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**March 29, 2026 – 10:00 AM**

*Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday*

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We welcome all who believe in Jesus Christ to the Lord's Supper as we partake in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. For those who would prefer, grape juice is available in the center ring of each serving tray. If you do not wish to receive communion you are invited to come forward for a blessing. God's forgiveness and love is for everyone.

We are honored that you are with us today and we ask everyone to please sign the *Friendship Register* in each pew. Visitors are asked to also complete a *Visitors Card* from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Again, Welcome!

**\*Invites the congregation to stand.**

### HOLY COMMUNION

#### WELCOME

**\*PROCESSION WITH PALMS**

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[P] Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

[C] **Hosanna in the highest.**

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**Processional Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 21:1-11*

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**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** “*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*” ELW #344  
*As the hymn begins, please follow the processional cross carried by the Crucifer.*

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

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

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

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went.  
 Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. **(Refrain)**

To you, before your Passion, they sang their hymns of praise,  
 to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **(Refrain)**

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

[P] Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

[C] **Hosanna in the highest!**

**\*GREETING**

[P] The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

[C] **And also with you.**

**\*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[P] Let us pray...

[C] **Amen**

*Insert*

**THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

[R] The Word of the Lord.

[C] **Thanks be to God.**

*Insert*

**PSALM: 31:9-16, refrain, Ps. 31:5**

*(Congregation sings verses in **bold** print only.)*

*Insert*

**THE SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11**

[R] The Word of the Lord.

[C] **Thanks be to God.**

*Insert*

**THE OFFERING**

**CHORAL OFFERTORY:** "Hosanna to the King" Craig Courtney

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN:** "Jesus, Remember Me" (2x) ELW #616

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

[A] Let us pray together,

[C] **Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**INTRODUCTION TO THE PASSION**

**PASSION OF JESUS ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW 26:1 – 27:66**

*In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.*

**HYMN:** "Calvary" (verses 1-2) ELW #354

**[R] Matthew 26:1-29**

*Jesus and his disciples share their last Passover together.*

**COMMUNION**

*We will receive The Lord's Supper by intinction with two stations. The Pastor and the Assistant will distribute the host (bread), which will then be dipped in either the silver chalice (wine) or the gold chalice (grape juice). If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. God's forgiveness and love is for everyone.*

Praise Chorus: "Christ We Adore Thee"

**Communion Hymns:** "Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land" ELW #333  
"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" ELW #335

*After all have communed and returned to their places, the passion narrative continues.*

**[R] Matthew 26:30-46**

*Jesus prays in Gethsemane.*

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each portion of the prayers:*

[A] Hear us, O God.

[C] **Your mercy is great.**

*Insert*

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**

**[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**

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN:** “*Stay with Me*” ELW #348

**[R] Matthew 26:47-68**  
*Jesus is betrayed and arrested.*

**HYMN:** “*Go to Dark Gethsemane*” (verses 1-2) ELW #347

**[R] Matthew 26:69-75**  
*Peter denies Jesus*

**HYMN:** “*Ah, Holy Jesus*” (verses 1-2) ELW #349

**[R] Matthew 27:1-14**  
*Jesus is brought to Pilate and Herod*

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** “*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*”  
Played by Epiphany Handbell Ringers

**[R] Matthew 27:15-26**  
*Jesus is condemned to death.*

**HYMN:** “*Were You There*” (verses 1-3) ELW #353

**[R] Matthew 27:27-54**  
*Jesus is crucified and dies.*

**HYMN:** “*Were You There*” (verses 4-5) ELW #353

**[R] Matthew 27:55-66**  
*Jesus is buried.*

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN:** “*Lamb of God*” ELW #336  
*As the Crucifer carries the cross to the back during the singing of the hymn, the congregation turns to face the cross.*

**\*BLESSING**

**[P]** Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✚ bless you now and always.

**[C] Amen**

**\*DISMISSAL**

**[All] Follow Christ, Live Faithfully, Serve All. Thanks be to God.**

*Depart in silence.*

**Palm Sunday Passion Reading**  
**Sunday, March 29, 2026**  
**The Passion According to Matthew**

Narrator – Bryan Peterson

Jesus - Michael Thompson

Judas – Furman Rogers

Peter – Bob Ard

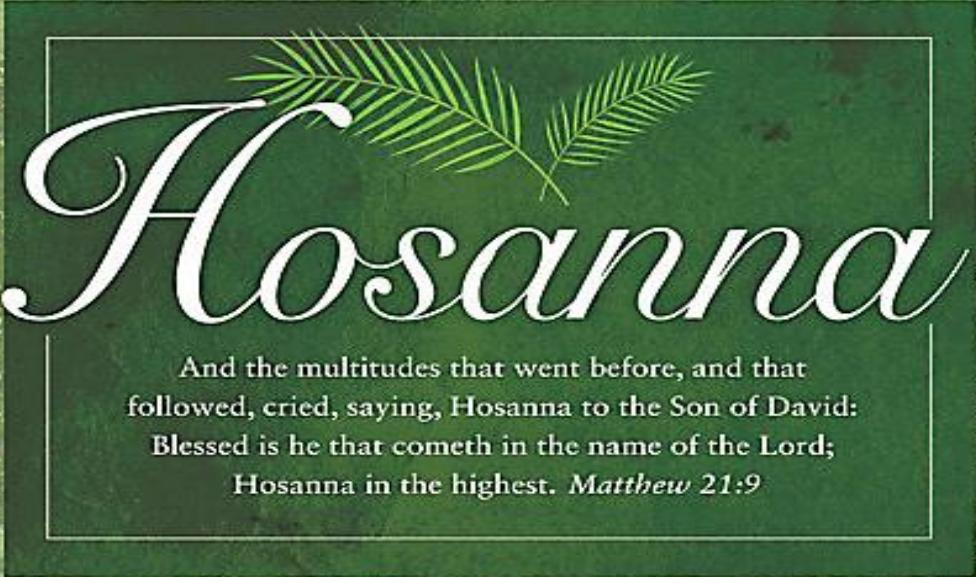
Witness – Heather Moore

High Priest – Evelyn Brown

Servant – Heather Moore

Pilate – Tommy Lane

People - The Congregation



*Hosanna*

And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. *Matthew 21:9*