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Palm/Passion Sunday

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This Sixth Sunday in Lent we celebrate as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday as it moves us into the solemnities of Holy Week. Weather permitting, we begin outside, palms waving, the Palm Sunday Gospel read, and Hosannas shouted. Singing, we make our way into the sanctuary continuing our festive entrance. But then the mood of our worship quickly shifts as our focus turns to the coming passion of our Lord. We sit on this day for most of our Holy Gospel, quietly attentive to the reading of the entire passion narrative according to Saint Luke.

Weather permitting, gather outside with palms.

T Liturgy of Palms T

The Blessing of the Palms

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

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

People: **Amen**

The Palm Sunday Gospel

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

People: **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

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

People: **“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”**

Pastor: And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

People: **“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”**

Pastor: 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. 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. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna in the highest!**

Entrance Hymn

The King of Glory Comes

OAR 205

The King of glo - ry comes; the na - tion re - joic - es.

O - pen the gates be - fore Him; lift up your voic - es.

1 Who is the King of glo - ry? How shall we call Him?
2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
3 He gave His life for us, the Lamb of sal - va - tion;
4 He con - quered sin and death; He tru - ly has ris - en.

Refrain

He is Im - man - u - el, the prom-ised of a - ges.
He goes a - mong His peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
He took up - on Him - self the sin of the na - tions.
And He will share with us His heav - en - ly King - dom.

The palms are stripped from the cross and the cross is again veiled in purple.

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray

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.

People: Amen.

All sit

T The Liturgy of Passion Sunday T

The congregation remains seated for most of this lengthy reading

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to the Gospel of Saint Luke, Chapters 22-23

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

LSB 439

All sing:

O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?
Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.

The Plot against Jesus

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

Quartet:

What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.

Dispute among the Disciples

Prediction of Peter's Denial

Jesus prays in Gethsemane

All sing:

O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory!
How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story?
How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer?
What dare I offer?

Judas' Betrayal

Jesus' Arrest

Peter's Denial

Quartet:

O wondrous love, whose depth no heart has sounded,
That brought you here, by foes and thieves surrounded!
All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying
While you were dying.

Jesus before the Council
Jesus Before Pilate and Herod

All sing:

The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted;
God is committed.

Jesus Sentenced

Evangelist:
Pilate:

Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, 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. Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore punish and release him.

Evangelist:

But they all cried out together,

Crowds
(spoken by all):

Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas—

Evangelist:

a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting,

Crowds
(spoken by all):

Crucify, crucify him!

Evangelist:
Pilate:

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.

Evangelist:

But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. 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.

The Procession to Golgotha

Quartet:

They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.

Stand

Jesus' Crucifixion

The Two Thieves

Jesus' Death

Jesus' Burial

Men:

For vainly doth our human wisdom ponder—
Thy woes, Thy mercy, still transcend our wonder.
Oh, how should I do aught that could delight Thee!
Can I requite Thee?

Women:

But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;
Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it;
Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness
Nor shame my weakness.

All sing:

And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven
To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,
I, too, shall praise Thee.

Sit



Sermon

Stand

Credo (The Apostles' Creed)

All: 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 thence 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 T everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers, the people greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Offering & Offering Song

Softly And Tenderly



- 1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for you and for me; —
- 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead-ing, plead-ing for you and for me? —
- 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo-ments are pass-ing, pass-ing from you and from me; —
- 4. O for the won - der - ful love He has prom-ised, prom-ised for you and for me; —



See, on the por - tals He's wait - ing and watch-ing, watch-ing for you and for me. _____ Come
Why should we ling - er and heed not His mer-cies, mer-cies for you and for me? _____
Shad - ows are gath - er - ing, death-beds are com-ing, com-ing for you and for me. _____
Tho we have sinned He has mer - cy and par-don, par-don for you and for me. _____



home, _____ come home, _____ ye who are wea-ry, come home; _____



Ear - nest-ly, ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call-ing— Call-ing, "O sin-ner, come home!" _____

T Service of the Sacrament T

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

Pastor: 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. Your steadfast love, which endures forever, moved You to send Your only Son to enter Jerusalem knowing that He would suffer and die for the sin of the world. Through His Passion, death, and resurrection, You give salvation to all who believe in His name. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

People:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Institution

Pastor: 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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: **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.**

The Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

All sit

Distribution and Distribution Hymns

Were You There

(duet only) Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh...! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

(all) Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Oh...! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

(all) Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Oh...! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

(all) Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Oh...! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

(duet only) Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh...! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

LSB 429

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that we have received at this altar the benefits of Your Son's Passion in His body and blood given and shed for us, that we might be forgiven and strengthened; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Pastor: 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 T give you peace.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Ride On, Ride On In Majesty

LSB 441

Brief Silence

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

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*Special thanks to Michael Alan Pearce – violin, David Kriete – clarinet, David Euans – percussion, & Mary Sommar
- vocalist*



