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## Procession of Palms

*The congregation stands and faces the processional cross, a reminder of Christ who comes into our midst.*

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

**C Hosanna to the Son of David.**

P Let us pray. Most merciful God ..... one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

*after the reading*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

P Let us go forth in peace

**C In the name of the Lord.**

Processional Hymn:

**LSB 442**

*Palm branches may be raised for the processional.*

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

**C Hosanna in the highest.**

*silence*

Salutation & Collect of the Day

**LSB 189**

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the  
beard;

I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

<sup>8</sup> He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

<sup>9a</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

## Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:1-27:66

. . . <sup>27:38</sup>Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup>So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup>"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He

trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

<sup>44</sup>And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup>And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." <sup>48</sup>And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup>And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup>And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup>and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

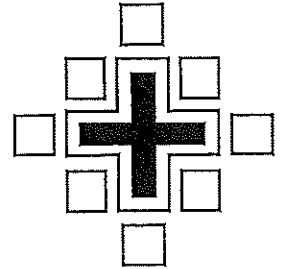
<sup>55</sup>There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, <sup>56</sup>among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

<sup>57</sup>When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup>And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud <sup>60</sup>and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

<sup>62</sup>Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' <sup>64</sup>Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." <sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." <sup>66</sup>So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

# Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion

March 29, 2026



**INTROIT**      *Ps. 24:7–10; antiphon: Ps. 118:26*

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,\*  
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?\*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle!  
Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,\*  
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?\*

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!  
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**GRADUAL**      *Heb. 9:12a, c, 15a; Ps. 111:9a*

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of | his own blood,\*  
thus securing an eternal re- | demption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new | covenant,\*

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal in- | heritance.

He sent redemption to his | people;\*

he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.

## DAILY READINGS

March 29: Ex. 8:1–32; Heb. 1:1–14; 30: Ex. 9:1–28; Heb. 2:1–18; 31: Ex. 9:29–10:20; Heb. 3:1–19;  
April 1: Ex. 10:21–11:10; Heb. 4:1–16; 2: Ex. 12:1–28; Heb. 5:1–14; 3: Ex. 12:29–32; 13:1–16; Heb.  
6:1–20; 4: Ex. 13:17–14:9; Heb. 7:1–22.