

Sunday of the Passion

PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026

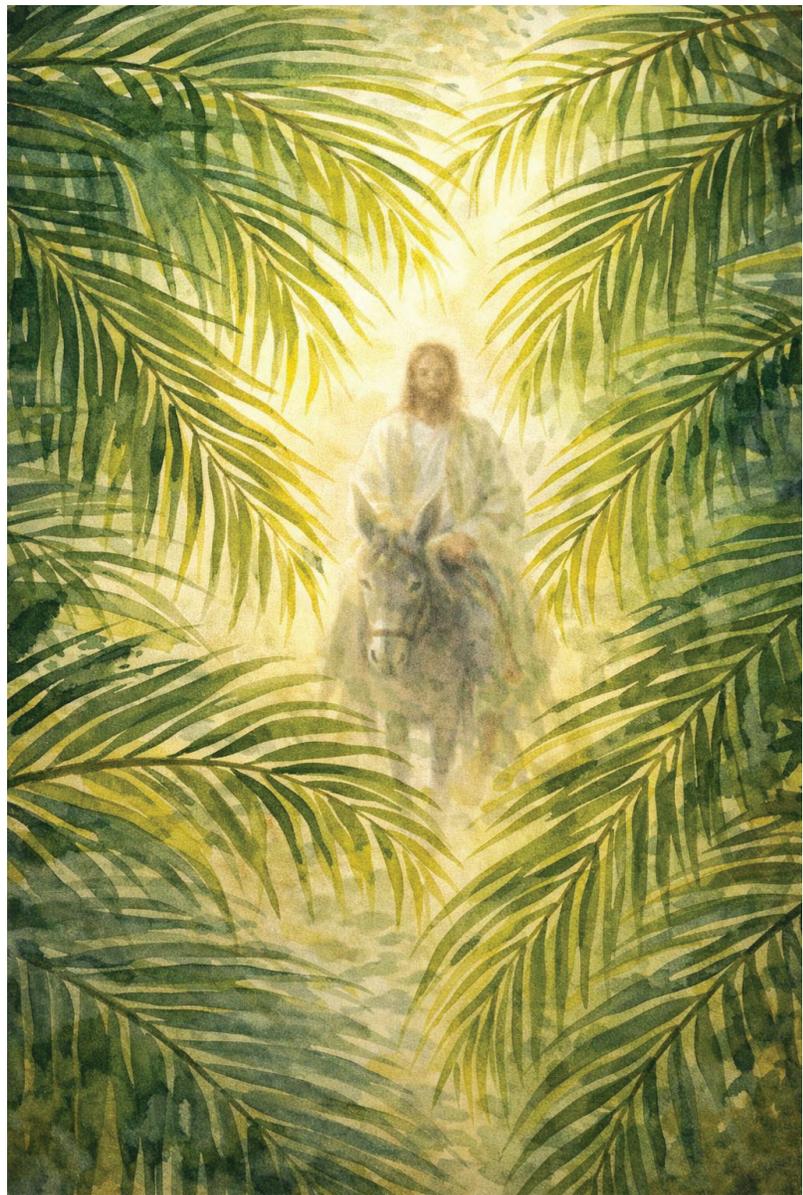


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PRELUDE

“Toccatà in D Minor”
(“Dorian”)

J. S. Bach

INVOCATION *Mt 28:19*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Matthew 21:9*

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

People: **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

PALM SUNDAY PRAYER

Pastor: O mighty yet humble Lord, You sent forth Your Son as one of us in flesh and blood to bear the burden of our sin. We give You thanks that He came of His own will to meet the cross where our salvation would be won. We rejoice to add our voices to the crowds who honor Him with hosannas and thanksgiving. Make us of one mind with our King, that what we have received from His humility even to death, we might show forth in witness and service to the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

LSB 443 v. 1, 3

♪ 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.

“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!

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

(Jesus enters Jerusalem humbly, on a donkey.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

People: *(Spoken)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² 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. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ “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.’”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ 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!” ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹ And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
 People: (Spoken) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” LSB 442

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re - deem - er, King,
 To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

- 1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
- 4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
- 5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
 And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
 Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
 To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
 O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

CONCLUDING PROCESSIONAL SENTENCES

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!** *Matthew 21:9*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: “Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil” (*Hebrews 2:14*). As we consider Jesus’ humiliation from His conception in Mary to His death and burial, let us humble ourselves before God and confess our unworthiness of such sacrificial love.

People: **Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful, sinful from the moment our humanity began, from the moment of conception.** (*Psalm 51:5*). **This sinful nature causes us to sin, to do those things you forbid and to not do those things you command.** (*Romans 7:19*) **We confess our sins knowing You are “faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”** (*1 John 1:9*)

Pastor: God is faithful! He took your place from the womb to the tomb. His holy conception, life, and death cleanses you from your unholy conception and life. His resurrection from the dead assures you of victory over death and eternal life through the forgiveness of your sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

THE INTROIT *Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26*

Pastor/Choir: Blessed 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!

THE SALUTATION *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:

And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Your love, O Father God, is seen most clearly in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Transform us by Your self-giving love to follow the servant way of Jesus, until that day when He comes again in glory, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 50:4-9b

(Isaiah foretells the suffering of Jesus who is determined to finish our salvation.)

⁴ 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. ⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.

⁶ 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. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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. ⁹ Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

(Paul summarizes the life work of Jesus, who willingly and purposefully gave everything for us.)

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

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Fling Wide the Gates”

John Stainer
The Cathedral Choir

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 27:11-26

(The King sentenced to be crucified)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

People:



¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” ¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²² Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³ And he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵ And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



THE NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed was formulated in 325 AD at the First Council of Nicea, located in present day Turkey. It is a biblical and universal confession of faith, drawn from Scripture (see biblical references below) that primarily focuses on the person and nature of Jesus Christ.

