

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	"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"	David Cherwien Janet Linker
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

Friends in Christ:  
For the five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's suffering and death. Today, together with the whole church, we begin this holy week by welcoming our Messiah. So, like the people of long ago, let us welcome Jesus and follow him to the cross.

Let us pray together:  
Lord, as we remember how Christ the King entered Jerusalem to the sound of joyful shouts, increase our faith and listen to our prayers, so that we may praise you every day, by living always in him. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Mark 11:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,  
"Hosanna!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"  
<sup>11</sup>Then 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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN	All Glory, Laud & Honor	ELW #344
Refrain		

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

- 1

You are the king of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*
- 2

The company of angels  
are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals  
in chorus make reply. *Refrain*
- 3

The multitude of pilgrims  
with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present. *Refrain*
- 4

To you, before your passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. *Refrain*
- 5

Their praises you accepted;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray together:  
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.

PSALM

Psalm 31:9-16

Arr. by Michael Guimont

Refrain sung by all; verses sung by cantor

Refrain:



- 1

In you, O Lord, I take refuge.  
Let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice, set me free.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit.  
You will redeem me, O Lord, O faithful God. *Refrain*
- 2

Because of all my foes I have become a reproach,  
an object of scorn to my neighbors and of fear to my friends.  
Those who see me in the street flee from me.  
I am forgotten, like someone dead,  
and have become like a broken vessel. *Refrain*

- 3 But as for me, I trust in you, O Lord;  
I say, "You are my God.  
My lot is in my hands, deliver me  
from the hands of my enemies and those who pursue me. *Refrain*
- 4 "Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your merciful love."  
Be strong, let your heart take courage,  
all who hope in the Lord. *Refrain*

## THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. MARK BEGINS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Most merciful God,

**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.**

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.  
**Amen.**

## THE PASSION CONTINUES

### HYMN

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

ELW #347 verse 1

Go to dark Gethsemane,  
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
your Redeemer's conflict see.  
Watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away;  
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

## THE PASSION CONTINUES

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Prayer response:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

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.

OFFERING & COLLECTION OF NOISY OFFERING

*We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this congregation possible. We encourage everyone to give. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate in this portion of worship. We encourage you to consider giving a gift online at [zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving](http://zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving) or by mail as you are able. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online.*



*The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the “For Children Everywhere” box.*

<b>SPECIAL MUSIC</b>	<b>“The Tree of Life”</b>	<b>K. Lee Scott</b>
	Zion Choir with Congregation	

THE PASSION CONTINUES

<b>HYMN</b>	<i>O Sacred Head, Now Wounded</i>	<b>ELW #351 verses 1 &amp; 2</b>
O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown; O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.		

How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;  
how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn!  
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

THE PASSION CONTINUES

<b>HYMN</b>	<i>O Sacred Head, Now Wounded</i>	<b>ELW #351 verse 3</b>
What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.		

THE PASSION CONTINUES

<b>HYMN</b>	<i>Were You There</i>	<b>ELW #353 verse 1</b>
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?		

THE PASSION CONTINUES

<b>HYMN</b>	<i>Were You There</i>	<b>ELW #353 verse 3</b>
Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?		

THE PASSION CONTINUES

**HYMN*****Were You There*****ELW #353 verse 5**

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

**BENEDICTION**

Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this day and forever. **Amen.**