



***Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion)***

***March 29, 2026***

### **Prayer of the Day**

Sovereign God, through your Son's passion you brought your reign of righteousness and peace into the human heart. Draw us to you through his cross, and keep us faithful to your reign until he comes again; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### **First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

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

#### **Lessons for Next Week:**

*Easter Sunrise:* Exodus 14:10-15:1; Psalm 118:15-29; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18 *Easter Day:* Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 16; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

## Psalm 118:19-29

<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

<sup>20</sup>**“This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter.”**

<sup>21</sup>I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>**The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup>This is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>**On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup>Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! Lord, send us now success.

<sup>26</sup>**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup>**“You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.”**

<sup>29</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

## Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

<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 emptied himself, by 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.

## Gospel: Matthew 21:1-17

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethpage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.” And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.” And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant, and they said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, “ ‘Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise’?” And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.