

Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion | Sixth Sunday in Lent

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## Order of Worship: Holy Communion, Setting Four

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PRELUDE & BELLS *We observe a moment of silence for prayer and meditation.*

WELCOME

Blessed be the Kingdom...now and forever **and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

*We gather outside on the entryway steps*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna to the Highest.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: MARK 11:1-11

*Jesus enters Jerusalem*

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*We raise our palm branches*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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. **Amen.**


PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of the Lord.**

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“All Glory, Laud & Honor”

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high;
- 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 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
Our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.  
Music: VALET WILL. ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635

✠HOLY COMMUNION✠

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

in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9

*Christ Humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above ev'ry name.*

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9A

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 31:9-16

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>**I am forgotten like a dead man out of mind;  
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.  
I have said, "You are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>**Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and in your lovingkindness save me."**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*We stand.* GOSPEL ACCLIMATION

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Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL READING: MARK 14:1—15:47

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

...<sup>33</sup>When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.<sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"<sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."<sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."<sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.<sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.<sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"<sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.<sup>41</sup>These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.<sup>42</sup>When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,<sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.<sup>44</sup>Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time.<sup>45</sup>When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph.<sup>46</sup>Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.<sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to You, O Christ!**

*We sit.* SERMON

*Guaranteed!*  
**Finish Line**

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The Creed is omitted on this solemn day.*

*We stand.* PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the Church, the world, and one another.

*A brief silence*

Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ! By your Cross and precious blood you have redeemed the whole world. Hosanna in the highest!

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You were called Son of David and Son of God by pilgrims in Jerusalem. Let your Church add its voice to theirs, until all people sing, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!”

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You were met by people crying “Hosanna,” – Lord, save! Grant your salvation to your followers who are persecuted for naming you as Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

You accepted the praises of the crowds who worshipped in Jerusalem. Teach this congregation to gladly worship you, humbly do your will, and lovingly serve our neighbor in your name. We pray for our mission to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus; to support Solid Rock our mission in action; and that you send us adults for baptism.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You were greeted with children’s sweet Hosannas. We pray for our little ones, and for children throughout the world, that their mouths might be made perfect in praising your name.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You entered Jerusalem as the Prince of Peace. Fill our earthly leaders with a hunger for peace, a thirst for justice, and a love for the people entrusted to their care. Teach us all to do your will and to long for the day when you return in glory as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You entered Jerusalem on a donkey, not a war horse. Fill all places of violence with your peace. Protect and bless those who stand in harm's way. Bring them safely home to their loved ones.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You were greeted with joy as you entered the Holy City. Fill with joy the hearts of all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, including: {List}. Turn their sorrow into joy, and their cries for help into shouts of praise.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You open the gates of the New Jerusalem for all who die trusting in you. Thank you for receiving them into that glorious city. We pray especially for the families of {List}. Bring peace and hope to all who grieve. Fill us with imperishable hope, so that we gladly follow where you lead us – until you lead us safely home.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers, dear Jesus, and lay them at your Father's throne. Let all that pleases him be done, to your glory and the good of your people. **Amen.**

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also, with you.**

*We briefly greet those in our row with the words "Peace be with you."*

*We sit.* OFFERING, OFFERTORY SONG & PRAYER- *Giving back to God*



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*We stand* #186

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of



your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, king of the universe. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right and salutary . . . and join their unending hymn:

*Sung*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth... as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

*We sit.* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The mystery of the faith. **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ present and received in, with, and under the bread and wine. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and who believe the Lord's words "This is my body given for you" and "This is my blood poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins" may receive Communion. Young children, not yet receiving Communion, may receive a blessing.*

*(Matt 26:26ff, Mark 14:22ff, Luke 22:19ff, 1 Cor. 11:24ff)*

*Communion administration occurs in a continuous fashion at the Communion rail. The ushers will guide you to the rail. To receive the elements, extend your hand, palm up, to the ministers. White grape juice is available in the center of the trays. For those unable to consume either bread or wine, the Church affirms the Lord's full presence in each element alone. Once you have received the elements, return to your seat by the side aisles. If you do not desire to receive Holy Communion, you may remain seated.*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#195

"Lamb of God"

*John 1:29*

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.

We stand POST-COMMUNION BLESSING, SONG, & PRAYER  
May the true body and blood...keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

“Lord Now You Let Your Servant”

9AM only Luke 2:29-32



☩ Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,



and will be for - ev - er. A - men

Let us pray... Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

BENEDICTION

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. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

#347

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

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by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

**ENTRANCE HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (ELW 344)**

Text by John Mason Neale; Music by Melchior Teschner

**Refrain**

**All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.**

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

**2 The company of angels  
are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals  
in chorus make reply. Refrain**

**3 The multitude of pilgrims  
with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present. Refrain**

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

**5 Their praises you accepted;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious King. Refrain**

## **Hymn of the Day: "There Is a Redeemer"**

Text by Melody Green; Music by Bud John Songs

**1 There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One**

### ***Refrain***

**Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done**

**2 Jesus my Redeemer name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah  
O for sinners slain. *Refrain***

**3 When I stand in glory I will see His face  
There I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place. *Refrain***

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**CLOSING HYMN *Go to Dark Gethsemane* (ELW 347)**

Text by James Montgomery; Music by Richard Redhead

**1 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.**

**2 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 suff'ring, shame, or loss;  
learn from him to bear the cross.**

**3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
there, adoring at his feet,  
mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear him cry;  
learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

**4 Early hasten to the tomb,  
where they laid his breathless clay;  
all is solitude and gloom.  
Who has taken him away?  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.  
Savior, teach us so to rise.**