

# SUNDAY OF THE PASSION + PALM SUNDAY + MARCH 29, 2026

## PROCESSION OF PALMS

### *GREETING*

**P** The grace of our Lord ✝ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** Hosanna to the Son of David.

### *COLLECT*

**P** Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King

and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*HOLY GOSPEL*

John 12:12–19

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

**P** <sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>“Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** in the name of the Lord.

*442 ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR*

ref 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 Blessèd One. Refrain

2 The company of angels  
Is praising You on high,  
And we with all creation  
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 As You received their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing,  
Our good and gracious King. Refrain

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***(When all have arrived at their places, the procession concludes with the following:)***

- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**C** **Hosanna in the highest.**

### *COLLECT OF THE DAY*

- 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** Amen.

*OLD TESTAMENT READING*

Isaiah 50:4–9a

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 50.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike,

and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a 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 is my adversary?  
Let him come near to me.

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*EPISTLE*

Philippians 2:5–11

**A** The Epistle is from Philippians, chapter 2.

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

*VERSE (LENT)*

LSB 173

**C** **Return to the Lord, your God,  
for He is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast  
love,**

**and abounding in steadfast love.**

*HOLY GOSPEL*

Matthew 27:45–54

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>47</sup>And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” <sup>48</sup>And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” <sup>50</sup>And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup>And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were

raised, <sup>53</sup>and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### *APOSTLES' CREED*

**C** 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.**

## *SERMON*

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

## *OFFERTORY*

LSB 192

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH*

*PREFACE*

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross

that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

*SANCTUS*

LSB 195

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that  
cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

*LORD'S PRAYER*

LSB 196

**P** 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.

**C** **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and  
the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

LSB 197

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was  
betrayed, took bread, and when He had given  
thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and  
said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given  
for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after  
supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it  
to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is  
the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed  
for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as  
often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

*PAX DOMINI*

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

*AGNUS DEI*

LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away  
the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away  
the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away  
the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*423 JESUS, REFUGE OF THE WEARY*

1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary,  
Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended,  
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended,  
You have borne the pain of all.

2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,  
See Your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us  
Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us  
Calms the sinner's deep distress.

3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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*837 LIFT HIGH THE CROSS*

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ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.  
Refrain

3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
Refrain

4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.  
Refrain

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.  
Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

*NUNC DIMITTIS*

LSB 199

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*BENEDICTION*

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

### *441 RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY*

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
  
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
  
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see the\_ approaching sacrifice.
  
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.

The Father on His sapphire throne  
Awaits His own anointed Son.

- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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