

## **PASSION SUNDAY 2025**

### **PRELUDE**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EXPLANATION OF LITURGY**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

As the crowds offered their cloaks in thanks and praise for Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, let us offer with joy what God has first given us, ourselves, our time, and our possessions as we give thanks for all that God has done, is doing, and will do with what we have to offer. **Amen.**

### **SPECIAL MUSICAL OFFERING: *Hosanna***

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### **\*BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

Mercifully assist us, O God, that we may remember with joy the story of your passion, through which you have given us life everlasting.

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

**Hosanna in the Highest!**

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 Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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**Hosanna in the Highest!**

### **\*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If

anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,

**“Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!”**

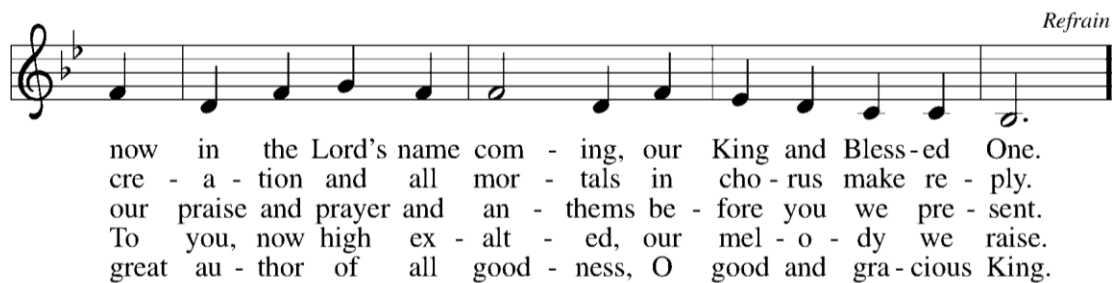
<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! **Hosanna in the highest!**

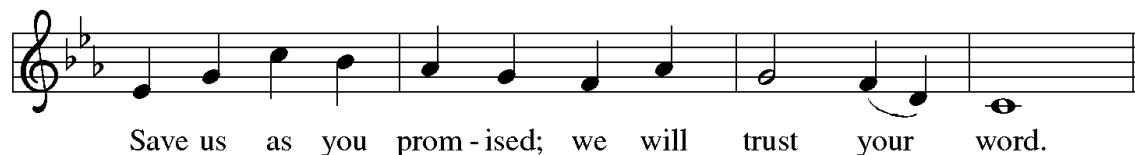
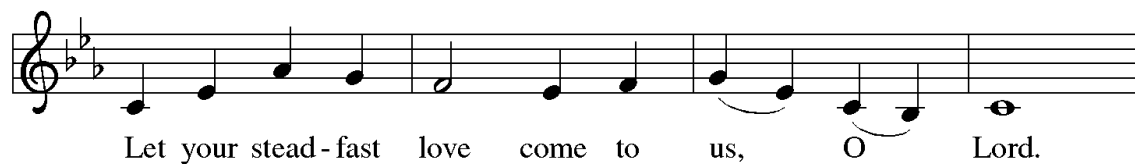
**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All Glory Laud and Honor* (ELW 344)**



- 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,



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL READING: Luke 22:14 – 23:56

The Passion of Jesus Christ according to Luke, **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Please be seated for the Passion reading. All are invited to read the words in **bold**.*

Luke: When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

Jesus: I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Luke: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

Jesus: Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

Luke: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Luke: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

Jesus: This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

Luke: Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

Jesus: The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

Luke: And Simon Peter said to Jesus,

Peter: **Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!**

Luke: Jesus said,

Jesus: I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of Power and Might. Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Just as we read today, on the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and, giving thanks to you, said:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,  
we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;  
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;  
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,  
that we may praise you through your Son Jesus Christ;  
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come. You belong here. This meal is for you.

### **COMMUNION SONG: GRACE UPON GRACE**

All:

Grace up - on grace, mer - cy up - on mer - cy,

peace up - on peace, giv - en for you.

### **BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, bless us and remind us of his  
Passion and Grace. **Amen**

*(The Passion story continues)*

Luke: Jesus said to them,

Jesus: When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

Luke: They said,

Disciples: **No, not a thing.**

Luke: He said to them,

Jesus: But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, “And he was counted among the lawless”; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

Luke: They said,

Disciples: **Lord, look, here are two swords.**

Luke: He replied,

Jesus: It is enough.

Luke: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus: Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

Luke: Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Jesus: Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

Luke: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

Jesus: Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **LORD’S PRAYER (ELW p. 112)**

**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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** There in God's Garden ELW 342

*(The Passion story continues)*

Luke: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

Luke: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

Disciples: **Lord, should we strike with the sword?**

Luke: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

Jesus: No more of this!

Luke: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!



Luke: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Servant Girl: This man also was with him.

Luke: But he denied it, saying,

Peter: **Woman, I do not know him.**

Luke: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Servant 2: You also are one of them.

Luke: But Peter said,

Peter: **Man, I am not!**

Luke: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Servant 3: Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

Luke: But Peter said,

Peter: **Man, I do not know what you are talking about!**

Luke: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Friends, we are truthtellers in the prayer of confession.

We are honest about the fact that, like Peter, we are works in progress.

We tell the truth of our lives. We lay it all out before God.

So let us pray, knowing that God's truth will always mean grace for us.

Great Creator, forgive us

**when we speak before listening,**

**when we speak over our neighbor,**

**when we speak with barbed words.**

Creator God, forgive us

**when we listen to society,**

**when we listen to our friends,**

**when we listen to the news,**

**but we do not listen to you.**

Creator God, forgive us

**when we shout out, but do not shout your name,**

**when we listen, but do not listen for your voice.**

Forgive us. Create in us a heart like yours.

**Amen.**

Friends, whether or not you stuck to your Lenten goals this year,

whether or not this is your first time in church or your thousandth time,

whether or not you know to speak to God or listen for God's voice,

God listens to you. God is merciful. God is abounding in steadfast love.

There is nothing you could do or leave undone that could keep God from loving you. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven.

Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone. **Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**

*(The Passion story continues)*

Luke: Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Soldiers: **Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?**

Luke: They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

Priests: **If you are the Messiah, tell us.**

Luke: Jesus replied,

Jesus: If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

Luke: All of them asked,

Priests: **Are you, then, the Son of God?**

Luke: He said to them,

Jesus: You say that I am.

Luke: Then they said,

Priests: **What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!**

Luke: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

Priests: **We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.**

Luke: Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the king of the Jews?

Luke: He answered,

Jesus: You say so.

Luke: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Luke: But they were insistent and said,

Priests: **He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.**

Luke: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(The Passion story continues)*

Luke: Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Luke: Then they all shouted out together,

Crowd: **Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**

Luke: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

Crowd: **Crucify, crucify him!**

Luke: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

Luke: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand

should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

Luke: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Luke: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Priests: **He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!**

Luke: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Soldiers: **If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!**

Luke: There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Criminal 1: **Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!**

Luke: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2: **Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.**

Luke: Then he said,

Criminal 2: **Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

Luke: Jesus replied,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

## **SENDING HYMN: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded ELW 351**

Luke: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Luke: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: **Certainly this man was innocent.**

Luke: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Luke: Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.

It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

## **SHORT REFLECTION**

### **PEACE AND DISMISSAL**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Go and share Christ's peace, care for one another as we wait for resurrection.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**