



Welcome to Messiah Lutheran

Passion Sunday

April 2, 2023

PROCESSIONAL LITANY *(Please turn and face back of Sanctuary)*

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

The Lord is our God, our light and our salvation.

Great is our God! Give thanks to the Lord!

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

Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna! Hosanna!

PROCESSIONAL SONG: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” – ELW 344 *(Vs 1,3,4)*

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

3 The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain*

4 To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*

GREETING and PRAYER:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: **Almighty God, thank you for providing a path to grace and forgiveness through Christ's death on the cross. We are ever grateful for the journey of Holy Week, leading us onward to the power of the cross, the victory of the Resurrection, and life everlasting in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

KINGDOM KIDS TIME



Proclamation of the Passion Story in Scripture & Song



The Institution of the Lord's Supper ... Luke 22:14 –23

“Bread of Life from Heaven” – ELW 474 (Verses 1 & 5)

Refrain: Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.

1 Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;
giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;
in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. *Refrain*

5 Drink of this cup and declare his death;
eat this bread and believe Easter morn;
trust his return and, with ev'ry breath,
praise the one in whom you are reborn. *Refrain*

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The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus ... Luke 22:31 –53

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” – ELW 347 (Verse 1)

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

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Peter Denies Jesus ... Luke 22:54 –62

“Ah Holy Jesus” – ELW 349 (Verses 1 & 2)

1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

Jesus is Mocked and Sentenced: *Luke 22:63 –23:25*

“Go To Dark Gethsemane” – *ELW 347* (Verse 2)

Follow to the judgment hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.

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The Crucifixion of Jesus ... *Luke 23:26 –46*

“Alas and Did My Savior Bleed” – *ELW 337* (Verses 1 & 3)

1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
and did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
for sinners such as I?

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide
and shut its glories in
when God, the mighty maker, died
for his own creatures' sin.

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The Burial of Jesus: *Luke 23:47 –56*

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” – *ELW 803* (Verses 1 & 3)

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

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PRAYERS:

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

In Jesus you came among us as a suffering servant. Give your church humility. Redeem your people from pride and the certainty that we always know your will. Heal us and empower us to confess Christ crucified. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Jesus was handed over to the powers of this world. In all nations, instruct the powerful, that they would not exploit their power but maintain justice. Sustain those serving in the military, and guide those who command them, that they serve those in greatest need. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Abide with those who are condemned to death. Defend those who are falsely accused. Console and strengthen those who are mocked or bullied. Accompany all who suffer; grant respite and renewal. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You called followers to tend Jesus' body in death. Sustain hospice workers and funeral directors. Bless this congregation's ministries at times of death: those who plan and lead funerals, those who prepare meals, all who offer support in grief. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You inspired the centurion to confess Jesus as your Son. We praise you for the faith you have given to people of all places and times. Give us also such faith to trust the promises of baptism and, with them, to look for the resurrection of the dead. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Our Lord Jesus offered himself for us in love on the cross.

We bring our offering in response, giving thanks for such an amazing gift!

OFFERTORY: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" – ELW 803 (Verses 4)

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" – *ELW* 338 (Vs 1,2)

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus
I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat
and burdens of the day.

3 I take, O cross, your shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all, the cross.

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
Thanks be to God.

Today we follow Christ from the triumphal entry to the cross, each step of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.



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