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PALM SUNDAY SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

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Christ's blessings to all! **To our visitors**, we rejoice to have you gathered together with us in our Lord's House this day & look forward to having you with us again. If you are searching for a Church home, **please introduce yourself to Pastor** afterwards, or indicate such together **with your contact information** in the red 'Fellowship Booklets' located in each pew.

The Order of Service without Holy Communion

Bells of St. John's

Stand

Palm Sunday Gospel Reading: John 12:12-19

¹²The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ¹³took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out:

"Hosanna!

*'Blessed is He who comes in the
name of the LORD!'*

The King of Israel!"

¹⁴Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵ *"Fear not, daughter of Zion;*

Behold, your King is coming,

Sitting on a donkey's colt."

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. ¹⁷Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. ¹⁸For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He

had done this sign. ¹⁹The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"

Sit

Hymn of Invocation #160

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Stand

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

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 Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**

Introit

Psalms 24:7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P 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.

C A - men.

Sit

The Catechism Review – The Apostles' Creed

What is The Second Article?

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.

What does this mean? **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,**

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Old Testament Reading *Deuteronomy 32:36–39*

³⁶The LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants,
when he sees that their power is gone
and there is none remaining, bond or free.

³⁷Then he will say, “Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,

³⁸who ate the fat of their sacrifices
and drank the wine of their drink offering?

Let them rise up and help you;
let them be your protection!

³⁹“See now that I, even I, am he,
and there is no god beside me;

I kill and I make alive;
I wound and I heal;

and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir “For You” (*8 & 10:30*)

(You may follow the text below.)

You who spread branches on the ground,

You shouted, “Blessed is He!”

Jerusalem rang with the sound;

Now Jesus hangs upon the tree.

For you He was born,

For you He died,

For you your Jesus was crucified.

You sang, “Hosanna” on the way.

Then three short days changed everything;

“Barabbas!” is your shout today.

For what was He born,

For what He died?

For what was Jesus crucified?

We who can read about the day

They shouted, “Blessed is He!” –

We are no more worthy than they.

We must proclaim to all we meet:

“For you He was born,

For you He died,

For you your Jesus was crucified.”

For us He was born,

For us He died,

For us our Savior was crucified.

Gradual *Heb. 9:12a, c, 15a; Ps. 111:9a*

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,
thus securing an eternal redemption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant forever.

Epistle *Philippians 2:5–11*

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *Luke 23:1–56*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate.
²And 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.”³And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.”⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.”⁵But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.”

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

¹³Pilate 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.¹⁵Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him.¹⁶I will therefore punish and release him.”

¹⁸But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”—¹⁹a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder.²⁰Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus,²¹but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!”²²A 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.”²³But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed.²⁴So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted.²⁵He 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.

²⁶And 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.²⁷And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him.²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.²⁹For 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!’³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.³³And 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.³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.³⁵And 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!”³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

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

⁴⁴It 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.⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.⁴⁷Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!”⁴⁸And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts.⁴⁹And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man,⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God.⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.⁵³Then 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.⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning.⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid.⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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 everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day #162

“Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty”

Sermon “The Innocent Handed Over; the Guilty Released”

Luke 23:20-25

- I. Jesus, the Innocent One, was handed over to be crucified, while the guilty Barabbas was released.
- II. This is a great portrayal of what Jesus has done for us.

Stand

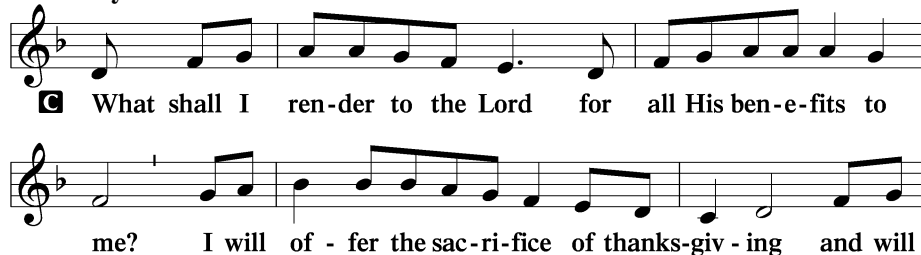
Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

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Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Lord's Prayer

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

Sit

Hymn #143, v. 1-5

“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”

The Collect for the Word

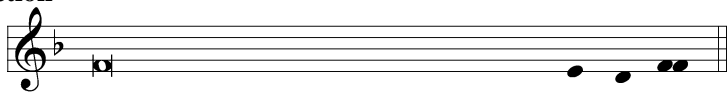
A Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction



P 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 ✠ give you peace.



C A - - men.

Closing Hymn #173

“Lord Jesus, We Give Thanks to Thee”

Daily Readings April 13: Ex. 8:1–32; Heb. 1:1–14; 14: Ex. 9:1–28; Heb. 2:1–18; 15: Ex. 9:29–10:20; Heb. 3:1–19; 16: Ex. 10:21–11:10; Heb. 4:1–16; 17: Ex. 12:1–28; Heb. 5:1–14; 18: Ex. 12:29–32; 13:1–16; Heb. 6:1–20; 19: Ex. 13:17–14:9; Heb. 7:1–22.

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