

Palm & Passion Sunday

Gospel according to Matthew

March 29, 2026



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 royalty. Red is the color of Christ's Passion, blood and cross.



Procession of Palms

Gather in Narthex

Gathering Music

Arise in body or spirit.

Processional Gospel *Matthew 21:1-11*

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P 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,

A 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,

C **“Hosanna to the Son of David!**

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

C **Hosanna in the highest heaven!”**

A ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking,

P “Who is this?”

C ¹¹“**This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.**”



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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.**

Prayer of Day

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.**

Sit

Judas' Betrayal of Jesus

Passion Reading: *Matthew 26:14-16*

- ☐ ¹⁴One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said,
- ☑ **“What will you give me if I betray him to you?”**
- ☐ They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.



Offering & *Setting the Table*

Offering Song

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve



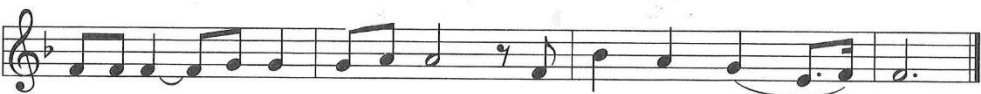
you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that



I might be re - newed. So fill me and



heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -



ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

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: *Matthew 26:17-30*

Institution of the Lord's Supper

- A** ¹⁷On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.
- P** ²⁰When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; ²¹and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” ²²And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,
- C** “Surely not I, Lord?”
- P** ²³He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The 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.” ²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, said,
- C** “Surely not I, Rabbi?”
- P** “You have said so. ²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

A Lord Jesus teach us to pray.

Lord's Prayer

- C** **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



Communion Songs:

*Where Charity and Love Prevail
Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal
Eat this Bread*

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Passion Reading: *Matthew 26:30-35*

- Ⓐ ³⁰When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹Then Jesus said to them,
- Ⓟ “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ³²But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” ³³Peter said to him,
- Ⓢ “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.”
- Ⓟ “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” ³⁵Peter said to him,
- Ⓢ “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

Mount of Olives Into the Garden of Gethsemane



Passion Reading: *Matthew 26:36*

Ⓐ ³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

Kneel or sit as you are able.

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
 pray. Watch and pray.

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Stay with Me'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath: 'Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'pray. Watch and pray.'. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4.

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.

C *Sing: Stay with Me*
- 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 *Sing: Stay with Me*
- 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 *Sing: Stay with Me*
- 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 *Sing: Stay with Me*

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

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Ⓐ We lift our prayers to you.

🎵 **Sing: Stay with Me**

Ⓐ 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.

🎵 **Sing: Stay with Me**

Passion Reading: Matthew 26:37-46

📖 ³⁷He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸Then he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” ³⁹And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” ⁴⁰Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴²Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” ⁴³Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”



*The Hour
is at Hand*

Passion Reading: *Matthew 26:47-56*

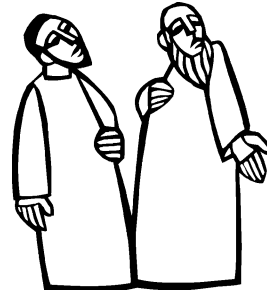
A ⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

C **“The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.”**

L ⁴⁹At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?” ⁵⁵At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.”

A Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Jesus before The High Priest



Passion Reading: *Matthew 26:57-68*

L ⁵⁷Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’” ⁶²The high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” ⁶³But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

C **“I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”**

Ⓛ ⁶⁴Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” ⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What is your verdict?” They answered,

ⓐ **“He deserves death.”**

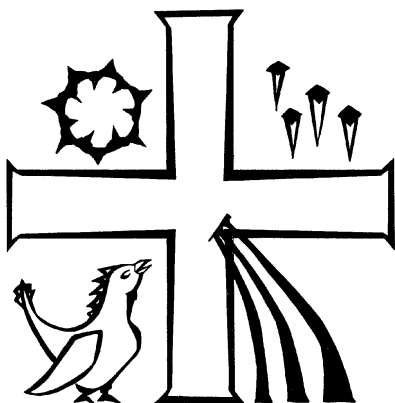
Ⓛ ⁶⁷Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, ⁶⁸saying,

ⓐ **“Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”**

Hymn of Suffering

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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Peter's Denial of Jesus

Passion Reading: *Matthew 26:69-75*

Ⓛ ⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰But he denied it before all of them, saying,

ⓐ **“I do not know what you are talking about.”**

Ⓛ ⁷¹When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷²Again he denied it with an oath,

ⓐ **“I do not know the man.”**

Ⓛ ⁷³After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.” ⁷⁴Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

ⓐ **“I do not know the man!”**

Ⓛ At that moment the cock crowed. ⁷⁵Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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Judas tries to Return the money



Passion Reading: *Matthew 27:1-10*

¹When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. ²They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. ³When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." ⁵Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. ⁶But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." ⁷After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. ⁸For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, ¹⁰and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Jesus

before Pilate

Passion Reading: *Matthew 27:11-31*

Ⓔ ¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Ⓒ **“Are you the king of the Jews?”**

Ⓔ Jesus said, “You say so.” ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Ⓐ ¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” ¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said,

Ⓒ **“Barabbas.”**

Ⓐ ²²Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said,

Ⓒ **“Let him be crucified!”**

Ⓐ ²³Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more,

Ⓒ **“Let him be crucified!”**

Ⓐ ²⁴So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered,

Ⓒ **“His blood be on us and on our children!”**

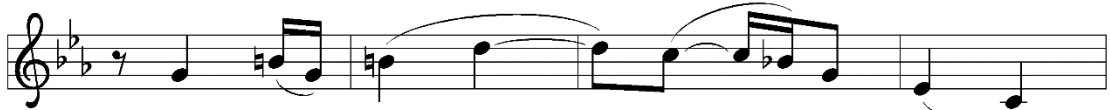
Ⓛ ²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. ²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.



