



**Palm Sunday – Passion Sunday**  
**Christ Lutheran Church**

## INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

## ENTRANCE RITE FOR PALM SUNDAY

M: Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into His own city to complete His work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion His entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow Him with a lively faith. United with Him by Baptism, we share in His resurrection and new life.

M: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna in the highest!**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

*Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem*

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus then sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>telling them, "Go into the village ahead of you. At once you will find a donkey tied there with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them at once."

<sup>4</sup>This took place so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

**<sup>5</sup>Tell Daughter Zion,  
"See, your King is coming to you,  
gentle, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt,  
the foal of a donkey."<sup>[a][b]</sup>**

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did just as Jesus directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt; then they laid their

clothes on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their clothes on the road; others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. <sup>9</sup> Then the crowds who went ahead of him and those who followed shouted:

*Hosanna* to the Son of David!

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**<sup>[c]</sup>

*Hosanna* in the highest heaven!

<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in an uproar, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

M: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

M: Let us go forth in peace,

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

Processional Hymn

All Glory Laud and Honor



1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,  
 2 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,  
 3 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,  
 4 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,  
 5 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho -  
 To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho -  
 To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho -  
 To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho -  
 To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho -



san - nas ring. You are the King of Is - rael  
 san - nas ring. The com - pa - ny of an - gels  
 san - nas ring. The peo - ple of the He - brews  
 san - nas ring. To you be - fore your pas - sion  
 san - nas ring. As you re - ceived their prais - es,



And Da - vid's roy - al Son, Now in the  
 Is prais - ing you on high, And we with  
 With palms be - fore you went; Our praise and  
 They sang their hymns of praise; To you, now  
 Ac - cept the prayers we bring, O Source of



Lord's name com - ing, Our King and bless - ed one.  
 all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.  
 prayer and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

M: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted “Hosanna” and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our praise, and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

HYMN 98 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now Christian Worship



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On your ho - ly  
 2 Make me see your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af -  
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see your  
 4 If my sins give me a - larm And my con - science  
 5 Grant that I your pas - sion view With re - pent - ant



pas - sion; With your Spir - it me en - dow  
 flic - tion; Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness  
 pas - sion, But its cause to me make known  
 grieve me, Let your cross my fear dis - arm;  
 griev - ing. Let me not bring shame to you



For such med - i - ta - tion. Grant that I in love  
 And your cru - ci - fix - ion; Make me see how scourge  
 And its ter - mi - na - tion. Ah! I al - so and  
 Peace of con - science give me. Help me see for - give -  
 By un - ho - ly liv - ing. How could I re - fuse



and faith May the im - age cher - ish Of your suf -  
 and rod, Spear and nails did wound you, How for them  
 my sin Wrought your deep af - flic - tion; This in - deed  
 ness won By your ho - ly pas - sion. If for me  
 to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful pleas - ure Since for me



f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
 you died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned you.  
 the cause has been Of your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
 he slays his Son, God must have com - pas - sion!  
 God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out meas - ure?

# THE PASSION HISTORY

Matthew 26:1-27:66

26 When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he told his disciples, <sup>2</sup>“You know<sup>[a]</sup> that the Passover takes place after two days, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

## HYMN

117 O Dearest Jesus

1. O dear-est Je - sus, what law have you bro - ken  
That such sharp sen - tence should on you be spo - ken?  
Of what great crime have you to make con -  
fes - sion— What dark trans - gres - sion?

<sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests<sup>[b]</sup> and the elders of the people assembled in the courtyard of the high priest, who was named Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup>and they conspired to arrest Jesus in a treacherous way and kill him. <sup>5</sup>“Not during the festival,” they said, “so there won’t be rioting among the people.”

<sup>6</sup>While Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper,<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>7</sup>a woman approached him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume. She poured it on his head as he was reclining at the table. <sup>8</sup>When the disciples saw it, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked. <sup>9</sup>“This might have been sold for a great deal and given to the poor.”

<sup>10</sup>Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a noble thing for me. <sup>11</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me. <sup>12</sup>By

pouring this perfume on my body, she has prepared me for burial. <sup>13</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

<sup>14</sup>Then one of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and said, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” So they weighed out thirty pieces of silver for him. <sup>16</sup>And from that time he started looking for a good opportunity to betray him.

<sup>17</sup>On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

<sup>18</sup>“Go into the city to a certain man,” he said, “and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My time is near; I am celebrating the Passover at your place<sup>[d]</sup> with my disciples.’” <sup>19</sup>So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. <sup>20</sup>When evening came, he was reclining at the table with the Twelve. <sup>21</sup>While they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

<sup>22</sup>Deeply distressed, each one began to say to him, “Surely not I, Lord?”