I believe in one God, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*
the Father Almighty, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*
and of all things visible and invisible. *Colossians 1:16*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *Romans 10:9*
The only-begotten Son of God, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*
begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:2*
God of God, Light of Light, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*
very God of very God, *Colossians 2:9*
begotten, not made, *John 1:2*
being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30*
by Whom all things were made; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*
Who for us men and for our salvation *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*
came down from heaven *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Luke 1:34-35*
and was made man; *John 1:14*
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*
He suffered and was buried. *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53*
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*
and ascended into heaven *Acts 1:9*
and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Acts 7:55*
And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64*
to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*
Whose kingdom will have no end. *2 Peter 1:11*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2, Acts 2:38*
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2, John 3:6*
Who proceeds from the Father and Son, *John 15:26*
Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Mt 3:16-17; Lk 2:14*
Who spoke by the prophets. *Ezekiel 11:5*
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Ephesians 4:5*
and I look for the resurrection of the dead *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*
and the life ☩ **of the world to come.** *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*
Amen. *Psalm 106:48*

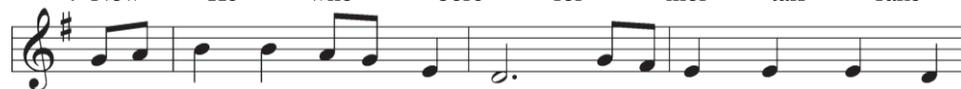
HYMN OF THE DAY

“No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”

LSB 444



1 No tramp of sol - diers’ march - ing feet
2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;
3 What fad - ing flow’rs His road a - dorn;
4 Now He who bore for mor - tals’ sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic’s
With palms His path is strown. With ev - ’ry step the
The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant’s



mar - tial beat: “The King of glo - ry comes!”
cross draws near: The King of glo - ry’s throne.
on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry’s crown.
form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
A - stride a colt He pass - es by
The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior’s name



No bells in tri - umph ring, No cit - y gates swing
As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y
The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
Till heav - en’s raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”
stones would cry “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”
mob re - plies, “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”
host pro - claim “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”

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SERMON

“A Question Lost in a Crowd”

Matthew 21:10

*Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor
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OFFERTORY Ps 51:10-12

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♪ 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.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (the back of the church and at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.



VOLUNTARY

“No Tramp of Solders’ Marching Feet”

Jacob Weber

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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

† **The Order of Holy Communion** †

THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People:

☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

People:

☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People:

☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is always good and right to thank and praise You, O God. You, who so dearly loved the world, that You gave Your only begotten Son, that all who believe in Him will not perish, but will have everlasting life. We rejoice and give thanks in this, the day of salvation. Even as the angels sing praises in Your presence around Your heavenly throne, and even as Your children greeted You, Lord Jesus, coming into Jerusalem, we welcome Your real presence in the bread and wine, joining the hosts of heaven and the children of Jerusalem in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *Is 6:3*

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♪ 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25

THE PAX DOMINI Jn 20:19

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People: ♪ Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI Jn 1:29

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♪ 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.

DISTRIBUTION

*For those with health concerns, there is non-alcoholic white wine and gluten free wafers in the center of each tray.
 Communion will take place in a continuous line at the altar.*

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

LSB 791



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our
 3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy
 △ 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His
 aid He did us make. We are His folk, He
 joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His
 is for - ev - er - sure. His truth at all times
 heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the



praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - jice.
 doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
 name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.
 an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL

PROCLAMATION AND PRAYER

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

People: **His mercy endures forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup

People: **proclaims the Lord’s death until He comes.**

Pastor: We thank You, Lord Jesus, for being obedient to death that we might live.

People: **Work in us that same spirit of humility and obedience that You displayed so that in all things Your holy name would be exalted in our lives.**

Pastor: To God be the glory.

People: **Amen. Hosanna in the highest.**

BENEDICTION

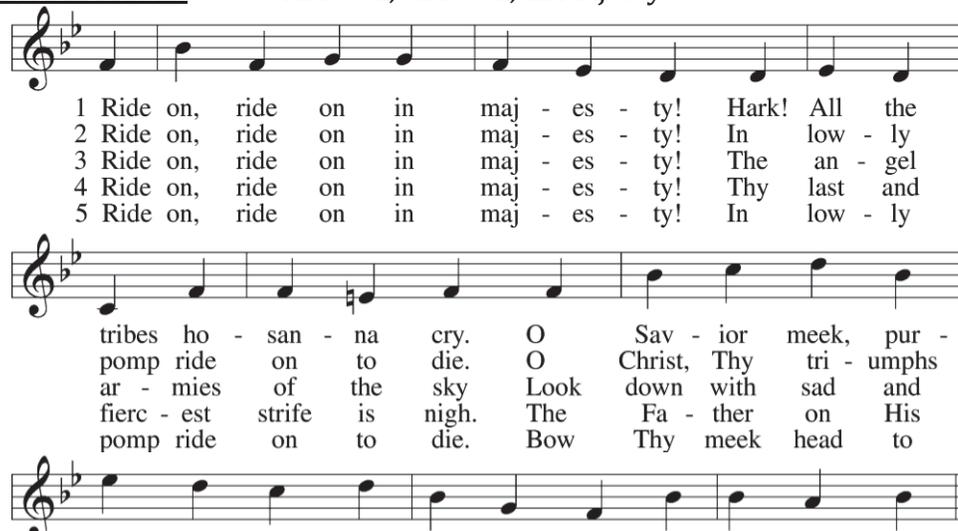
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The † Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: 
A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty”

LSB 441



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to

sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments stowed.
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

POSTLUDE

“Marche Elegiaque”

Alexandre Guilmant

