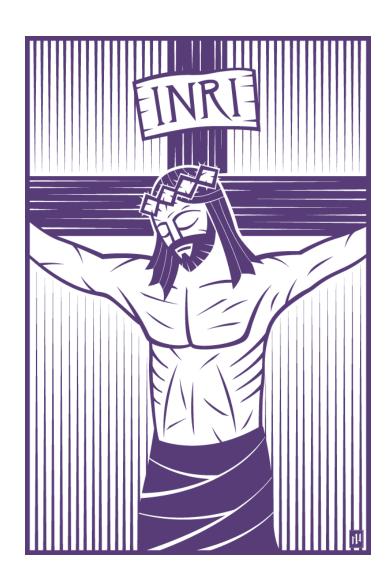
Passion Sunday

with Palm Sunday Procession March 24, 2024



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Passion Sunday

Procession with Palms

Now is the hour for the Son of Man to be glorified. When Jesus arrived at Jerusalem for the Passover he was welcomed as the Messiah King who came to rescue God's people. His entrance demonstrated he was truly a different kind of king. The manner of his arrival fulfilled Zechariah's prophecy of the appearance of the Messiah King. How quickly Jerusalem turned against him. Jesus would be tried and executed for confessing that he is Christ the King, the Son of God. Seven days later he rose showing he is the King of kings and Lord of lords - proving that he had conquered sin, Satan, and death for us. Today we gather to welcome Jesus, who comes to us in his word as we gather for worship. Wave your palm branches and sing his praise to greet, glorify, and honor Christ our King. May we never turn against him, but always listen to him, follow him, and worship him!

The worshippers gather outside the front doors with service folders and palm branches.

The Worship begins at the front doors to later process into the Sanctuary.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ † and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

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

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence in the way that leads to eternal life in his New Jerusalem; for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Gospel of Mark, the eleventh chapter.

Glory be to you, O Lord.

The Palm Sunday Gospel

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly." They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

Mark 11:1-10

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Let us go forth in peace

in the name of the Lord.

The minister leads this throng of worshippers in proclaiming Jesus to be the Son of David.

A Palm Sunday Procession Hymn CW 412:1, 3, 5

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.

All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring. The people of the Hebrews With palms before you went; Our praise and prayer and anthems Before you we present.

All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring. As you received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.



In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and spiritually dead. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed ② by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your punishment, now and forever. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, honoring your holy name. Amen.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross that people everywhere would be transformed by his great act of humility. Mercifully grant that we may partake in the benefits of Jesus' sacred Passion and through it share his attitude of humble patience; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LESSON Hebrews 12:1-3

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: In Your Love, O LORD, Answer Me



Save me, O God, for the waters have come up / to my neck; many are my enemies without cause, those who seek to de-/stroy me. Lord, the LORD Almighty, may those who / hope in you not be disgraced be-/cause of me; for zeal for your house con-/sumes me, and the insults of those who insult you / fall on me. *Refrain*

I will praise God's / name in song and glorify him with thanks-/giving.

The LORD hears the / needy and does not despise his captive / people.

Let heaven and earth / praise him, the seas and all that / move in them,

for God will save / Zion and rebuild the cities of / Judah.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be-/ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

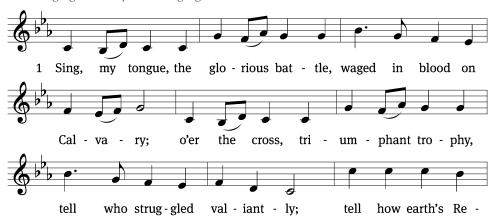
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VERSE OF THE DAY

John 12:23 cf.

