



# Passion Sunday

Hosanna! Blessed is he  
who comes in the name  
of the Lord!

Mark 11:9b

**PALM SUNDAY – PASSION SUNDAY**

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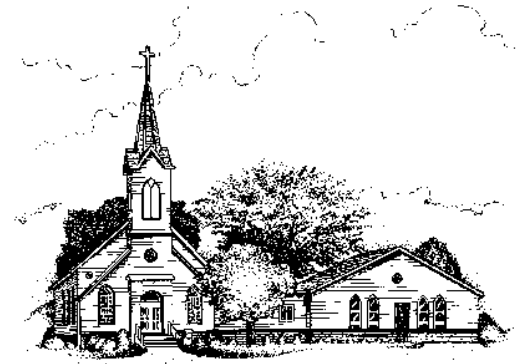
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## Welcome to God's House

Today is Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week, when Christians commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem before his suffering and death as our Savior. For the next eight weeks, the major events that we



will celebrate will be observed in "real time" — Jesus Palm Sunday entrance, the institution of Holy Communion (Holy Thursday), the death of Jesus (Good Friday), the resurrection of Jesus from the dead (Easter Sunday), Jesus' ascension into heaven (40 days after Easter), and finally the coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples on the day of Pentecost (50 days after Easter). As we celebrate these events in "real time," may the Holy Spirit help us to see the depths of Jesus' sacrifice and victory for us and our salvation!

Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday. Many churches use this day to preview the account of Jesus' suffering and death, which will be celebrated in connection with Holy Thursday and Good Friday this week. Our service today celebrates both emphases—Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Invocation and Call to Worship

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

**Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, during the weeks of Lent we have been preparing to commemorate our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection. Today we come together to begin the solemn journey of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Savior and to gain for us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We follow him in faith and praise him with joy.

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

## Reading

**Mark 11:1-10**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

<sup>4</sup> They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, <sup>5</sup> some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" <sup>6</sup> They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. <sup>7</sup> When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**Refrain:** All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. **Refrain**

The company of angels is praising you on high,  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. **Refrain**

The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. **Refrain**

To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;  
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **Refrain**

As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing, our good and gracious King. **Refrain**

## Prayer

Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted "Hosanna" and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our praise, and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**



## The Passion History according to St. Mark

### Reading

Mark 14:1-11

Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. <sup>2</sup> “But not during the festival,” they said, “or the people may riot.”

<sup>3</sup> While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

<sup>4</sup> Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? <sup>5</sup> It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly.

<sup>6</sup> “Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup> The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup> She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. <sup>9</sup> Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

<sup>10</sup> Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. <sup>11</sup> They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

### Hymn

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now #420:1

Jesus, I will ponder now on your holy passion;  
with your Spirit me endow for such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith may the image cherish  
of your suffering, pain, and death that I may not perish.

<sup>12</sup> On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

<sup>13</sup> So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. <sup>14</sup> Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>15</sup> He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

<sup>16</sup> The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup> When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. <sup>18</sup> While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me."

<sup>19</sup> They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely you don't mean me?"

<sup>20</sup> "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. <sup>21</sup> The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

<sup>22</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

<sup>23</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

<sup>24</sup> "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. <sup>25</sup> "Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

<sup>26</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

## Hymn

## Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared #667:1

Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared this feast for our salvation;  
it is your body and your blood, and at your invitation  
as weary souls, with sin oppressed, we come to you for needed rest,  
for comfort, and for pardon.

## Reading

Mark 14:27-42

<sup>27</sup> “You will all fall away,” Jesus told them, “for it is written:

“I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep will be scattered.’

<sup>28</sup> But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

<sup>29</sup> Peter declared, “Even if all fall away, I will not.”

<sup>30</sup> “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times.”

<sup>31</sup> But Peter insisted emphatically, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the others said the same.

<sup>32</sup> They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” <sup>33</sup> He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup> “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.”

<sup>35</sup> Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> “*Abba*, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

<sup>37</sup> Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Couldn’t you keep watch for one hour? <sup>38</sup> Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

<sup>39</sup> Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. <sup>40</sup> When he came

back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

<sup>41</sup> Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

## Hymn

## Go to Dark Gethsemane #425:1-2

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour.  
Turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned.  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall, oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, pain, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

## Reading

## Mark 14:43-65

<sup>43</sup> Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.

<sup>44</sup> Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” <sup>45</sup> Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. <sup>46</sup> The men seized Jesus and arrested him. <sup>47</sup> Then one of those standing near

drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

<sup>48</sup> “Am I leading a rebellion,” said Jesus, “that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? <sup>49</sup> Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.” <sup>50</sup> Then everyone deserted him and fled.

<sup>51</sup> A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, <sup>52</sup> he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.



<sup>53</sup> They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. <sup>54</sup> Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

<sup>55</sup> The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. <sup>56</sup> Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

<sup>57</sup> Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: <sup>58</sup> “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.’” <sup>59</sup> Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

<sup>60</sup> Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” <sup>61</sup> But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

<sup>62</sup> “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

<sup>63</sup> The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. <sup>64</sup> “You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?”

