

Palm & Passion Sunday

Gospel according to Mark

March 24, 2024



Passion Sunday (also known as Palm Sunday) marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concentrates on both the glory and the passion of Christ. On Passion Sunday, we reenact Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem by processing into the sanctuary with palms and glad "Hosanna's." This act symbolically foreshadows God's promise that Jesus will lead us into the new Jerusalem (heaven). We also hear the entire Passion story, Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross. This tradition began (in the Church) because many people do not attend Good Friday worship, and to miss the crucifixion story is to miss the entire point of the significance of Easter.

You will notice two liturgical colors today: Purple is the color of humility and melancholy, as well as the color of penance. Red is the color of Christ's Passion, blood and cross.



Procession of Palms

Gather in Narthex

Welcome

Processional Gospel *Mark 11:1-11*

▢ The holy gospel according to Mark.

▣ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

▢ ¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

▣ ⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

▣ **“Hosanna”!**

▢ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

▣ **Hosanna in the highest heaven!”**

▣ ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

▢ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

▣ **Hosanna in the highest heaven!”**

▣ ¹¹Then 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.

Call to Procession

Waving palms, congregation processes into sanctuary.

Song of the Crowd

(wave palms)

Prepare Ye the Way

Prepare ye the way
Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Prepare ye the way
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

- ☐ The grace and mercy of God, who in Christ bears our burdens and saves us from sin through the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- ☒ **And also with you.**

The assembly prays the Prayer of the Day.

- ☐ As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.
- ☒ Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross.
- ☒ **In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Judas' Betrayal of Jesus & Preparations for his death

Passion Reading: *Mark 14:1-11*

- A** ¹It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ²for they said,
- C** “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”
- P** ³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger,
- C** “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.”
- A** And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”
- P** ¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.



Offering

Arise in body or spirit.

- P** The Lord is with you.
C And also with you.

- 📖 Let us give thanks to God.
- 📖 **Thank you God, for everything.**

📖 In the spirit of Joseph of Arimathea who gave his burial tomb to Jesus, we return what we have to God through this offering.

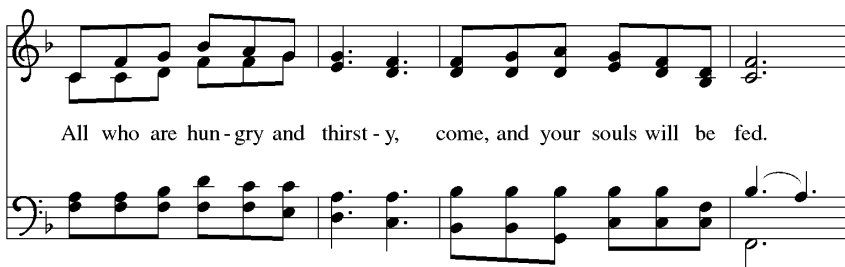
Offering Song

Come to the Table of Mercy

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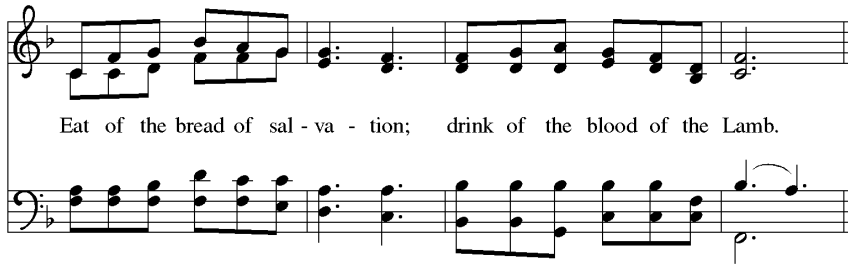
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Offering

Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray ... Gracious God,
- ☑ **we offer you all that we are. Use us for the work on earth begun by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**



Passover Meal with the Disciples

Passion Reading: *Mark 14:12-25*

Institution of the Lord's Supper

- Ⓐ ¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴and 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?' ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." ¹⁶So the disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.
- Ⓐ ¹⁷When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,
- ☑ **"Surely not I, Lord?"**

Ⓟ ²⁰He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

²²While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” ²³Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

Ⓐ Lord Jesus teach us to pray.

