



Passion Sunday
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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshipping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Children are always welcome in worship services;
however please know
a nursery is provided for children under 4 years of age.

Please silence your cell phones at this time.

Introduction to this Day

Traditionally, Palm Sunday was commemorated in worship as a day of pomp and circumstance, celebrating a conquering king's triumphant entry into the capitol. The focus of the day was on waving palm branches and singing Hosannas. We will still wave branches and sing Hosannas, but the intention of worship today is to draw us into and make us participants in the story of Jesus' last days. We call this story the "Passion of Jesus" as a reminder of the extremes Jesus endured to express the intensity of God's passionate love for us.

“We Pray for Peace”

(TUNE: Be Still My Soul)

We pray for peace, O Spirit here among us;
your love emboldens, judges and restrains.
Take any hate and acts of impulse from us;
make leaders wise, amid competing claims.
May we seek peace, O God of love and justice;
may love and mercy be our highest aims.

Procession of Psalms

Luke 19

- R1 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.'"
- R2 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,
- All "The Lord needs it."**
- R1 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,

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

R2 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."

Please stand as you are able.

Hosanna

Verse 1

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Lord we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise
Be exalted oh Lord my God! Hosanna in the highest!

Verse 2

Glory! Glory! Glory to the King of kings!
Glory! Glory! Glory to the King of kings!
Lord we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise
Be exalted oh Lord my God! Glory to the King of kings!

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You may be Seated

P We stand at the precipice of Lent and Holy Week. This day moves from shouting and praising to a time of crying and lament. The drama of the story of Jesus' last week reads like the book of our lives. Feeling hopeful one moment, we plummet the next as we deal with disappointment, danger, and grief. God's incarnation on earth was not immune from this roller-coaster we call life. One thing we know, when things are difficult, the last thing on our minds is climbing the ladder of self-improvement. We just want to survive, to be comforted, to have our pain known and

P embraced. And so, we turn from the isolation of perfection toward deep love. Listen, be drawn in – become part of the story of our faith.

(All) What in our lives do we dream a-bout for to-mor-row, void of sor-row?
Time spent re-grett-ing de-ci-sions of our yes-ter-days, mi-stakes we made?
Some-times we get what we get, life dis-ap-points us and yet,
God is still here and some-how, this faith is good e-nough.

Luke 22

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.

Honest Questions, Compassionate Response

P Jesus orchestrated a low-budget parade into a city where he knew his days were numbered.

“Get me a colt,” he said.

Not a strong horse. Not a float.

A young, donkey that has never been ridden.

P And people gathered and his friends began shouting and that made the local priests angry.

Life is hard and we all need friends and sometimes we need big, loud, praying that will not be messed with.

We are created for interdependence. So all our hiding and pretending that we are “perfectly fine” all on our own just won’t work.

Get on the donkey when you need to and let people wave their branches and lay down their cloaks for you. Let them cheer and make noise for you.

The thing is, you know you’ll do it for them too.

Knowing this, what keeps you from being honest?

What keeps you from being connected with others?

Let us take a moment to silently reflect...

Silence is kept for self reflection.

Hear this compassionate word from Paul’s Letter to the Philippians:

“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus ...”

Know that already, God is offering us freedom from isolation as we are called into the kind of community Christ had in mind for all.

We are invited to the audacity of interdependence so that we might recognize love in its giving and receiving.

And know, that despite our sometimes faltering steps, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are being forgiven, even now.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, ✝ you are forgiven.
Glory to God! Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

In our continued physical distancing out of love for the health of one another, we will share the peace of our risen Lord by “speaking” that peace through sign language.

P Christ become Peace with you.

All And also with you.

Gathering of Gifts

While we still will not physically pass the offering plates we will continue to have the plates available at the entrance to receive your offerings and will lift them up in thanksgiving before the throne of grace.

*♪ ♪ I cast all my cares upon You ♪ ♪
I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet
And anytime that I don't know what to do
I will cast all my cares upon You*

Offertory Prayer

P Generous God,

All in light of your extravagant blessings—
no matter what the state of the world or our imperfect lives—
we offer our gifts and ourselves,
and know that you transform what we give
into the offering of Your love. Amen.

Holy Communion

Pastor 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.”

Pastor 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.”

Pastor 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.”

Pastor 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!”

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

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

**All 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.**

The Invitation

P Here is food and drink for the journey.
Take and be filled.

