

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

March 29th Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD)
2026

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P Hosanna!

C Hosanna to the Son of David!

P Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the LORD!

C Hosanna in the highest!

Confession and Absolution

P We confess before You, LORD, that we have sinned against You.

C 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.

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

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

P 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."

C Yes, with the help of God.

P 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen! Thank You, LORD, for Your passion for us.

✠ Palm Sunday Processional ✠

Collect for Palm Sunday

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.

Processional Gospel

John 12:12–19

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

C Glory to You, O LORD.

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

¹³So 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!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

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

¹⁶His 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. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So 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 enter worship in peace,

C in the Name of the LORD.

Cross Processional

At the beginning of the hymn, those in the sanctuary stand, turn and face the Cross, turning to follow as it moves to the place of prominence at the front of the sanctuary. Those in the Gathering Space follow the cross and file into their seats in the pews.

Processional Hymn - LSB 442 - All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Greeting

P Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the LORD!

C Hosanna in the highest!

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

Blessèd is he who comes in the Name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

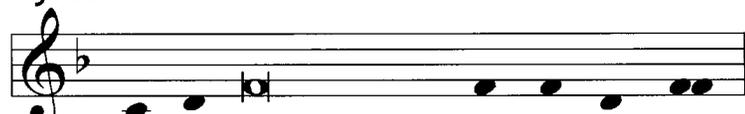
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the Name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

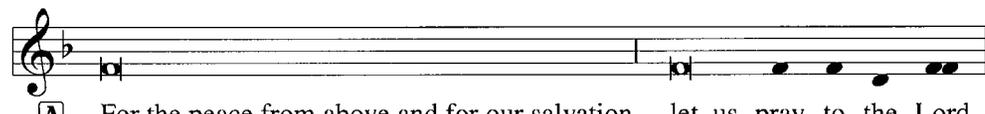
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



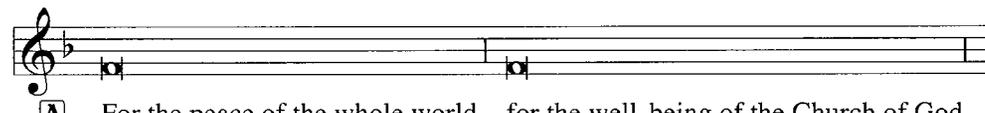
C Lord, have mer - cy.



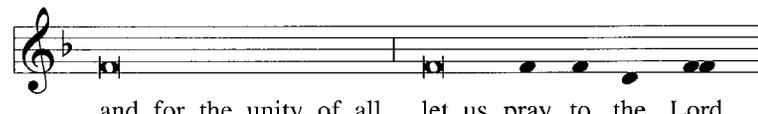
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



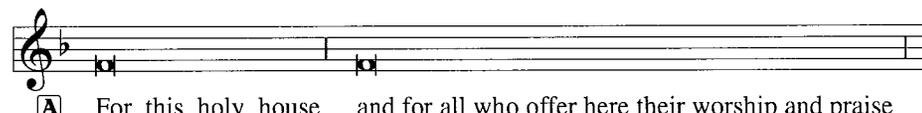
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



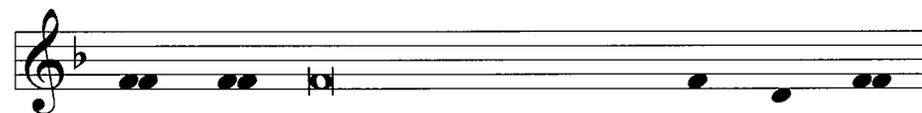
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 118: 19 – 29

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2: 5 - 11

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse for Lent

LSB 157

C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in

stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 27: 11 - 66

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 27th chapter

C Glory to You, O LORD.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"

Sermon *"He Who Vindicates Is Near"* *Isaiah 50:4-9b*

MEMORY VERSE:

Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a

¹³"He who vindicates is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!"

Stand

Nicene Creed

**All: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,**

maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.
 And in one LORD Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came
 down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the
 virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius
 Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to
 the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both
 the living and
 the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
 And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the LORD and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is
 worshiped and
 glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
 Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of
 sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the LORD be with you always.
- C** Amen.

Sit

Offering and Offertory

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
 me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Benediction

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give
you peace.

G Amen

Sit

Announcements

*Children are invited to come forward and assist in leading the
Closing Song with percussion instruments*

Stand

Closing Hymn - Were You There