Lord's Prayer

Ⓢ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day 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.**

Sit

We Remember the Lord and Celebrate the Supper given us





1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drills of our hu - man -
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

Passion Reading: *Mark 14:26-31*

A ²⁶When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'

²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ²⁹Peter said to him,

C "Even though all become deserters, I will not."

P ³⁰Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." ³¹But he said vehemently,

☑ “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

☐ All of them said the same.

Mount of Olives

Into the Garden of Gethsemane

Passion Reading: *Mark 14:32*

☐ ³²They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”



Song of Prayer

When We Are Tested

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1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Kneel or sit as you are able.

Prayers of Intercession

A Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A We pray for the church, that congregations be a home for the lost, a haven for the oppressed, and a source of healing for those broken by life's circumstances. We pray for new life springing forth from the earth; for those who groan in labor, those who are adopting children, and those who are unable to conceive. We lift our prayers to you.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A We pray for Christians who do not have the freedom to worship openly, for political prisoners, refugees, widows, and orphans. We pray for those who care for the weary and vulnerable: nurses, hospice workers, childcare providers, and social workers. We pray for those in any need. We lift our prayers to you.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A God, most holy and humble, plant in your church Christ's spirit of humility. Remove any barriers preventing us from seeing his saving work on the cross. We ask you to reveal your will for all creation through stones, seas, mountains, and meadows. In the splendor of what you have made, show us your care for everything, both great and small. We lift our prayers to you.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A We trust in you, so we lift our individual prayers to your tender care at this time.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Finally, let us give thanks for the saints, whose faithful witness, even unto death, has given to us the gift of the gospel. Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. We lift all these prayers to you.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Blessed Creator, we lift our prayers to you; the spoken, silent, and sung prayers you graciously hear. Be with us as we journey through challenging times and help us realize your saving love for all. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

Passion Reading: *Mark 14:33-42*

L ³³Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." ³⁵And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." ³⁷He came and found them

sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?” ³⁸Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

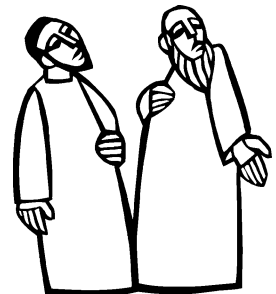


The Hour is at Hand

Passion Reading: *Mark 14:43-52*

- A** ⁴³Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,
- C** **“The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.”**
- L** ⁴⁵So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁴⁶Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? ⁴⁹Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰All of them deserted him and fled.
- A** ⁵¹A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, ⁵²but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

Jesus before The High Priest



Passion Reading: *Mark 14:53-65*

- A** ⁵³They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. ⁵⁴Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. ⁵⁶For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, ⁵⁸“We heard him say,
- C** **‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’”**
- L** ⁵⁹But even on this point their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” ⁶¹But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” ⁶²Jesus said,
- P** “I am; and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,’ and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’”
- A** ⁶³Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?” All of them condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,
- C** **“Prophecy!”**
- L** The guards also took him over and beat him.

Song of Suffering

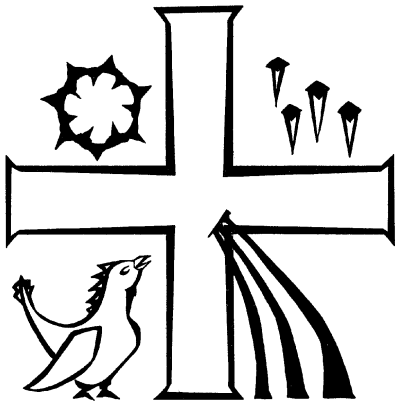
Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Stanza 1 only

1. Je - sus walked this lone-some val - ley; He had to walk
 2. We must walk this lone-some val - ley; We have to walk

it by him - self. O no-bod-y else could walk it
 it by our - selves. O no-bod-y else can walk it

for him; He had to walk it by him - self.
 for us; We have to walk it by our - selves.