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

The Congregation responds, singing (CW 419:1)



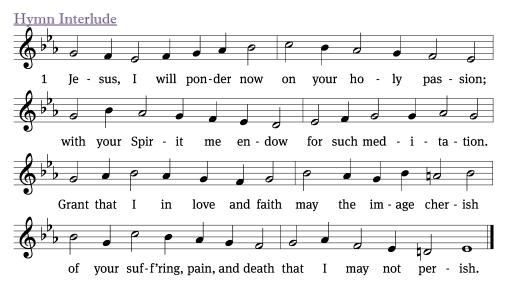


GOSPEL Mark 14 & 15

Mark's Passion - Part 1: The Plot against Jesus Develops

- ¹ Now the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some sly way to arrest Jesus and kill him. ² "But not during the Feast, or the people may riot," they said.
- ³ While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.
- ⁴ Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume? ⁵ It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly.
- ⁶ "Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷ The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. ⁸ She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. ⁹ I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."
- ¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them.
- ¹¹ They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

CW 420:1



Mark's Passion - Part 2: The Paschal Lamb Begins His Passover in the Upper Room

- ¹² On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"
- ¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴ Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵ He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

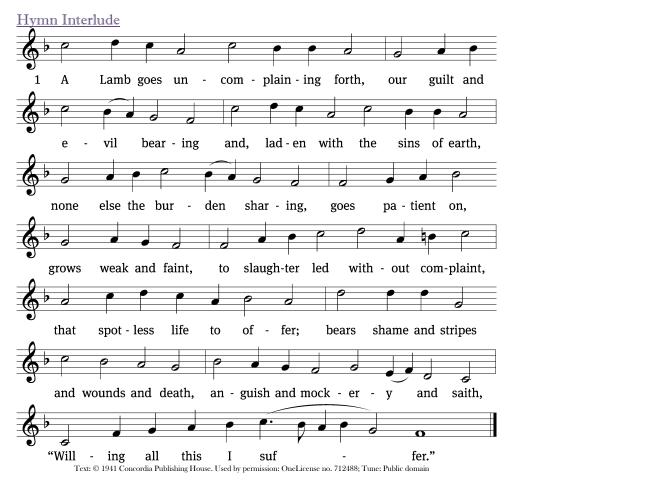
¹⁶ The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me – one who is eating with me."

¹⁹ They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely not I?"

- ²⁰ "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."
- ²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "*Take it;* this is my body."
- ²³ Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it.
- ²⁴ "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. ²⁵ "I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God."
 - ²⁶ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
- ²⁷ "You will all fall away," Jesus told them, "for it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered." ²⁸ But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."
 - ²⁹ Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not."
- ³⁰ "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "today yes, tonight before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times."
- ³¹ But Peter insisted emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the others said the same.

CW 422:1



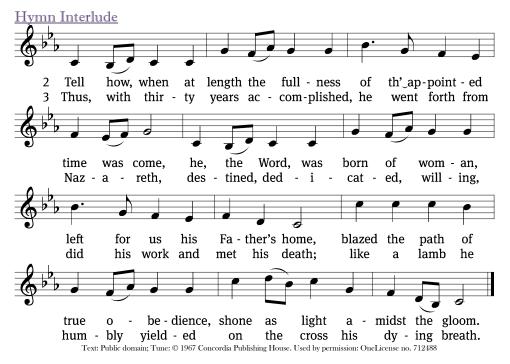
Mark's Passion - Part 3: Gethsemane - The Hour of Darkness Sets In

³² They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴ "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

³⁵ Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ "*Abba*, *Father*," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

- ³⁷ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? ³⁸ Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."
- ³⁹ Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. ⁴⁰ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.
- ⁴¹ Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"
- ⁴³ Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.
- ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁴⁶ The men seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁴⁷ Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.
- ⁴⁸ "Am I leading a rebellion," said Jesus, "that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹ Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled." ⁵⁰ Then everyone deserted him and fled.
- ⁵¹ A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, ⁵² he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

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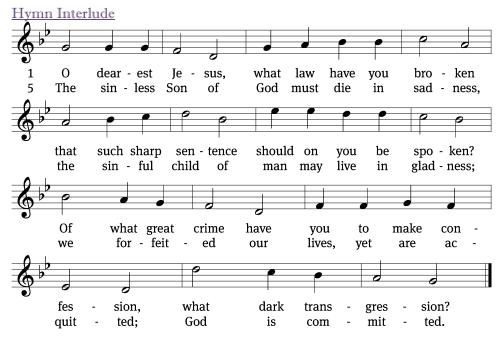
Mark's Passion - Part 4: In the Court of the High Priest and the Sanhedrin

- ⁵³ They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders and teachers of the law came together. ⁵⁴ Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.
- ⁵⁵ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. ⁵⁶ Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.
- ⁵⁷ Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: ⁵⁸ "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this manmade temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.'" ⁵⁹ Yet even then their testimony did not agree.
- ⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" ⁶¹ But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"

⁶² "I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

⁶³ The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked. ⁶⁴ "You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as worthy of death. ⁶⁵ Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "**Prophesy!**" And the guards took him and beat him.



