

Hosanna to the Son of David!

MATTHEW 21:9



Hope Lutheran Church

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Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

The Sunday of the Pasion or Palm Sunday as it is usually called commences on a high note of joy and anticipation just as the Sunday before Passover began on the final week of Jesus' life. Our worship today begins with a Procession with palm branches held high to welcome the King. By the midpoint in the service, the gospel account of Jesus' passion and death is read and the mood changes. Holy Week has begun.

The Procession with Palms

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

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

P: The Lord be with you,

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Processional Gospel Matthew 27

Congregation raises their branches.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus our Lord. On this day He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of Kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of the Lord.

Processional Hymn “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” **LBW # 108**

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lessons

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

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Philippians 2:5-11

He's the Savior of my soul. My Jesus, My Jesus. He's the Savior of my soul. He's the Savior of my soul. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! He's the Savior of my soul. He's the Savior of my soul.

Gospel **Matthew 27:11-54**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” LBW # 301

The Nicene Creed **pg. 64**

Prayers of the Church

The Peace

Offering /Offertory-sing **pg. 66**

Offertory Prayer **pg. 67**

The Great Thanksgiving **pg. 68**

The Lord’s Prayer

“Lamb of God” **pg. 72**

Holy Communion

Post Communion Canticle **pg. 72**

The Prayer **pg. 74**

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn “In the Hour of Trial” **LBW # 106**

We invite all communing Christians to join us in Holy Communion. You may come forward for communion or take a communion baggie in the Narthex and commune in your pew.

In Our Prayers we remember Dwight Eisenhauer, Bruce Gerking, and Kathy Helgren.

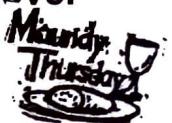
Tuesday, 4th: 6:00 p.m. First Communion Class at Hope

Wednesday, 5th: 6:00 p.m. Confirmation at Grace; Passover begins

Thursday, 6th: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday at Hope

Friday, 7th: Good Friday Service at Grace

Sunday 9th: 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship



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FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

2:5-11

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.

⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.

⁶I 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.

⁷The 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;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 31:9-16

SECOND READING: Philippians

2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that
was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, 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,

⁸he humbled himself

and became obedient to the

point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly

exalted him

and gave him the name

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and

under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should

confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14—
27:66 [not printed]**

or Matthew 27:11-54 [not printed]