



PASSION SUNDAY

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Procession with Palms

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

GREETING:

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

Congregation: Hosanna to the Son of David.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

Congregation: Amen.



Processional Gospel – Luke 19:28-40

NARRATOR: After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying,

JESUS: “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

NARRATOR: So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

CONGREGATION: “**Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!**”

NARRATOR: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop,” Jesus answered,

JESUS: “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”



THE BLESSING OF THE PALM BRANCHES:

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

CONGREGATION: **And also with you.**

PASTOR: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

CONGREGATION: **It is right and beneficial for us to give him thanks and praise.**

PASTOR: We praise you 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 WITH PALM BRANCHES

OPENING HYMN: *All Glory, Laud and Honor*" ELW #344 V.1-3

Refrain: All glory, laud and honor
To you redeemer king,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

3) The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before you went
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before you were present. *Refrain*

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*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OFFERING

LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9

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. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 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. 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare my guilty?

HYMN: “*Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*” Verse 1, ELW #345

Congregation will Read Aloud

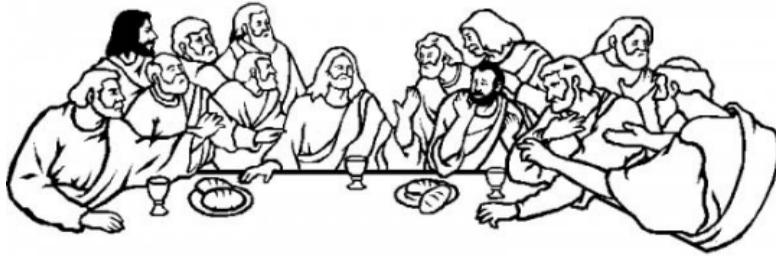
**Jesus, I will ponder now – On your holy Passion;
Let your spirit new endow – Me for meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith – May the image cherish
Of your suffering, pain, and death – That I may not perish.**

The Passion of Our Lord

Luke 22:1-23:56

NARRATOR: Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

Scene One: The Upper Room



THE LAST SUPPER

NARRATOR: On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

CONGREGATION: **“Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”**

NARRATOR: So Jesus sent Peter and John saying,

JESUS: “Go into the city and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, ‘Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples.’” He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

NARRATOR: So the disciples found everything as Jesus had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

JESUS: “But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed.”

NARRATOR: Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

MEN: **“Surely not I, Lord?”**

WOMEN: **“Surely not I, Lord?”**

ENTIRE CONGREGATION: **“Surely not I, Lord?”**

JUDAS: “Surely not I, Rabbi?”

JESUS: “You have said so.”

NARRATOR: As they were eating, Jesus said to them.

JESUS: “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

NARRATOR: Then Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said,

JESUS: “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

NARRATOR: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

JESUS: “Take this and divide it among yourselves, this cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. I tell you, that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

HOLY COMMUNION: Hymns, ELW #324, #338
(Jesus prepared the disciples for the events to follow by eating his Last Supper with them. We prepare for the events recounted during this Holy Week by also eating and drinking the Lord’s Supper.)



NARRATOR: Jesus said to them,

JESUS: “When I sent you out with a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?”

CONGREGATION: “No, not a thing.”

JESUS: “But now, the one who has purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was counted among the lawless’; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.”

PETER: “Lord, look, here are two swords.”

JESUS: “It is enough.” “Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

PETER: “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!”

JESUS: “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

NARRATOR: Then Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him.

HYMN: “*Go to Dark Gethsemane*” (verse 1, ELW #347)

**Go to dark Gethsemane, Ye that feels the tempter’s power;
Your Redeemer’s conflicts see, Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away; Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.**

Scene Two: The Garden of Gethsemane

NARRATOR: When he reached the place, Jesus said to them

JESUS: “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

JESUS PRAYS FOR US. (Because we are not always able to pray as we ought, we offer our concerns to Jesus, asking that his Spirit pray for us with sighs too deep for words.)

PASTOR...Let us pray to the Lord

CONGREGATION: **Lord have mercy.**

PASTOR: Gracious God, hear us as we pray and sustain us with your hope.

CONGREGATION: **Amen**

NARRATOR: Then Jesus withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down and prayed.

JESUS: “My Father, if you are willing remove this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done.”



CONGREGATION: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done. Thy will be done. Thy will be done.

NARRATOR: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them.