## HYMN

## 113 Upon the Cross Extended

3. 'Tis I who should be smit - ten, My doom should here be  
writ - ten: Bound hand and foot in hell. The fet - ters  
and the scourg - ing, The floods a-round you surg - ing,  
'Tis I who have de - served them well.

<sup>23</sup> He replied, “The one who dipped his hand with me in the bowl—he will betray me. <sup>24</sup> The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for him if he had not been born.”

<sup>25</sup> Judas, his betrayer, replied, “Surely not I, Rabbi?”  
 “You have said it,” he told him.

<sup>26</sup> As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take and eat it; this is my body.” <sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them and said, “Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> For this is my blood of the covenant,<sup>[s]</sup> which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> But I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” <sup>30</sup> After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

HYMN

314 O Living Bread from Heaven

4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength-ened With heav'n-ly food, while here —

My course on earth is length - ened, To serve with ho - ly fear. —

And when you call my spir - it To leave this world be - low, —

I en - ter, through your mer - it, Where joys un-min-gled flow. —

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Tonight all of you will fall away because of me, for it is written:

**I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.**<sup>[4]</sup>

<sup>32</sup>But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”

<sup>33</sup>Peter told him, “Even if everyone falls away because of you, I will never fall away.”

<sup>34</sup>“Truly I tell you,” Jesus said to him, “tonight, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”

<sup>35</sup>“Even if I have to die with you,” Peter told him, “I will never deny you,” and all the disciples said the same thing.

## HYMN

## 380 Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You

1. Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you; That, I know, could  
nev - er be, For this heart would still re - fuse you Had your  
grace not cho - sen me. You re - moved the sin that  
stained me, Cleans - ing me to be your own; For this  
pur - pose you or - dained me, That I live for you a - lone.

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he told the disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” <sup>37</sup>Taking along Peter and the two sons of

Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled.<sup>38</sup> He said to them, “I am deeply grieved<sup>[l]</sup> to the point of death. Remain here and stay awake with me.”<sup>39</sup> Going a little farther,<sup>[l]</sup> he fell facedown and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

HYMN

435 The Will of God Is Always Best

1. The will of God is al - ways best And shall be done for -  
 ev - er. And they who trust in him are blest; He  
 will for - sake them nev - er. He helps in - deed In  
 time of need; He chas - tens with fore - bear - ing. They who de -  
 pend On God, their friend, Shall not be left de - spair - ing.

<sup>40</sup>Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. He asked Peter, “So, couldn’t you stay awake with me one hour?”<sup>41</sup> Stay awake and pray, so that you won’t enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

<sup>42</sup>Again, a second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this<sup>[l]</sup> cannot pass<sup>[l]</sup> unless I drink it, your will be done.”<sup>43</sup> And he came again and found them sleeping, because they could not keep their eyes open.

<sup>44</sup> After leaving them, he went away again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more. <sup>45</sup> Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? See, the time is near. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Get up; let’s go. See, my betrayer is near.”

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, suddenly arrived. A large mob with swords and clubs was with him from the chief priests and elders of the people. <sup>48</sup> His betrayer had given them a sign: “The one I kiss, he’s the one; arrest him.” <sup>49</sup> So immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

<sup>50</sup> “Friend,” Jesus asked him, “why have you come?”<sup>[a]</sup>

Then they came up, took hold of Jesus, and arrested him. <sup>51</sup> At that moment one of those with Jesus reached out his hand and drew his sword. He struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his ear.

<sup>52</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Put your sword back in its place because all who take up the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Or do you think that I cannot call on my Father, and he will provide me here and now with more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> How, then, would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?”

<sup>55</sup> At that time Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs, as if I were a criminal,<sup>[b]</sup> to capture me? Every day I used to sit, teaching in the temple, and you didn’t arrest me. <sup>56</sup> But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and ran away.

**HYMN**

In Thee, Lord, have I Put My Trust

5 The world for me has false-ly set so man-y a sec - ret  
snare and net To tempt me and to harm me. Lord, make them fail,  
O Lord, pre - vail! From e - vil mal - ice, spare me.

<sup>57</sup>Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had convened. <sup>58</sup>Peter was following him at a distance right to the high priest’s courtyard. He went in and was sitting with the servants to see the outcome.

<sup>59</sup>The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they could put him to death, <sup>60</sup>but they could not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward. <sup>[a]</sup> Finally, two <sup>[a]</sup> who came forward <sup>61</sup>stated, “This man said, ‘I can destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’”

<sup>62</sup>The high priest stood up and said to him, “Don’t you have an answer to what these men are testifying against you?” <sup>63</sup>But Jesus kept silent. The high priest said to him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

<sup>64</sup>“You have said it,” Jesus told him. “But I tell you, in the future <sup>[a]</sup> you will see **the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.**” <sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? See, now you’ve heard the blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What is your decision?”

