

Passion/Palm Sunday

Service of the Word
April 5, 2020

Today from the life of the church

The cross teaches us to believe in hope even when there is no hope. The wisdom of the cross is deeply hidden in a profound mystery. In fact there is no other way to heaven than taking up the cross of Christ. On account of this we must beware that the active life with its good works, and the contemplative life with its speculations, do not lead us astray. Both are most attractive and yield peace of mind, but for that very reason they hide real dangers, unless they are tempered by the cross and disturbed by adversaries. The cross is the surest path of all. Blessed is the one who understands this truth.

Martin Luther
(1483-1546)

PRELUDE Urbs Hierusalem beata (Blessed city, Jerusalem) | Healey Willan

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

GOSPEL Luke 22:14-23:56

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. We give thanks for the great acts of love in Jesus Christ by whom you have redeemed the world. Christ entered Jerusalem on this day and was acclaimed Son of David, King of kings, by those who spread their garments and palms along his path.

Bless these palm branches and those who bear them. Grant that we may ever hail Christ our King, take up his cross and follow him through death into life. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us go forth in peace,

in the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN #344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor (*Stanzas 1, 5*)

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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

VESTING FOR PASSION SUNDAY

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Everlasting Father, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your boundless mercy, form us in his obedience, and lead us to the glorious victory of his risen and eternal life. We ask this in the name of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

Please sit.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4–9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16

The cantor and congregation alternate in the singing of psalm verses, beginning with the cantor.



Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I | am in trouble;*
 my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.
 For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;*
 my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.
**I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances;*
 when they see me in the street | they avoid me.**
Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;*
I am as useless as a | broken pot.
 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;*
 they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.
 But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O Lord.*
 I have said, "You | are my God.
My times are | in your hand;*
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.
Let your face shine up- | on your servant;*
save me in your | steadfast love."

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



☩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW Matthew 27:11-54

Please sit.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY #340 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth to save a world of sin - ners.
2 This lamb is Christ, our great - est friend, the Lamb of God, our Sav - ior,
3 Our Sav - ior an - swered from his heart that he would take the bur - den:
4 Of death I am no more a - fraid; your dy - ing is my liv - ing.



He bears the bur - den all a - lone, dies shorn of all his hon - ors.
whom God in mer - cy chose to send to win us reb - els o - ver.
"My Fa - ther's will is my com - mand; I'll do as I am bid - den."
You clothe me in your roy - al robes that you are al - ways giv - ing.



He goes to slaugh - ter, weak and faint, is led to die with -
"Go down, my child," the Fa - ther said, "and free my chil - dren
Oh, won - drous love! Oh, lov - ing might! To right what mor - tals
Your love is dress e - nough for me to wear through all e -



out com - plaint; his spot - less life he of - fers. He bears the shame,
from their dread of death and con - dem - na - tion. The pain - ful stripes
can - not right the Son was sent from heav - en. What love, O Love,
ter - ni - ty be - fore the throne of heav - en, where we shall stand



the stripes, the wrath; his an - guish, mock - er - y,
are hard to bear, but by your death they all
who came to save by lov - ing e - ven to
close by your side, your church, the well - ap - point -



and death for us he glad - ly suf - fers.
can share the joy of your sal - va - tion."
the grave un - til the stone was riv - en.
ed bride, when all the faith - ful gath - er.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**
**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER *Sung by all*



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav- en, hal- low- ed be



thy name, thy king-dom come, thy will be done,



on earth as it is in heav- en. Give us this day our



dai- ly bread; and for- give us our tres- pass- es,



as we for- give those who tres- pass a- gainst us; and lead us



not in- to temp-ta- tion, but de- liv- er us from e- vil.



For thine is the king- dom, and the pow- er, and the



glo- ry, for- ev- er and ev- er. A- men.

Sending

BLESSING

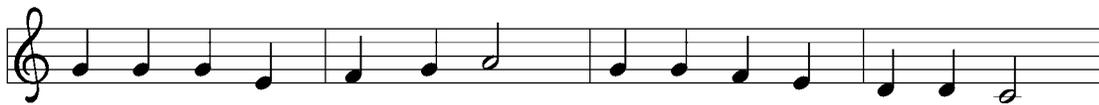
CLOSING HYMN #811 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless- ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou- bles nor its plea- sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip- tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun- da- tion, all my glo- ry and sal- va - tion!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord

Thanks be to God.

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