Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion
Order of Worship – 9 AM

As We Gather – Today’s liturgy is full of contrasts. We recall Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, with its pomp and pageantry. Then we plunge into the Passion, which ends with Jesus’ burial. There is a unifying factor: On Sunday, the crowds hailed Jesus as the King of Israel, and on Friday He reigned from His cruel throne, the cross. There He destroyed death for the sake of His subjects. We offer thanksgiving for His royal, benevolent rule over us and all who bend the knee and call Jesus Lord.

Preservice Music “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” by Donald Busarow

Welcome

[‡Means please stand; †Means please be seated]

Opening Hymn “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” LSB 443

Hosanna, loud Hosanna, The little children sang;
From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,
“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing;

Through pillared court and temple The love-ly anthem rang.
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav’n our King,

To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav’n Rode on in lowly state
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice

The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

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INVOCATION & GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

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

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

12 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, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” 14 And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, 15a “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

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

P 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.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P We cannot come closer to God as we are. It is only through the gracious forgiveness Christ won for us that we are considered righteous under God’s Law. Let us confess our sins, pleading, “Lord, have mercy” and “Save us, O Lord.”

[Silence for reflection on God’s Word and our sinful condition.]

P Father in heaven, David thanked You for answering him and becoming his salvation.

C Your Son humbled Himself and became a human being to die in our place. But we confess that in our disobedience we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Lord, have mercy.

P He was obedient to death and took our sins with Him to the cross. You have exalted Him, that every knee should bow.

C We confess that without Your help we are bound to continue in sin as Your rebellious children. Hosanna! Save us, O Lord!

P For Jesus’ sake, our gracious God has given us His Son’s own righteousness. The stone the builders rejected has become our 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 Amen.
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P  The Lord be with you.
C  And also with you.
P  Let us pray.

All: Almighty and Everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P  The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C  And also with you.
P  Let us share this peace with one another.

(people greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L  This is the Word of the Lord.
C  Thanks be to God.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5–11

EPISTLE LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L  This is the Word of the Lord.
C  Thanks be to God.

VERSE FOR LENT

All: Christ humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:8b

[Congregation remains seated during the following Readings & Hymns]  

LING OF THE PASSION [Part 1]

P  The Passion of our Lord according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.
C  Glory to You, O Lord.

Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. 2 And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." 3 And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." 4 Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." 5 But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

6 When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. 7 And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. 8 When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had
long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. 9 So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. 10 The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. 11 And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. 12 And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

13 Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, 14 and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. 15 Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. 16 I will therefore punish and release him."

Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified

18 But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"—

a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. 19 Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, 20 but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" 22 A third time he said to them, "Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." 23 But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. 24 So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. 25 He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

HYMN

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

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1 Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion;

With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation.

Grant that I in love and faith

How could I refuse to shun

Of Your suffering, pain, and death

Since for me God’s only Son Suffered with out measure?

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READING OF THE PASSION [PART 2]


26 And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. 27 And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. 28 But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but
weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ 30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ 31 For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

32 Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 33 And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. 35 And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37 and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” 38 There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

HYMN

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel ebrate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a - in dis - distress, Our heart’s sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.

Reading of the Passion [Part 3]


39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” 42 And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” 43 And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

44 It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, 45 while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last. 47 Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!” 48 And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. 49 And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.
**READING OF THE PASSION [PART 4]  
Luke 23:50-56**

50 Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. 52 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 53 Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. 54 It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. 55 The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. 56 Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

**HYMN OF THE DAY  
No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet  
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1 No tramp of soldiers’ marching feet  
2 And yet He comes. The children cheer;  
3 What fading flow’rs His road adorns;  
4 Now He who bore for mortals’ sake

With banners and with drums, No sound of music’s
With palms His path is strown. With ev’ry step the
The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
The cross and all its pains And chose a servant’s

martial beat: “The King of glory comes!”
cross draws near: The King of glory’s throne.
only thorn The King of glory’s crown.
form to take, The King of glory reigns.

(continued)
Serenade

To greet what pomp of king-ly pride
A stride a colt He pass-es by
The sol-diers mock, the rab-ble cries,
Ho-san-na to the Sav-ior’s name

No bells in tri-umph ring, No cit-y gates swing
As loud ho-san-nas ring, Or else the ver-y
The streets with tu-mul-t ring, As Pi-late to the
Till heav-en’s raf-ters ring, And all the ran-somed

o-pen wide: “Be-hold, be-hold your King!”
stones would cry “Be-hold, be-hold your King!”
mob re-plies, “Be-hold, be-hold your King!”
host pro-claim “Be-hold, be-hold your King!”
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SERMON

“ROAD TO GLORY”

John 12:12-19

I. The crowds on Palm Sunday misunderstood what type of king Jesus is.
II. Today, we don’t get the king we want from Jesus—we get the king we need.

APOSTLE’S CREED

G I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His
only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third
day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I
believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING / CHORAL SELECTION

“Into Jerusalem”

OFFERTORY

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

1 A-las! And did my Sav-ior bleed, And
5 But drops of grief can ne’er re-pay The

did my sov-reign die? Would He de-vote that
debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my-
sac-red head For such a worm as I?
sel-f a-way: Tis all that I can do.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray the Lord that He may hear us on behalf of the people of God and all people as they have need. That the humility of our Lord’s suffering and death bring forth in us the fruits of faith and renewed faithfulness, for us and for all who hear His Passion today, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

That the sufferings of Christ in our place not only strengthen us in faith but give us courage to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

That the wounds of the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying find healing in the wounds of Christ our Lord, [especially . . . ], let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

That His gracious humility in giving us His righteousness as our baptismal clothing and His flesh and blood as our true and everlasting food equip us with all that we need to do the good works of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

That by His gracious example of humility unto death we learn humility of faith, repent of our sin and unrighteousness, and learn to delight in His will and walk in His ways all the days of our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

That the Lord receive the tithes and offerings we bring, with the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving in our worship, as testament of our faith and as sign of our gratitude, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

That the Lord bless His Church, those who minister in His name, and all the baptized people of God in their vocations of worship, witness, intercession, and service, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

That God visit His grace to us and to all nations, that we have good leaders and that we be good citizens, until the day when we join the saints before the Lord in His eternal city, where He has prepared for us an everlasting place, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

C Amen.
CLOSING HYMN

Ride On, Ride On In Majesty

1 Ride on, ride on in maj-es-ty!  Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj-es-ty!  In low-ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj-es-ty!  The an-gel
4 Ride on, ride on in maj-es-ty!  Thy last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj-es-ty!  In low-ly

tribes ho-san-na cry, O Sav-i-or meek, pur-
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri-umphs
arm-ies of the sky Look down with sad and
fierc-est strife is nigh. The Fa-ther on His
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to

sue Thy road, With palms and scat-tered gar-
ment strowed.
now be-gin O'er cap-tive death and con-
quered sin.
own-d'ring eyes To see the ap-proach-ing sac-
ri-face.
sap-phire throne A-waits His own a-noint-ed Son.
mor-tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” by David Paxton

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 AM

April 21: “Cross in the Garden”; Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker
God is the true Gardener. He brought the soil of His garden into His being to make a new creation.
(John 19:30—20:18)