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Palm Sunday/ Sunday of the Passion

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Prelude

Processional Gospel *Please Stand*

Luke 19:28–40

²⁸And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

Processional Hymn

“The King of Glory”

~The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices; Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.

♪ Who is the King of glory; how shall we call Him?

He is Emmanuel, the Promised of ages. ~The King...

♪ In all of Galilee in city or village,

He goes among His people curing their illness. ~The King...

♪ Sing then of David’s Son, our Savior and Brother;

In all of Galilee was never another. ~The King...

♪ He gave His life for us, the Lamb of salvation;

He took upon Himself the sins of the nation. ~The King...

♪ He conquered sin and death, He truly has risen;

And He will share with us His heavenly vision. ~The King...

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Children’s Message *Please Be Seated*

Hymn of Praise

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

~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. ~All glory...

- ♪ The company of angels Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation In chorus make reply. ~All glory...
- ♪ The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present. ~All glory...
- ♪ To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. ~All glory...
- ♪ As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King. ~All glory...

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Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Amen.

Invocation

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

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

Hosanna!

HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID! (SHOUT)

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

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST! (SHOUT)

Handbell Choir

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Psalm

Psalm 118:19–29

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless You from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;

You are my God; I will extol You.

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Response Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

- ♪ Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang; Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.
- ♪ From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd, The victor palm branch waving
And chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.
- ♪ “Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing; For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heav’n our King. Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

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Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

- ³⁶For the Lord will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants,
when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free.
- ³⁷Then he will say, ‘Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge,
³⁸who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering?
Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection!
- ³⁹“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me;
I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal;
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

The Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

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

Gradual Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

- ♪ Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns All music but its own,
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.
- ♪ Crown Him the virgin’s Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.
- ♪ Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond’ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

- ♪ Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.
- ♪ Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

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Confession and Absolution

We confess before You, Lord, that we have sinned against You.

**We have sinned not only against You but one another, with what we have thought,
what we have said, and by what we have or have not done.**

We unseat You and put ourselves on the throne that belongs only to You.

**Our pride in these and all sins deserves Your punishment, yet today we approach Your
throne of grace, asking for Your mercy.**

So I ask you now: are you sincere in this, your confession before God, and promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."

Yes, with the help of God.

A Time of Silence

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday to show His love for you at the cross. At the cross, He showed His passion for you by dying for your sins and paying the price we could not pay. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen! Thank You, Lord, for Your passion for us.

Apostles' Creed

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand Each petition is concluded with the following:*

As we near the day of Your return, we see a world in turmoil.

Help us, Prince of Peace, amid all the chaos, to keep our eyes fixed on You.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn & Holy Gospel *Please Be Seated*

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" & Luke 23:1-56

- ♪ O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown. O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was Thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

¹And Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. ²And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." ³And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." ⁵But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. ⁹So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. ¹²And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

♪ How pale Thou art with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!

How doth Thy face now languish That once was bright as morn! Grim death, with cruel rigor,
Hath robbed Thee of Thy life; Thus Thou has lost Thy vigor, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. ¹⁶I will therefore punish and release him."

¹⁸But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"— ¹⁹a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. ²⁰Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!"

♪ What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain;

Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place; Look on me with Thy favor, And grant to me Thy grace.

²²A third time he said to them, "Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." ²³But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

²⁶And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

♪ My Shepherd, now receive me; My Guardian, own me Thine.

Great blessings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts divine. Thy lips have often fed me
With words of truth and love; Thy Spirit oft hath led me To heav'nly joys above.

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him,

saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

♪ What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end? O make me Thine forever!
And should I fainting be Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁷Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!” ⁴⁸And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

♪ My Savior, be Thou near me When death is at my door; Then let Thy presence cheer me,
Forsake me nevermore! When soul and body languish, O leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish By virtue of Thine own!

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

♪ Be Thou my consolation, My shield, when I must die; Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh. Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell, My heart by faith enfold Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.

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Proclamation of the Word

“Fishing from the Flagship”

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

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.

Numbers 6:24–26

Amen.

Postlude