

**Cannon River & Cross of Christ
Lutheran Churches ELCA
Faithful Through Generations
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Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

L: The Light shines in the darkness. **C: and the darkness does not overcome it.**

OPENING HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

ELW#344

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Thanks be to God!**

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus enters Jerusalem

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,
²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her;
untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will
send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks
on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the
trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This
is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON**Deacon Todd Portinga****HYMN***“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”***ELW #324**

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

*The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*BENEDICTION: May God bless you and keep you. May God’s face shine on you and be gracious to you. May
God look on you with favor and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

*L: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**