Peter's Denial of Jesus

Passion Reading: *Mark 14:66-72*

- Ⓛ ⁶⁶While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.” ⁶⁸But he denied it, saying,
 - ⓐ **“I do not know or understand what you are talking about.”**

- Ⓛ And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. ⁶⁹And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” ⁷⁰But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.” ⁷¹But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,
 - ⓐ **“I do not know this man you are talking about.”**

- Ⓛ ⁷²At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

Song of Suffering

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
Stanza 2

Jesus before Pilate



Passion Reading: *Mark 15:1-15*

- Ⓐ ¹As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him,
- Ⓒ “Are you the king of the Jews?”
- Ⓐ He answered him, “You say so.” ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again,
- Ⓒ “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.”
- Ⓐ ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.
- Ⓐ ⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³They shouted back,
- Ⓒ “Crucify, crucify him!”
- Ⓐ ¹⁴Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more,
- Ⓒ “Crucify him!”
- Ⓐ ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.



Crucifixion of Jesus

Passion Reading: *Mark 15:16-32*

- Ⓛ ¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him,
- ⓐ **“Hail, King of the Jews!”**
- Ⓐ ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.
- Ⓛ ²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.
- Ⓐ ²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,
- ⓐ **“Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!”**
- Ⓛ ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,
- ⓐ **“He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.”**
- Ⓐ Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

Kneel or sit as you are able.

Death of Jesus

Passion Reading: *Mark 15:33-39*

- Ⓔ ³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,
- Ⓟ “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
- Ⓐ ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.” ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Silence is kept for reflection.

Arise in body or spirit, facing the baptismal font.

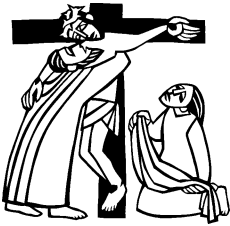
Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- Ⓟ Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
- Ⓒ **Amen.**
- Ⓟ Come, let us acknowledge our sin and seek God's face that we may live.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- Ⓟ Holy God,
- Ⓒ **we confess that we have turned away from you and from our neighbors, and in toward ourselves. We have sought security in possessions and the place of power in relationships. We have trusted ourselves most of all. Turn us back to you, O God. In your mercy, forgive our sinfulness and cleanse us from guilt and shame. Guide us on the path of freedom that is your gift to us in Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- Ⓟ Hear for yourselves: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. In the waters of baptism grace abounds for you and for all. God turns to you in love and puts away every sin, every wrong turn, for the sake of + Jesus, the one God sent to save the world.
- Ⓒ **Amen.**

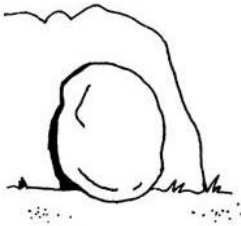


Jesus' Body brought Down from the Cross

Passion Reading: *Mark 15:40-45*

A ⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴²When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph.



Burial of Jesus

Passion Reading: *Mark 15:46-47*

L ⁴⁶Then Joseph brought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.



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.

Arise in body or spirit.

Liturgy of the PASSION

P Christ has come in triumph to God's people.

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

A To Bethany with friends, to the temple which needs Cleaning...Christ comes!

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

P To the courtyard of the teachers, to the testing of enemies, to the oil of a weeping woman...Christ comes.

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

A The days continue, the night arrives. Triumph turns its face away.

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

P To the clink of silver, to the new feast of body and blood, to the love of serving...Christ comes.

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

A To the agony of prayer and trial, to the hollowness of betrayal, to the indignity of accusation...Christ comes.

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

P To the screaming silent pain of thorns and whip, to the weight and nails of a cross...Christ comes.

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

A To death and to risen life...Jesus has come!

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

Blessing

P The blessing of God's eternal love, the courage to follow the way of the cross, and the guidance of the Spirit in the desert places of our world, + be among you and remain with you forever.