Communion Songs

You may be Seated

The Lamb

- 1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes, God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!
The Lamb is reigning on his throne!

- 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing. Refrain
- 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, his will on our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain

What Feast of Love

1. What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the King, the bread come down from heaven.
O taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!
2. What light of truth is offered here, What covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, What wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the King, The Sun come down from heaven.
O see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!
3. What wine of love is offered here, What crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, What precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the King, The sweetest wine of heaven.
O taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given.

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen.

P Let us pray.
Tender and merciful one,

All at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing,
turning our emptiness into joy.

Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

R1 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.”

R2 ³³And he said to him,

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

R1 ³⁴Jesus said,

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

R2 ³⁵Jesus said to them,

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

R1 They said,

All “No, not a thing.”

R1 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.”

R2 ³⁸They said,

All “Lord, look, here are two swords.”

R1 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.”

Prayers of the People

L Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*♪ ♪ O Lord, hear our prayer we offer up to you;
O Lord, hear our prayer. ♪ ♪*

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(each prayer petition ends with)

L: God of grace, ***All:* You hear our prayer.**

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,

All “**Lord, should we strike with the sword?**”

Narrator ⁵⁰Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said,

Jesus “No more of this!”

Narrator And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then 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? ⁵³When 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 ⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Women “This man also was with him.”

Narrator ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying,

All “Woman, I do not know him.”

Narrator ⁵⁸A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Men “You also are one of them.”

Narrator But Peter said,

All “Man, I am not!”

Narrator ⁵⁹Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, “Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.” ⁶⁰But Peter said,

All “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!”

Narrator At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. ⁶¹The 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.” ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly. ⁶³Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; ⁶⁴they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

All **“Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?”**

Narrator ⁶⁵They kept heaping many other insults on him. ⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. ⁶⁷They said,

All **“If you are the Messiah, tell us.”**

Narrator He replied,

Jesus “If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸and if I question you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

Narrator ⁷⁰All of them asked,

All **“Are you, then, the Son of God?”**

Narrator He said to them,

Jesus “You say that I am.”

Narrator ⁷¹Then they said,

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

Luke 23

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

All **“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 ³Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered,

Jesus “You say so.”

Narrator ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.” ⁵But they were insistent and said,

All **“He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.**

Narrator ⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When 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. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even 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. ¹²That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴and 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. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

¹⁸Then they all shouted out together,

All **“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.) ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting,

All **“Crucify, crucify him!”**

R1 ²²A 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.” ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted.

R2 ²⁵He 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. ²⁶As 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. ²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For 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.’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

R1 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,

Jesus “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

R2 And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

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

R1 ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying,

All “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

R2 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,

All “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.”

R1 ⁴²Then he said,

All “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

R2 ⁴³(Jesus) replied,

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

R1 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.”

R2 Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

All “Certainly this man was innocent.”

R1 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.

R2

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.

Were You There

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?

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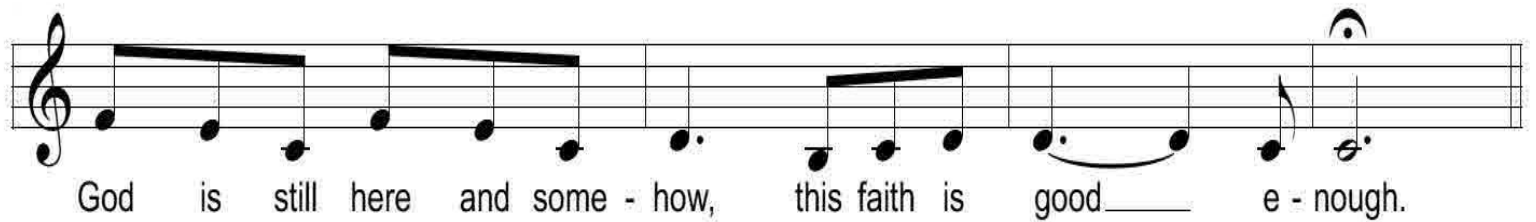
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Benediction

Please stand as you are able.

P And now, may the God who loves all of creation, especially the lonely bits, and Jesus, our companion along this crooked path called life, and the Holy Spirit, who loves to improvise in surprising ways, go with you, ✝ dwell among you, and give you joy.

All Amen.



Dismissal

P Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

All Thanks be to God.

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