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**PASSION SUNDAY, March 28, 2021  
Jesus willingly dies for us**

(P: pastor; C: congregation)

**P:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **C: Hosanna to the Son of David.**

**P:** The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

**P:** 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. **C: Amen**

**GOSPEL:** Mark 11:1-11, *Jesus enters Jerusalem*

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. <sup>5</sup>And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. <sup>7</sup>And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup>And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

<sup>11</sup>And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN:** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor", LBW 108

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**Refrain:**

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

**Verses:**

- 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:**
- 3. The multitude of pilgrims With palms before you went.  
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before you we present. Refrain:**
- 4. To you, before your Passion, They sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. Refrain:**
- 5. Their praises you accepted; Accept the prayers we bring,  
Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. Refrain:**

**P:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **C: Hosanna in the highest.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** 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**

**FIRST LESSON:** Zechariah 9:9-12, *The king comes humbly*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**P:** The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**SECOND LESSON:** Philippians 2:5-11, *Death on a cross*

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 made himself nothing, 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.

**P:** The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

## LENTEN VERSE



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.

**PASSION GOSPEL:** Mark 14:1—15:47, *The passion and death of Jesus*

*The Passion Gospel is read from the booklet. The congregation reads the parts marked by the symbol of the red cross.*

**HYMN:** “O Christ, Thou Lamb of God”, LBW 103

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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**

## NICENE CREED

**P:** We confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

## PRAYERS

*Prayers and intercessions are said by the pastor. In concluding the prayers the pastor says:*

**P:** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

## COMMUNION

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**P:** Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation  
you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper. Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me. Amen.

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**P:** Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen

**P:** Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

**P:** Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" LBW 115**

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**Jesus, I will ponder now On your holy Passion;  
Let your Spirit now endow Me for meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish  
Of your suff'ring, pain, and death, That I may not perish.  
Make me see your great distress, Anguish, and affliction,  
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And your crucifixion;  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails, did wound you,  
How you died for those, O God, Who with thorns had crowned you.  
Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see your Passion,  
But its cause to me make known And its termination.  
For I also and my sin Wrought your deep affliction;  
This the shameful cause has been Of your crucifixion.  
Let me view your pain and loss With repentant grieving.  
Nor prepare again your cross By unholy living.  
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heav'n above Sing your praise forever.**

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