

# Passion Sunday - April 2, 2023



The mood of the Scriptures today takes us from joy and exultation as Jesus rode into Jerusalem, to sadness and sorrow as he was betrayed and executed. The full weight of the events of Jesus' last days on earth causes us to reflect on our own betrayal of Christ. Hearing his cries of forsakenness, we can relate to his suffering; this shows us that our God is intimately acquaint-

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MUSICIAN: KAREN HALL, KAREN WARNELL

*We gather on the front porch. Palm branches are provided for all to wave in honor of God's chosen King.*

## ▲ THE PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

We praise 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.

**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.**

Let us go forth in peace and joy. **In the name of the Lord.**

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY  
MATTHEW 21:1-11 ESV

<sup>21</sup> When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, on the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go over into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup> All this was done to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying:

<sup>5</sup> "Tell the daughter of Zion,  
'Look, your King is coming to you,  
humble, and sitting on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their garments on them, and He sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their garments on the road. Others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went before Him and that followed Him cried out:

**"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'  
Hosanna in the highest!"**

<sup>10</sup> When He entered Jerusalem, the entire city was moved, saying, "Who is He?"

<sup>11</sup> The crowds said, **"This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."**

*Following behind the cross, we enter the sanctuary singing and waving our palms.*

▲ PROCESSIONAL HYMN - "ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR" (*Mr. Austin Wegmann - Trumpet*)

Refrain

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

**You are the king of Israel, and David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessed One. (*Refrain*)**

**The company of angels, Are praising you on high,  
Creation and all mortals, In chorus make reply. (*Refrain*)**

**The multitude of pilgrims, With psalms before you went.  
Our praise and prayer and anthems, Before you we present. (*Refrain*)**

**To you, before your Passions, They sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. (*Refrain*)**

**Their praises you accepted; Accept the prayers we bring,  
Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. (*Refrain*)**

**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

▼ KCJAM / ADULT CHOIR "HE COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD"

▼ READING OF THE PASSION NARRATIVE: JOHN 18:1 - 19:42

▲ PASSION HYMN "COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN" LBW #301

▲ APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

▲ PRAYERS OF THE Church

▲ OFFERTORY (*Sung; LBW 502, st. 1*)

**Thee will I love, my strength, my tow'r; Thee will I love, my joy, my crown!  
Thee will I love with all my pow'r, In all thy works, and thee, alone;  
With true devotion willingly, My life I offer now to thee.**

▲ OFFERING PRAYER (*Adapted: Romans 12:1-2*)

**We offer our lives to you, O God, as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing in your sight. Transformed by the renewing of our minds, we will practice your good, pleasing and perfect will. Amen**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*(Thanksgiving Prayer from St. Hippolytus of Rome, 170-235 A.D.)*

### ▲ GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ your beloved Son.... Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever. **Amen**

### ▲ LORD'S PRAYER

### ▲ LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. (2x)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. (Sit)**

### ▼ DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT

### ▼ COMMUNION HYMNS *(Karen Hall)*

**LBW #197, O Living Bread from Heaven**

**Insert "The Old Rugged Cross"**

### ▲ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, **And his mercy endures forever!**

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life.

**Help us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### ▲ BENEDICTION

### ▲ SENDING HYMN "JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS" *(Insert)*

### ▲ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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*Today's Service Musicians are Karen Warnell and Karen Hall. A special word of thanks to Mr. Austin Wegmann for sharing his talent with the trumpet with us this morning and on Easter Sunday, 10am.*

*Maundy Thursday & Good Friday, 7pm. Easter Sunrise, 6:30am. Easter Breakfast, 7:30am. Easter Day, 10am.*

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## THE PASSION GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

English Standard Version

### BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS

**18** When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" <sup>5</sup> They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." <sup>9</sup> This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." <sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup> So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

### JESUS FACES ANNAS AND CAIAPHAS

<sup>12</sup> So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup> First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

### PETER DENIES JESUS

<sup>15</sup> Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup> but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup> The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." <sup>18</sup> Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

### THE HIGH PRIEST QUESTIONS JESUS

<sup>19</sup> The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. <sup>20</sup> Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup> Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said." <sup>22</sup> When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?" <sup>24</sup> Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

## **PETER DENIES JESUS AGAIN**

<sup>25</sup> Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." <sup>26</sup> One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" <sup>27</sup> Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

## **JESUS BEFORE PILATE**

<sup>28</sup> Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup> So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup> They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." <sup>31</sup> Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." <sup>32</sup> This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

## **MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD**

<sup>33</sup> So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him. <sup>39</sup> But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup> They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

## **JESUS DELIVERED TO BE CRUCIFIED**

**19** Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup> And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup> They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup> Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." <sup>5</sup> So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" <sup>6</sup> When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." <sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." <sup>8</sup> When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup> He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> So Pilate said to him, "You will not

speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup> Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

<sup>12</sup> From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." <sup>13</sup> So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup> Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup> They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." <sup>16</sup> So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

## **THE CRUCIFIXION**

So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup> and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup> Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup> So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

<sup>23</sup> When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup> so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

"They divided my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup> but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

## **THE DEATH OF JESUS**

<sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." <sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## **JESUS' SIDE IS PIERCED**

<sup>31</sup> Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. <sup>32</sup> So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup> But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup> He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup> For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” <sup>37</sup> And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

## **JESUS IS BURIED**

<sup>38</sup> After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. <sup>39</sup> Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup> So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup> Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup> So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.