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Sunday of the Passion

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then 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.

ACCLAMATION

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

C Hosanna in the highest.

BLESSING OF PALMS

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph

and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “All Glory, Laud and Honor” #108

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Everlasting God, 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.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The 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.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I 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.

⁷The 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;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

R Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

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

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

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my
neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
I am as useless as a | broken pot. R**

¹³For 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.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.
I have said, “You | are my God.**

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

¹⁶**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.” R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

NARRATIVE GOSPEL: Mark 14:1-15:47

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

(Please see booklet)

HYMN OF THE DAY “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” #117

APOSTLES’ CREED *(Please stand as able)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

**He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A In Jesus you came among us as a suffering servant. Give your church humility. Redeem your people from pride and the certainty that we always know your will. Heal us and empower us to confess Christ crucified. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A In creation, life springs from death. Redeem your creation awaiting resurrection: restore lost habitats and endangered species. Create new possibilities for areas affected by climate change, grant relief from natural disasters (*especially*), and nurture new growth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Jesus was handed over to the powers of this world. In all nations, instruct the powerful, that they would not exploit their power but maintain justice. Sustain soldiers, and guide those who command them, that they serve those in greatest need. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Abide with those who are condemned to death. Defend those who are falsely accused. Console and strengthen those who are mocked or bullied. Accompany all who suffer (*especially*); grant respite and renewal. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You called followers to tend Jesus' body in death. Sustain hospice workers and funeral directors. Bless this congregation's ministries at times of death: those who plan and lead funerals, those who prepare meals, all who offer support in grief. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A You inspired the centurion to confess Jesus as your Son. We praise you for the faith you have given to people of all places and times. Give us also such faith to trust the promises of baptism and, with them, to look for the resurrection of the dead. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P 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.**

BLESSING

P You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “What Wondrous Love is This?” **#107**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

April 1 Maundy Thursday Worship & Stripping of Altar – **7pm**
(Live stream on facebook)

April 2 Good Friday Tenebrae – **7:00pm**
(Live Stream on facebook)

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4 Community **Sunrise** Worship at Sky Island – **6:30am**
Drive-In Worship with Communion – **10:00am**
(also Live Streamed on facebook)

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