They all condemned him as worthy of death. <sup>65</sup> Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, “Prophesy!” And the guards took him and beat him.

## Hymn

## O Dearest Jesus #432:1, 4

O dearest Jesus, what law have you broken  
that such sharp sentence should on you be spoken?  
Of what great crime have you to make confession,  
what dark transgression?

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.

## Reading

Mark 14:66–15:20

<sup>66</sup> While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. <sup>67</sup> When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him.

“You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus,” she said.

<sup>68</sup> But he denied it. “I don’t know or understand what you’re talking about,” he said, and went out into the entryway.

<sup>69</sup> When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, “This fellow is one of them.” <sup>70</sup> Again he denied it.

After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, “Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.”

<sup>71</sup> He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know this man you’re talking about.”

<sup>72</sup> Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

<sup>2</sup> “Are you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate.

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

<sup>3</sup> The chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup> So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.”

<sup>5</sup> But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup> Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. <sup>7</sup> A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. <sup>8</sup> The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

<sup>9</sup> “Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, <sup>10</sup> knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

<sup>12</sup> “What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them.

<sup>13</sup> “Crucify him!” they shouted.

<sup>14</sup> “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

<sup>15</sup> Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup> The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. <sup>17</sup> They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. <sup>18</sup> And they began to call out to him, “Hail, king of the Jews!” <sup>19</sup> Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. <sup>20</sup> And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

## Hymn

## My Song Is Love Unknown #397:4-5

Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?

He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.

Sweet injuries! Yet they at these

themselves displease and 'gainst him rise.

They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away.  
A murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes  
that he his foes from death might free.

## Reading

Mark 15:21-41

<sup>21</sup> A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. <sup>22</sup> They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). <sup>23</sup> Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup> And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

<sup>25</sup> It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup> The written notice of the charge against him read: the king of the jews.

<sup>27</sup> They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup> Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup> come down from the cross and save yourself!” <sup>31</sup> In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves.

“He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! <sup>32</sup> Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

<sup>33</sup> At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup> And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

<sup>35</sup> When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.”

<sup>36</sup> Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and

offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said.

<sup>37</sup> With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

<sup>38</sup> The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

<sup>40</sup> Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. <sup>41</sup> In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.

## Hymn

## O Sacred Head, Now Wounded #428:1, 3

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded, with thorns your only crown,  
O sacred head, no glory now from your face does shine;  
yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call you mine.

What language shall I borrow to thank you, dearest Friend,  
for this, your dying sorrow, your pity without end?

O make me yours forever, and keep me strong and true;  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for you.

## Reading

## Mark 15:42-47

<sup>42</sup> It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, <sup>43</sup> Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body. <sup>44</sup> Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. <sup>45</sup> When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the

body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup> So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. <sup>47</sup> Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

## Hymn

## Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labor #437:1

Rest, O Christ, from all your labor;  
sleep within your borrowed tomb.  
Foes have crucified and bound you  
fast within death's narrow room.  
Pilate's guards stand watching, waiting  
where they rolled the sealing stone.  
All unseen another watches:  
God will not forsake his own.

## Devotion

## The Passion History

### *Real Strength*

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with

the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Offering**

*The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.*

## **The Sacrament**

### **Preface**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

## **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**ELLACOMBE #1047**

♪ Sing, “Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts on high,  
your everlasting glory fills earth and sea and sky.”  
Our voices cry, “Hosanna!” Lord, hear our humble plea:  
in mercy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.

Hosanna in the highest! How blest is Christ our King,  
who died as our Redeemer, eternal life to bring!  
How blest are you, Lord Jesus, now coming in God’s name!  
“Hosanna in the highest!” our grateful hearts proclaim.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus’ death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son’s body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you



in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

### **Words of Institution**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## **O Christ, Lamb of God**

**WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN #1054**

♪ Lamb of God, our Savior, Christ, who takes away  
all the world's transgressions, listen as we pray:

Jesus, in your mercy, make us pure within;  
cleanse us by your perfect sacrifice for sin.

Let your endless mercy evermore increase;  
comfort us with pardon, calm us with your peace.

Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
who, thyself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:  
through thy sufferings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Thou, ah! Thou hast taken on thee bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
pain and scorn were heaped upon thee, O thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst thou my soul deliver from the bonds of sin forever.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Thou hast borne the smiting only that my wounds might all be whole;  
thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, rest to give my weary soul;  
yea, the curse of God enduring, blessing unto me securing.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Heartless scoffers did surround thee, treating thee with cruel scorn,  
and with piercing thorns they crowned thee. All disgrace thou, Lord, hast borne  
that as thine thou mightest own me and with heav'nly glory crown me.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Thou hast suffered men to bruise thee that from pain I might be free;  
falsely did thy foes accuse thee: thence I gain security.  
Comfortless thy soul did languish me to comfort in my anguish.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Thou hast suffered great affliction and hast borne it patiently,  
even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me.  
Thou didst choose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Then, for all that wrought my pardon, for thy sorrows deep and sore,  
for thine anguish in the garden, I will thank thee evermore,  
thank thee for thy groaning, sighing, for thy bleeding and thy dying,  
for that last triumphant cry and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn**

### **Ride On, Ride On in Majesty #411:1, 3, 5**

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.

