

Welcome Blessed are all who come in the name of the Lord, humbly seeking the will of the Lord, confidently following the way of the Lord, and joyfully receiving the Word of the Lord. Walk with the Lord this week to the upper room, the Mount of Olives, to the judgment hall, to Calvary, to the grave in the garden. Make this Holy Week pilgrimage in meditation and worship, and receive the blessing of the Lord.

PRELUDE

We stand and face the rear of the nave.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, 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. 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, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

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

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

P The Gospel for this Passion Sunday is from St. Luke, the 19th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:29–38

When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P 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 of 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. 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.

C Amen.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” 442

**1. All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David’s royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One.**

**2. The company of angels are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.**

**3. To Thee, before Thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.**

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

C Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

C Almighty God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon Him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in His obedience to Your will and in the glorious victory of His resurrection; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM (11:00) “Lift High the Palms!” Joseph M. Martin

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Deuteronomy 32:36-39

Pew Bible pg. 222

EPISTLE LESSON

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Philippians 2:5-11

Pew Bible pg. 1248

OFFERING

SERMON “Recognize the Time of God’s Coming to You!”

Pastor Paul Nelson

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

READING OF THE PASSION

Part 1:St. Luke 22:1-23

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

When all have communed, the Long Gospel reading for Palm Sunday will continue.

Part 2 St. Luke 22:24 – 23:31

Part 3 St. Luke 23:32 – 56

The congregation stands when prompted as the final moments of the crucifixion are read. A moment of silence is observed at the death of Jesus.

HYMN

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

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On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun-da-tion, And my glo-ry and sal-va - tion!

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PRAYER

P God of kindness and truth, You saved Your chosen one, Jesus Christ, and You give Your martyrs strength. Watch over Your people who come to You now, and strengthen the hearts of those who hope in You, that they may proclaim Your saving acts of kindness in the eternal city; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

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4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



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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POSTLUDE