

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Palm/Passion Sunday in Lent
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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

PRELUDE "Once Again" and "You are My King"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presider ¹After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying,

Jesus "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

Presider ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"
³⁴They said,

Congregation "The Lord needs it."

Presider ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

C "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Presider ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered,

Jesus "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

PROCESSIONAL SONG "Hosanna"

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Lord, we lift up Your name with our hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, O Lord my God, hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings. Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings.
Lord we lift up your name with our hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, O Lord my God, hosanna to the King of Kings.
Be exalted, O Lord my God, hosanna to the King of Kings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGING

Narrator ¹Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. ²The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. ³Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; ⁴he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. ⁵They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

SONG

"Above All"

Above all powers, above all kings,
Above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began.
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
Above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
There's no way to measure what you're worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone;
You lived to die, rejected and alone;
Like a rose, trampled on the ground
You took the fall, and thought of me, above all.

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Narrator ⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,

Jesus "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it."

Narrator ⁹They asked him,

C "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?"

Jesus ¹⁰"Listen,"

Narrator he said to them,

Jesus “when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters ¹¹and say to the owner of the house, ‘The teacher asks you, “Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?”’
¹²He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.”

Narrator ¹³So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

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OFFERING SONG "Lamb of God"

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty so
And to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love we crucified.
We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died,
But you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God.

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Presider ¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him.
 ¹⁵He said to them,

Jesus “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

Presider ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

Jesus “Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

Presider ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Presider ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

Jesus “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!”

Presider ²³Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

SONG

“My Savior, My God”

I am not skilled to understand
What God has willed, what God has planned.
I only know at His right hand
Stands One who is my Savior.

I take Him at His word and deed.
Christ died to save me, this I read.
And in my heart I find a need
Of Him to be my Savior.

That He would leave His place on high
And come for sinful man to die.
You count it strange; so once did I

Before I knew my Savior.

My Savior loves, My Savior lives, My Savior's always there for me.
My God He was, My God He is, My God is always gonna be.
My Savior loves, My Savior lives, My Savior's always there for me.
My God He was, My God He is, My God is always gonna be.

Yes, living, dying, let me bring
My strength, my solace from this spring.
That He who lives to be my King
Once died to be my Savior.

That He would leave His place on high
And come for sinful man to die.
You count it strange; so once did I
Before I knew my Savior.

My Savior loves, My Savior lives, My Savior's always there for me.
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My God He was, My God He is, My God is always gonna be.

Presider ²⁴A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them,

Jesus “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸“You are those who have stood by me in my trials; ²⁹and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ³¹“Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, ³²but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

Presider ³³And he said to him,

C **“Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!”**

Presider ³⁴Jesus said,

Jesus “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

Presider ³⁵Jesus said to them,

Jesus “When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?”

Presider They said,

C “No, not a thing.”

Presider ³⁶He said to them,

Jesus “But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was counted among the lawless’; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.”

Presider ³⁸They said,

C “Lord, look, here are two swords.”

Presider He replied,

Jesus “It is enough.”

Narrator ³⁹He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

Narrator ⁴¹Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Jesus ⁴²“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.”

Narrator [⁴³Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. ⁴⁴In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.] ⁴⁵When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶and he said to them,

Jesus “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

THE PRAYERS

Pastor
C Lord Jesus, we marvel at your humility,
 when you enter the capital city as the King, on a donkey;

Pastor
C we marvel that you don't make a worldly show of your power,
 but you choose to win people by your humble love for them;

Pastor
C we marvel at the way your love reaches out to the unlovely,
 as well as the popular and the rich and important people;

Pastor
C we marvel that you value people for who they are,
 and not for where they live, or what they own,
 or the type of work they do.

Pastor
C We marvel that you allow people to turn against you
 and do their worst to you;

Pastor
C we marvel that in public you allow yourself to be nailed up
 in disgrace on a cross
 to take all the blame for our sin;

Pastor we marvel that you bother to listen to us day and night as we come to you in prayer,

C **and we thank you for listening to us when we pray for those who are sick,**

Pastor (especially . . .)
C those who are lonely, and those afraid of life.

Pastor Bless us with a humble love like yours
C so that we don't need to try to impress people.

Pastor C	Teach us to listen to them and help them in their special needs, as you do for us.
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Pastor	Teach us to trust you with all of our concerns and needs of body, mind, and spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C	Amen.

SONG "Worthy is the Lamb"

Thank you for the cross, Lord.
Thank you for the price You paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame,
In love You came and gave amazing grace.
Thank you for this love, Lord.
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands.
Wash me in Your cleansing flow;
Now all I know, Your forgiveness and embrace.

Worthy is the Lamb
Seated on the throne.
Crown You now with many crowns;
You reign victorious high and lifted up.
Jesus, Son of God, the darling of heaven crucified.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

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Narrator ⁴⁷While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him,

Jesus "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

Narrator ⁴⁹When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

C	“Lord, should we strike with the sword?”
Narrator	⁵⁰ Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus said,
Jesus	“No more of this!”
Narrator	And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,
Jesus	“Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? ⁵³ When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!
Narrator	⁵⁴ Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶ Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,
Women	“This man also was with him.”
Narrator	⁵⁷ But he denied it, saying,
C	“Woman, I do not know him.”
Narrator	⁵⁸ A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,
Men	“You also are one of them.”
Narrator	But Peter said,
C	“Man, I am not!”
Narrator	⁵⁹ Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, “Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.” ⁶⁰ But Peter said,
C	“Man, I do not know what you are talking about!”
Narrator	At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly. ⁶³ Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; ⁶⁴ they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,
C	“Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?”
Narrator	⁶⁵ They kept heaping many other insults on him. ⁶⁶ When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. ⁶⁷ They said,
C	“If you are the Messiah, tell us.”
Narrator	He replied,
Jesus	“If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸ and if I question you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹ But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

Narrator ⁷⁰All of them asked,

C "Are you, then, the Son of God?"

Narrator He said to them,

Jesus "You say that I am."

Narrator ⁷¹Then they said,

C “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!”

SONG "The Wonderful Cross"

When I survey the wonderful cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died.
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from his head, his hands his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did ere such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small.
Love so amazing so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
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All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

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Narrator ¹Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying,

C “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.”

Narrator	³ Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered,
Jesus	"You say so."
Narrator	⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." ⁵ But they were insistent and said,
C	"He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.
Narrator	⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷ And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹ He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹² That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.
	¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶ I will therefore have him flogged and release him."
	¹⁸ Then they all shouted out together,
C	"Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"
Narrator	¹⁹ (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰ Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹ but they kept shouting,
C	"Crucify, crucify him!"
Presider	²² A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." ²³ But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted.
Presider	²⁵ He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. ²⁶ As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸ But Jesus turned to them and said,
Jesus	"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Presider ³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

C **"He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"**

Presider ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying,

C **"If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"**

Presider ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying,

C **"Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."**

Presider ⁴²Then he said,

C **"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."**

Presider ⁴³(Jesus) replied,

Jesus "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Presider ⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Presider Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

C **"Certainly this man was innocent."**

Presider ⁴⁸And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁵⁰Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, ⁵¹had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

SONG

“The Power of the Cross”

We depart in silence.