O Savior meek, pursue your road, with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky  
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see th' approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.

Bow your meek head to mortal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.

## **This Week at Zion**

<b>Today:</b>	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Passion / Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study
<b>Mon:</b>	10:00 a.m.	OWLS Meeting at Peace Hartford
<b>Tue:</b>	2:30 p.m.	KM Gardens Devotion, Kewaskum
	7:00 p.m.	NPH Online Bible study
<b>Thu:</b>	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Fri:</b>	1:00 p.m.	Good Friday Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Sat:</b>	7:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil at Crown of Life, Hubertus
<b>Sun:</b>	6:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise service
	7:00 a.m.	Easter breakfast in fellowship hall
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Worship

**Holy Communion** We believe that gathering together at God’s altar to receive the Lord’s Supper is a testimony of the confession, commitment and unity we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our Lutheran denomination to speak with the pastor before joining us at the altar so all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice.

**A Holy Week** The word “holiday” is short for “holy day.” Through the course of a year, there are certain days we set apart as special to commemorate special events or influential individuals. While there are many holy days, there is only one holy week. The final week of Lent marks the most pivotal week in human history. In the four gospels – the biographies of Jesus’ 33 –year life – this single week consumes nearly a third of them. The Holy Spirit considered the events of this week to be that important. Join us for the special services this week and you’ll see why.

**Holy Week Devotional** “The Savior We Need” is MLC’s newest devotion book created for you. It contains eight devotions written by MLC faculty, one for each

day of Holy Week, Go to <https://mlc-wels.edu/>, scroll down and click on the link to “Holy Week Devotions.” You can choose to read / listen to them there or have them e-mailed to you.

**Easter Breakfast** There are still a few open lines for donations for our Easter breakfast. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board. If you can help, please sign up for an item or two and bring them to church sometime this week. Thank you!

**We thank** Anna Bode for (Thursday) and Barb Olsen (Sunday) for serving as our accompanists this weekend.

**Help Needed!** If you could stay for a few minutes after church today to set up the fellowship hall for our Easter breakfast it would be appreciated!

**Bags / Cornhole Tournament** Join us for a fun evening of food, friendly competition, and the chance to win some great prizes. The date is **April 6<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 5 p.m. and the place is our church fellowship hall. Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

**Parents Night Out** Parents, if you’re looking for a date night, consider dropping your kids off at KML on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> for a fun night filled with activities and games while you enjoy a couple hours on your own (or at our bags tournament!). Check the poster on the bulletin board to sign up and / or for more information.

**Open Enrollment for School Choice** If you’re looking for a quality Christian education for your child(ren) in a smaller elementary school with a loving atmosphere, consider St. Lucas Lutheran in Kewaskum. Since St. Lucas participates in the Wisconsin Parental School Program, you may be eligible to have your tuition covered. The signup runs through April 18<sup>th</sup>. E-mail or call Principal Mark Hesse with any questions at 262-626-2680 or [mhesse@stlucaswels.org](mailto:mhesse@stlucaswels.org).

**Online Bible Study** If you missed Forward in Christ’s live Bible study on February 20<sup>th</sup>, you can still watch it at [forwardinchrist.net/online-study](http://forwardinchrist.net/online-study). Then join us at 7 p.m. (Central) on this Tuesday night for his next live study: “What’s if it’s true . . . that God wants your broken heart.”

**Easter Vigil** Crown of Life in Hubertus invites our members to join them for their Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**Pick up** the new church calendar for April from the cabinets in the entryway.

**Preschool Hiring** St. Paul Little Learners Preschool and Childcare in Slinger is accepting applications for part-time or full-time teachers in our childcare. We operate a 3K and 4K preschool along with full day childcare for children from 30 months (and independent in the bathroom) to 13 years old. If you would like to learn more, contact Lisa Meissner by calling 262-644-8295 ext. 1. or e-mailing [littlelearners@stpaulslinger.org](mailto:littlelearners@stpaulslinger.org).

**2024 KML Golden Gala** We invite you to join us at KML for an incredible evening at the Golden Gala on Saturday, April 20, 2024! This year you will enjoy a glittering evening filled with golden glamour, not only in honor of KML's 50<sup>th</sup> year, but in celebration of 25 years of the KML Auction/Gala fundraising event! Enjoy delicious eats, fellowship, and live and silent auctions. In addition, you can pay for the chance to be a participant in KML's version of the game show *The Price is Right*, live with host President Jamie "Bob Barker" Luehring.

Proceeds benefit the Let's Grow Together campaign and the student assistance fund. Register TODAY at [kmlhs.org/gala](http://kmlhs.org/gala). **Early Bird by March 25:** \$120/person (after March 25: \$140/person) The final deadline is **April 1, 2024** (no fooling). You can even pay for a chance to play in the game show. Check that option when you purchase your tickets.

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