JESUS: “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

CONGREGATION: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

NARRATOR: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him.

JESUS: “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?”

NARRATOR: When those who were around him saw what was coming they asked.

CONGREGATION: Lord, should we strike with the sword?

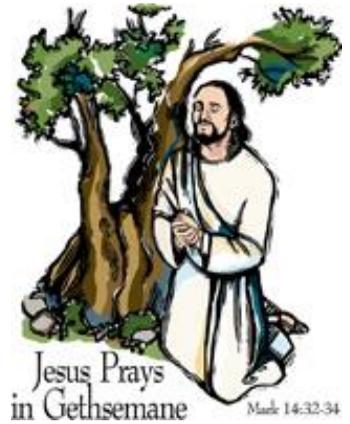
NARRATOR: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. Then Jesus said to him,

JESUS: No more of this!

NARRATOR: And he touched his ear and healed him! Then Jesus said to the chief priest, the officers of the temple police and the elders who had come for him.

JESUS: “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!”

NARRATOR: Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered.



HYMN: “*Go to Dark Gethsemane*” (verse 2, ELW #347)

**Follow to the judgement hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! On the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame or loss; Learn from him to bear the cross.**

Scene Three: Peter Denies Jesus

NARRATOR: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

WOMEN: “**This man also was with him.**”

NARRATOR: But he denied it before all of them, saying,

PETER: “Women, I do not know him.”

NARRATOR: A little later someone else, on seeing him said,

MEN: “**You are also one of them.**”

PETER: “Man, I am not”

NARRATOR: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting

MEN: “**Surely this man also was with him, for he is a Galilean.**”

NARRATOR: But Peter said

PETER: “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!”

NARRATOR: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembers the word of the Lord: “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

NARRATOR: Then the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him.

CONGREGATION: “**Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?**”

NARRATOR: They kept heaping many other insults on him, when day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together and they brought him to their council. They said,

CONGREGATION: **“If you are the Messiah, tell us.”**

JESUS: “If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

CONGREGATION: **“Are you, then, the Son of God?”**

JESUS: “You say that I am.”

CONGREGATION: **“What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!”**

NARRATOR: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate.

HYMN: *“Were You There”* (verse 1, ELW #353)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh – sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Scene Four: Before Pilate

NARRATOR: They began to accuse him, saying,

CONGREGATION: **“We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.”**

PILATE: “Are you the king of the Jews?”

JESUS: “You say so.”

NARRATOR: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

PILATE: “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.”

NARRATOR: But they were insistent and said,

CONGREGATION: **“He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”**



NARRATOR: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

PILATE: "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

NARRATOR: Then they all shouted out together,

CONGREGATION: **"Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"**

NARRATOR: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again, but they keep shouting.

CONGREGATION: **"Crucify, crucify him!"**

PILATE: "Why what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

NARRATOR: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts;

WOMEN: **"Crucify him!"**

MEN: **"Crucify him!"**

ALL: **"Crucify him!"**



NARRATOR: And their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

HYMN: “*Go to Dark Gethsemane*” (verse 3, ELW #347)

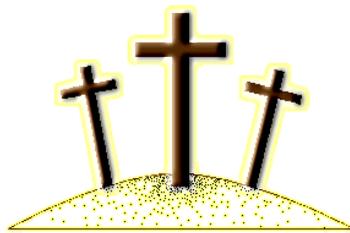
**Calvary’s mournful mountain climb. There adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete.
“It is finished!” hear him cry, Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

Scene Five: Calvary

NARRATOR: As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

JESUS: “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.



HYMN: “*Were You There*” (verse 2, ELW #353)

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh – sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

NARRATOR: Then Jesus said,

JESUS: “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

CONGREGATION: “**Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**”

NARRATOR: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying

CONGREGATION: “**He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!**”

NARRATOR: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying

CONGREGATION: “**If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!**”

NARRATOR: There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying

THIEF: “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

NARRATOR: But the other rebuked him, saying,

THIEF ON THE RIGHT: “Do not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

NARRATOR: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

JESUS: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

NARRATOR: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

CONGREGATION: **“Certainly this man was innocent.”**

NARRATOR: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breast. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

HYMN: *“Were You There”* (verse 3, ELW #353)

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh – sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

Scene Six: Burial

NARRATOR: Now there was a good and righteous man names Joseph, who, though a member of the council had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in the rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATION: **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

ELW #351



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

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