



SUNDAY of the PASSION

APRIL 13, 2025

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

BLESSING of the PALMS

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna to the Son of David.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL — *Mark 11:1-10*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he 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!"

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered city of Jerusalem in triumph and was acclaimed Son of David and King of Kings by those who scattered their garments and palm branches in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of the Lord.

HYMN #344 — *All Glory, Laud & Honor*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
(... *The people shout*) **Hosanna in the highest!**



PRAYER of the DAY

Sovereign God, you established your rule in the human heart through the servant hood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD



FIRST READING — *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

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?

SECOND READING — *Philippians 2:5-11*

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.



PASSION OF OUR LORD

GOSPEL — *Matthew 27:1-31*

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the

pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.” After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *(Silence follows the Passion reading.)*

MUSIC — *Palm Sunday Procession* ~ Joyful Ringers [8 AM]
— *Open Wide the Gates!* ~ ZION Choir [10:30 AM]

CHILDREN’S SERMON

THE SERMON — Pastor Scott Ludford

HYMN #340 — *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth* [VS. 1, 2, 4]



APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

THE OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC — Jill Sousek [5 PM]

— *Wonderful, Merciful Savior* ~ Joyful Ringers [8 AM]

— *Lamb of God* ~ ZION Choir [10:30 AM]



COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER [TRADITIONAL]

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC — Jill Sousek [5 PM]

— *Little Innocent Lamb* ~ Joyful Ringers [8 AM]

— *Wondrous Love* ~ ZION Choir [10:30 AM]

BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God, at this table, we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As wheat grains are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world in the name of Jesus, the bread of life. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

HYMN #339 — *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the bread. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE — Jill Sousek



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