C **Amen**

Depart in Silence

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Hastings, MI
Pastor Ken Scheck II
Ms. Cindy Olson, Minister of Music
March 24, 2024

Welcome to worship today! We hope you find what we have found - a loving Jesus who welcomes all. No matter your background or faith tradition, you will find that Grace Lutheran Church is a place that is full of love, care, and support. We are pleased that you are here among us to worship the ONE who reveals God's presence in our lives. It is by God's grace that we are made a child of God, who is blessed by God's rich grace, mercy, and peace.

We welcome Pastor Mike Kemper as preacher and presider today. We are blessed with many pastors that are filling in as Pastor Scheck is taking time away seeking God's peace, healing, and transformation. We are thankful for God's Holy Spirit who sustains Grace Lutheran Church during this time of refreshment, renewal, and trust in God's guidance during this time.

Good Friday Cross Walk A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the gathering area for those who plan to participate in the Cross Walk this year either by walking, reading a scripture passage, volunteering to serve as a driver for the follow vehicle, or to help provide refreshments. Thank you from the Outreach Committee for being a part of this 50+ year tradition in our community.

Ⓐ We pray for those who suffer, waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Heal those who are ill, especially *Pastor Michael Anton, Veronica Baarson, Bob Bolton, Diana Brown, Walter Brown, Chris Bush, Cherie Clements, Pat DePew, Bob and Bonnie Ehredt, Lisa Golnek, Easton Greenfield, Lorraine Handsbarger, Diane Hawkins, Jamie Heise (pregnancy), Virginia Henion, Dennis Loewenstein, Larry Maupin, Linda Melcher, Bill Miller and family, Martha Misak, Virginia Moomey, James Neiderheiser, Lisa Nurenberg, Corinna Palmer, Rick Palmer, Shirley Peterson, Annette Poholski, Patty Renne, Jennifer Rohr, Mike Shoemaker, George Ulrich Jr., Jeanette Ulrich, Al Throop, Russ Trongo, and Brenda Watson.* We lift our prayers to you,

☞ Lord, have mercy.

8:00 am

Assisting Minister – Mark Anton
Lector – Tim Schoessel
Cantor – Cindy Olson
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Mike Kemper

10:45 am

Assisting Minister –Vickey Argo
Lector – Jeanette Markwart
Cantor – Kate Watson
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Mike Kemper
Fellowship – The Freedlunds

Stewardship Information

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Attendance: 44	Views: 488
Weekly Giving: \$1,567.00	Budget Amount: \$4,366.17
Helping Hands: \$110.00	
SAC Lenten Mid-Week Meal to Hand2Hand: \$75.00	
Grace Projects Goal: \$25,252.00	
Received To Date - \$530.00	
Total Needed \$24,722.00	

Given this week toward Grace Projects: \$5.00

Easter Flower Sale If you would like to purchase flowers from the Easter flower sale, **please turn in your order form and money by Monday, March 25th**. This year we have daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, and Easter lilies available. If you would like to donate a flower to someone, please indicate in the space provided on the order form.

Game and Pizza Night The Social Activities Committee invites you to a game and pizza night on Friday, April 12 from 6:00 until 8:30 p.m. Please check the bulletin board in the Gathering Area for more information and to sign up.

Women of Faith meet Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. All ladies are welcome. A reminder that if Hastings Schools are closed due to inclement weather we will not meet. Thank you.



Hand2Hand Program provides food over the weekend to students at Hastings schools. We are collecting donations of Yoo-Hoo Chocolate Milk, pudding cups, Slim Jims, granola bars, individual size instant oatmeal, ramen noodles, and ready-to-eat mac and cheese. They are in additional need of microwave popcorn, individual apple sauce cups, and Knorr Alfredo Pasta. **The deadline for March is the 31st.**

The nursery is available weekly during the 10:45 worship service. Aurora Collins is the Nursery Attendant. She would love to have some little ones visit her. Please spread the word that Grace provides childcare during this worship service.

Adult Forum please join us at 9:30 with Joe Longcor leading the study.

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

Worship Service
at 7:15 pm
March 28

Cross Walk

Good Friday
at 9:30 am
March 29

Good Friday

Worship Service
at 7:15 pm
March 29

Sonrise

Worship Service
at 8:00 am
March 31

Easter

Worship Service
10:45 am
March 31