we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

Save us for we have not loved You with our whole heart.

Save us, for we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, the Son of David and the Son of God, have mercy on us. Forgive, renew and cleanse us and by Your Holy Spirit, enable us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Jesus Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, so that through faith in Him, you could receive life and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Hosanna! Save us now, we pray! Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Hosanna! Save us now, O Lord!

C Save us by Your grace and continually ground us in an unwavering faith. Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, for you entered Jerusalem not be crowned with jewels, but to be crowned with thorns. Rule in our hearts by faith. Pour out Your Spirit on us and give us joy in Your presence now and forevermore. Amen.

Please be seated...

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

L The Epistle is from Philippians, chapter two.

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 27:1-66

L The Passion of our Lord, according to St. Matthew, the 27th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

L When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. ²And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor. ³Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said,

C "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

L ⁵And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. ⁶But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

C "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money."

L ⁷So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. ⁸Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

R *“And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰ and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me.”*

L Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him,

R *“Are you the King of the Jews?”*

L Jesus said,

R *“You have said so.”*

L ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him,

R *“Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?”*

L ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

R *“Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?”*

L ¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

R *“Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.”*

L ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor again said to them,

R *“Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”*

C **“Barabbas.”**

R *“Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?”*

C **“Let him be crucified!”**

R *“Why? What evil has he done?”*

L But they shouted all the more,

C **“Let him be crucified!”**

L ²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

R *“I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.”*

L ²⁵ And all the people answered,

C **“His blood be on us and on our children!”**

L ²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. ²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,

C **“Hail, King of the Jews!”**

L ³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

R *The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.* (Isaiah 50:5-6)

L ³² As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” ³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying,

C **“You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”**

L ⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,

C ⁴² **“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”**

R *But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a 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 is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?* (Isaiah 50:7-9a)

L ⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

Please rise for the remainder of the Passion...

L ⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying,

R “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*”

L that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said,

C “**This man is calling Elijah.**”

L ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said,

C “**Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.**”

L ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. ⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said,

C “**Truly this was the Son of God!**”

L ⁵⁵ There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. ⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. ⁶² The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³ and said,

C “**Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ ⁶⁴ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.**”

L ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them,

R “*You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.*”

L ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

L This is the Pasion of Our Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated...

HYMN

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

LSB 423

SERMON

Please stand...

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the hospitalized this past week: None known.

We pray for strength and healing for: Jack Taylor, Sandra Courson, Mike Heidle, John and Ruth Roderick, Bev Page, Dawn Campbell, Linda Pasquale, Rosalie Finet, Leslie Stone, Del Krueger, Margie Souza, Dan Rull, Darlene Collins, Paul Teegarden, Dan Burmeister, Richard Wahlfeldt, Heather Christensen, Martha Elliott, Angie Lucas, Charlotte Schendel, Walter Harbison, Makenna Eversole, Harvey Heerssen, Justin Fleming, Kevin Mixer, Jim Souza, Gregg Sacotnik, Joyce Owens, Joan Fleming, Linda Grinestaff, Jason Toms, Gabby Reynolds, Toby Ceader, Sarah Koester, Tom Reese, Dottie Kliner, Mary Seifrig, Bruce Garrison, Carol Schafer, Tamara Fisher, Marilina Hutchison, Sarah and Patty Calderon, Jason Dawson, Kathy Howey, Keri Blankenbeckler, Mike & Linda Borgward, Eric Wittmann, and Frank Hutnicke.

Please be seated...

OFFERING

Please stand...

OFFERTORY

☐ Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: *“Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”* In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: *“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

PAX DOMINI



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



G A - men.

AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please be seated...

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" LSB 438

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" LSB 441

Please stand...

NUNC DIMITTIS



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

PROCLAMATION AND PRAYER

P Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C His mercy endures forever.

P Whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup

C proclaims the Lord's death until He comes.

P We thank you, Lord Jesus, for being obedient to death that we might live.

C Work in us that same spirit of humility and obedience that You displayed so that in all things Your holy name would be exalted in our lives.

P To God be the glory.

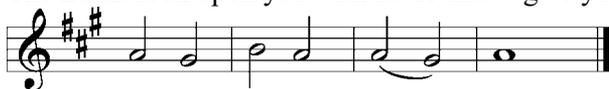
C Amen. Hosanna, save us Lord.

BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”

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POSTLUDE



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