Mark's Passion - Part 5: Peter's Denial of Jesus

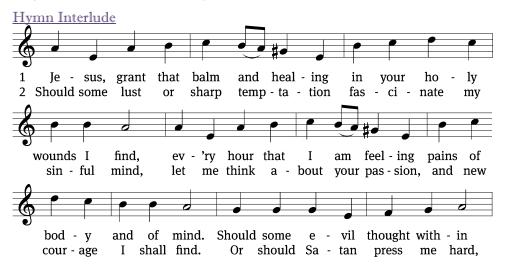
⁶⁶ While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷ When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him.

"You also were with that Nazarene. Jesus." she said.

- ⁶⁸ But he denied it. "I don't know or understand what you're talking about," he said, and went out into the entryway.
- ⁶⁹ When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, "This fellow is one of them." ⁷⁰ Again he denied it.

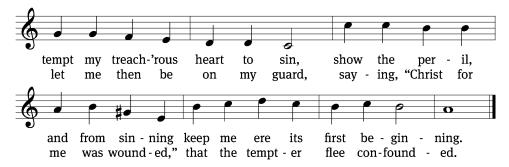
After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean."

- ⁷¹ He began to call down curses on himself, and he swore to them, "I don't know this man you're talking about."
- ⁷² Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times." And he broke down and wept.



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CW 432:1.5



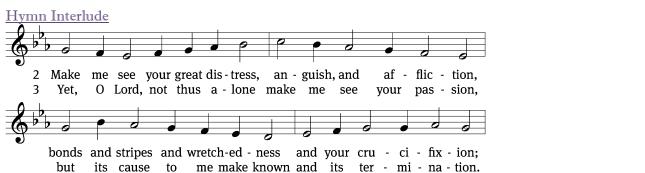
Mark's Passion - Part 6: He Suffers Under Pontius Pilate, Condemned for Us

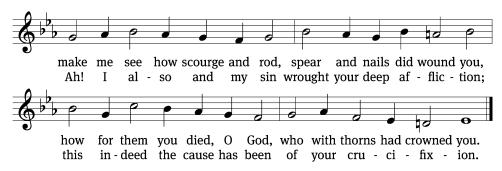
- ^{15:1} Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.
 - ² "Are you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate.
 - "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied.
- ³ The chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ So again Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of."
- ⁵ But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.
- ⁶ Now it was the custom at the Feast to release a prisoner whom the people requested. ⁷ A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. ⁸ The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.
- ⁹ "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate, ¹⁰ knowing it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.
 - 12 "What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked them.
 - ¹³ "Crucify him!" they shouted.
 - 14 "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

- ¹⁵ Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.
- ¹⁶ The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. ¹⁷ They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. ¹⁸ And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!"
- ¹⁹ Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. ²⁰ And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

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Mark's Passion - Part 7: Christ Dies our Death, Decisively Defeating our Enemies

²¹ A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. ²² They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). ²³ Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

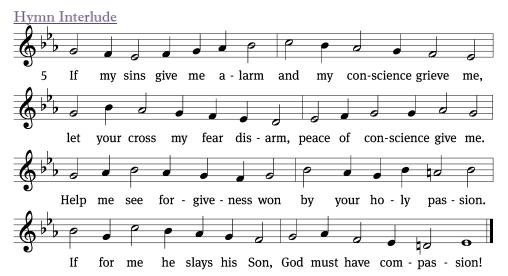
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- ²⁵ It was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶ The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁷ They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ come down from the cross and save yourself!"
- ³¹ In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others, but he can't save himself!" they said. ³² "Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.
- ³³ At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani*?"--which means, "*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me*?"
 - 35 When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."
- ³⁶ One man ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said.
 - ³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