Refrain and Stanzas 1 and 2



<i>Refrain</i>	Cal - va - ry,	Cal - va - ry,
1	Ev - 'ry time I	think a-bout Je - sus,
2	Sin - ner, do you	love my Je - sus?
3	Don't you hear him	say, "It is fin - ished!"
4	Je - sus fur - nished	my sal - va - tion,



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Crucifixion of Jesus

Passion Reading: *Matthew 27:32-44*

- Ⓛ ³²As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

- Ⓛ ³⁸Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying,

- ⓐ **“You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”**

- Ⓛ ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

- ⓐ **⁴²“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’”**

- Ⓛ ⁴⁴The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

Hymn at Calvary

Every Time I Think About Jesus
Stanzas 3 and 4 ending with Refrain

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After hymn kneel or sit as you are able.

Death of Jesus

Passion Reading: *Matthew 27:45-50*

- P** ⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,
- C** "This man is calling for Elijah."
- A** ⁴⁸At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Silence is kept for reflection.

The Centurion's confession

Passion Reading: *Matthew 27:51-54*

- P** ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Song of Profession

He Never Said a Mumblin' Word

arr. Hal Hopson
Grace Singers

Arise in body or spirit, facing the baptismal font.

Confession and Forgiveness

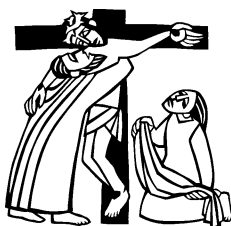
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** 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.

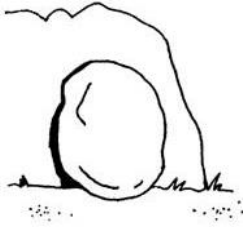
Sit



Jesus' Body brought Down from the Cross

Passion Reading: *Matthew 27:55-58*

- Ⓐ ⁵⁵Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. ⁵⁶Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. ⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.



Burial of Jesus

Passion Reading: *Matthew 27:59-66*

☐ ⁵⁹So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ ⁶⁴Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

Arise in body or spirit.



- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



- Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Blessing

A 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

9:30 am

Assisting Minister – Traci Wales

Lector – Mark Anton

Musician – Cindy Olson

Pastor – Ken Scheck

Fellowship – Paul Kuhlman

Usher – Dave Neeb

Grace Singers will rehearse at 5:15pm on Wednesday night this week. Anyone who likes to sing is welcome!

Women of Faith will be starting a **new topic** for our **Bible Study in April: Growing Older and Wiser. We meet Tuesdays 11:00 am – noon at church.** All women are welcome (and don't worry if you have to miss some weeks)!

The nursery is available weekly during the 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.

The Easter Bulb Flower order forms are due today.

The Hand2Hand Program items are due today.

Social Activities Committee has two upcoming events planned: **Game and Pizza Day: after worship on Sunday, April 19th.** We hope to see you there for a time of fellowship and fun! There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area by next week for the purpose of ordering enough pizza for everyone present. Also, an **outing to see “Shrek” at the Dennison Center** is planned for **May 9th, with dinner following.**

The next Blood Drive is April 20th. Theme: It's all Fun and Games.

Bingo – Yahtzee – Uno – Jackpot: No matter how you play it, you can be the Big Winner!

Tell your family and friends to sign up to donate by calling 1-800-Red-Cross or by going to their app or website

Welcome to worship today! We are thrilled that you are here. 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 called to worship the Lord God who gives us life – eternal life. As we journey from the praise of Palm Sunday to the crucifixion of our Lord, we realize the salvation given to all of us.

Please use this QR Code to access online giving.

Stewardship Information

Attendance: 51 Views: 178
 Weekly Giving: \$1,785.00 Budget Amount: \$4,363.02



Offerings received to date through February	\$130,393.60	
Offerings received in March		+
<u>\$8,666.57</u>		
Year to date total of offerings		
\$149,060.17		

Grace Projects Goal \$ 30,000.00 Parking Lot Cement Project

Received To Date -\$ 4,612.00
Total Needed **\$ 25,388.00**

Given this week toward Non-Budget Funds: \$561.00 (ELCA World Hunger)
 Given this week toward Grace Projects Parking Lot fund: \$1,612.00

The Congregation Council invites you to contribute to the Parking Lot Cement Project. We have had a member step forward giving a 3 to 1 match, up to \$7,000, for any monies received April 1st through April 30th. Thank you for considering contributing toward the cement project.

The Hastings Women's Club invites you to join us for our next fundraising event at Culver's, 5-8pm on Tuesday, March 31st. All funds we receive will go to our Scholarship Fund. If you have any questions, please contact Deborah Wilke at 269-953-8216. Thank you for your support!

Parish Administrator is Cindy Olson. Her office hours are 10:00 am to 2:30 pm Mon-Wed.

Pastor Ken's office hours are now 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Mon & Wed.

There will be a Prayer Vigil next Sunday, March 29th, 5:00 pm, at Hope United Methodist Church, 2920 M-37, Hastings.