Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion March 28, 2021 10:30 a.m. Service





ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 'Hearing, Sharing and Living the Gospel'



You are invited to use the yellow Prayer Cards located in the pew for prayer requests. Please hand this card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

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PALM SUNDAY/SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Divine Service – Setting Four March 28, 2020 10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand and face the processional cross

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ℜ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- **Introit** *Ps. 24:7-10, antiphon: Ps. 118:26*
- P Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
- **C** We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- **P** Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
- **C** that the King of glory may come in.
- **P** Who is this King of glory?
- **C** The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
- **P** Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
- **C** that the King of glory may come in.
- **P** Who is this King of glory?
- **C** The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!
- P Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
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Palm Sunday Gospel John 12:12-19 **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter. **C** Praise to You, O Lord. **P** 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, **C** Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel! **P** And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" 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.

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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,

C You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him.



- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Glory to You, O Christ.

Prayer of the Palms

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, who through Your prophets foretold our King's coming: we give You thanks for fulfilling Your Word,

C and we pray that You would use these palms to remind us of the day He entered Jerusalem. Bless us who bear them, and grant that we may rejoice in His salvation in the heavenly Jerusalem; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with

You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the
LORD!LORD!Psalm 118:26a, 25a

C Hosanna! Save us, we pray, O Lord!

LSB 442 sts. ref, 1, 3-5 **Opening Hymn** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Refrain 7 All glo - ry, laud, and hon or To You, Re-deem-er, King. chil -To whom the lips of dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring. 1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son. 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 As You re-ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring, Refrain 0 the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed Now in One. Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent. ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy You, now high we raise. То ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra-cious King. O Source of

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- + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + LSB 203
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness;

therefore You are feared. Psalm 130:3-4

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

(Silence for self-examination and confession to God in light of the Ten Commandments and reflection on God's Word.)

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: *Luke 18:13*

C God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

God be merciful to you and strengthen your *LSB 292*

C Amen.

Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?
LSB 293

C Yes.

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

P Almighty God in

LSB 203

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 \bigstar Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

(During Lent, the HYMN OF PRAISE/GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is omitted)

Prayer of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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,

C Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience, and be made partakers of His resurrection;

P through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading Zechariah 9:9-12

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

11 As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

12 Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Heb. 9:12a, c, 15a; Ps. 111:9a* **A C** [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 Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

(During Lent, the ALLELUIA is omitted)

Verse Phil 2:8h **P C** He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.





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Sermon

"The Threat of Jesus" Pastor Tom Rhodes



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The Holy Gospel: Passion of Our Lord *Mark 15:1-47*

P The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Mark, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

 Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.
 "Are you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate.
 "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied.

3 The chief priests accused him of many things. 4 So again Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of."

5 But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

6 Now it was the custom at the Feast to release a prisoner whom the people requested.

7 A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. 8 The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

9 "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate, 10 knowing it was out of

envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

12 "What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked them.

13 "Crucify him!" they shouted.

14 "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!" 15 Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

16 The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. 17 They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. 18 And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" 19 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.

20 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.

21 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. 22 They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). 23 Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. 24 And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get. 25 It was the third hour when they crucified him.

26 The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. 27 They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. 29 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, 30 come down from the cross and save yourself!"

31 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!

32 Let this Christ, 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.

(A Moment of Silence)

Special Music On Screen "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

(The congregation stands for the remainder of the Passion)

33 At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"—which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" 35 When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah." 36 One man ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said. 37 With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. 38 The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. 39 And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

40 Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. 41 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.

42 It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, 43 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. 44 Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. 45 When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. 46 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. 47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

P This is the Passion of Our Lord.C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene CreedLSB 206PCI believe in one God, the Father Almighty,maker of heaven and earth and of all thingsvisible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under **Pontius Pilate.**

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ★ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

LSB 207

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

▶ 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 mercy.

▶ For this holy house and for all who in faith, piety and love come to receive His gifts and praise His name, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the Lord would uphold this world in His order; for the Church, that she would be defended from all enemies; for our homes, that the Lord would bless parents and children in faith until life's end; and for the government, that God would grant all authorities health and wisdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our catechumens that they may grow in repentance, faith and holy living, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- For the sick and sorrowful, for those who mourn, and for all who stand in need of God's will to be done to His glory and their healing, especially those on our prayer list and cards, let us
- pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

 P Lord God, heavenly Father, we here remember the threats, the sufferings, and the death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in
 His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We Return To God Our Offerings

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 209P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

you peace.

C Amen.



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