BE SEATED for a moment of silent meditation

³⁸ The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

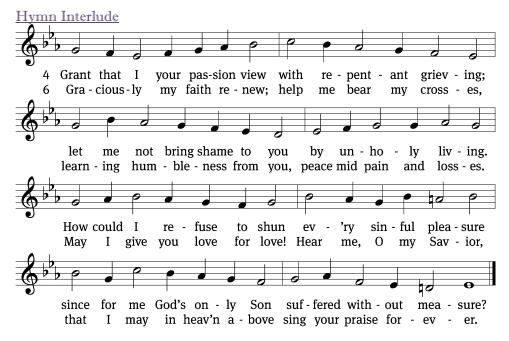
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Mark's Passion - Part 8: Christ is Buried in our Tomb

- ⁴⁰ Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹ In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.
- ⁴² It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached,
- ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. ⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died.
- ⁴⁵ When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.



SERMONETTE – *See the separate sheet for the Road Map*

After the sermonette, the congregation sings as the confirmand comes forward:

CONFIRMATION HYMN: Our Lord and God, Oh, Bless This Day

Our Lord and God, oh, bless this day And hear us, we implore you; None of your children turn away Who now appear before you. We come before your face And pray: let your rich grace Descend from heav'n above In all your wondrous love, And keep us by your Spirit.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION - Catherine Loh

CATECHUMEN'S CONFESSION

PRAYER FOR THE CATECHUMEN – 5 petitions

... Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Keep her faithful and holy so that she may inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering – The mail at church is being collected. Offerings may be mailed to:

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR PALM SUNDAY

Lord Jesus, you are Christ, the King.

We join the Palm Sunday worshipers of every age in welcoming and praising you, our conquering hero, who came to rescue and deliver your people.

Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became our flesh and blood brother. With awe we watched you conquer every temptation and live to weave a flawless robe of righteousness for us.

We praise you for your obedience to the Father's will, willing to die even the shameful death of crucifixion, to fully pay for our disobedience.

Save us Lord, from foolishly relying on our own strength. For under fire we will fall like Peter. Protect us from relying on the strength of the crowd. For then we will praise you when it is popular and demand your death when things turn ugly.

Give us humble hearts that rely on you alone for everything good and right, so we may always delight in your will, hold to your word and rely on your protection.

Fill us, Lord, with the great and humbling spectacle of your Passion. Draw our hearts and minds away from sin and turn us to humbly serve you, our gracious King.

Renew our total reliance on you through the message of your passion. Fill us with newness of life through your resurrection gospel.

Lord Jesus, you are king over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail.

Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful.

Look with favor on our nation's schools. Be with those who teach and those who learn.

Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

... Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent Prayer

Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, fix our focus on your mission to rescue people from the ruinous reign of sin. Set our hearts on telling people everywhere the victory you won for them and the new life you alone can give.

Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

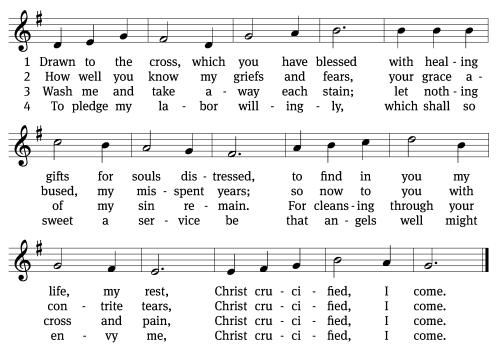
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and †give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Drawn to the Cross

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Silent prayer

Announcements



Holy Week at Peace

The Triduum is one service over three days. It follows Jesus from the Upper Room to the Resurrection.

It concludes the special season of Lenten spiritual renewal.

7:30 PM Holy Thursday Communion Service7:30 PM Good Friday Tenebrae7:30 PM Holy Saturday Easter Vigil with Communion

Sunday:

9:15 AM Easter Breakfast10:45 AM The Resurrection of Our Lord is celebrated on Easter Sunday

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