They answered, “He deserves death!”<sup>67</sup> Then they spat in his face and beat him; others slapped him<sup>68</sup> and said, “Prophecy to us, Messiah! Who was it that hit you?”

HYMN

105 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

2 Men mock and taunt and jeer you, They smite your  
coun - te - nance, Though might - y worlds shall fear you  
And flee be - fore your glance. How pale you are with  
an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn! Your eyes with  
pain now lan - guish That once were bright as morn!

<sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl approached him and said, “You were with Jesus the Galilean too.”

<sup>70</sup>But he denied it in front of everyone: “I don’t know what you’re talking about.”

<sup>71</sup>When he had gone out to the gateway, another woman saw him and told those who were there, “This man was with Jesus the Nazarene!”

<sup>72</sup>And again he denied it with an oath: “I don’t know the man!”

<sup>73</sup> After a little while those standing there approached and said to Peter, “You really are one of them, since even your accent<sup>[a]</sup> gives you away.”

<sup>74</sup> Then he started to curse and to swear with an oath, “I don’t know the man!” Immediately a rooster crowed, <sup>75</sup> and Peter remembered the words Jesus had spoken, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

## HYMN

70 Help Us, O Lord, for Now We Enter



Je - sus be with me and di - rect me; Je - sus my  
plans and hopes in - spire; Je - sus from tempt - ing thoughts pro -  
tect me; Je - sus, be all my heart's de - sire; Je - sus be  
in my thoughts all day And nev - er let me fall a - way.

When daybreak came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put him to death. <sup>2</sup> After tying him up, they led him away and handed him over to Pilate,<sup>[a]</sup> the governor.

<sup>3</sup> Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, was full of remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders. <sup>4</sup> “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood,” he said.

“What’s that to us?” they said. “See to it yourself!” <sup>5</sup> So he threw the silver into the temple and departed. Then he went and hanged himself.

<sup>6</sup>The chief priests took the silver and said, “It’s not permitted to put it into the temple treasury, since it is blood money.” <sup>7</sup>They conferred together and bought the potter’s field with it as a burial place for foreigners. <sup>8</sup>Therefore that field has been called “Blood Field” to this day. <sup>9</sup>Then what was spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: **They took<sup>[s]</sup> the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him whose price was set by the Israelites,<sup>10</sup> and they gave<sup>[t]</sup> them for the potter’s field, as the Lord directed me.<sup>[u]</sup>**

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor. “Are you the King of the Jews?” the governor asked him.

Jesus answered, “You say so.” <sup>12</sup>While he was being accused by the chief priests and elders, he didn’t answer.

HYMN

Commit Whatever Grieves You

1 Com - mit what - ev - er grieves you In - to the  
 grac - ious hands Of him who nev - er leave you,  
 Who heav'n and earth com-mands. Who points the clouds their  
 cour - ses, Whom winds and waves o - bey, He will di -  
 rect your foot - steps And find for you a - way.

<sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, “Don’t you hear how much they are testifying against you?” <sup>14</sup>But he didn’t answer him on even one charge, so that the governor was quite amazed.

<sup>15</sup>At the festival the governor’s custom was to release to the crowd a prisoner they wanted. <sup>16</sup>At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Who is it you want me to release for you— Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” <sup>18</sup>For he knew it was because of envy that they had handed him over.

<sup>19</sup>While he was sitting on the judge’s bench, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for today I’ve suffered terribly in a dream because of him.”

<sup>20</sup>The chief priests and the elders, however, persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to execute Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The governor asked them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”

“Barabbas!” they answered.

<sup>22</sup>Pilate asked them, “What should I do then with Jesus, who is called Christ?”

They all answered, “Crucify him!”

## HYMN

## 117:4 O Dearest Jesus Christian Worship

4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!

The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;

The Mas - ter pays the debt his ser - vants

owe him, Who would not know him.

<sup>23</sup>Then he said, “Why? What has he done wrong?”

But they kept shouting all the more, “Crucify him!”

<sup>24</sup>When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that a riot was starting instead, he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, “I am innocent of this man’s blood.<sup>[w]</sup> See to it yourselves!”

<sup>25</sup>All the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” <sup>26</sup>Then he released Barabbas to them and, after having Jesus flogged, handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup>Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the governor’s residence and gathered the whole company<sup>[s]</sup> around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and dressed him in a scarlet robe. <sup>29</sup>They twisted together a crown of thorns, put it on his head, and placed a staff in his right hand. And they knelt down before him and mocked him: “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>30</sup>Then they spat on him, took the staff, and kept hitting him on the head.

## HYMN

## 105 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

1. O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, With grief and  
 2. Men mock and taunt and jeer you, They smite your  
 shame weighed down, Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed,  
 coun - te - nance, Though might - y worlds shall fear you  
 With thorns your on - ly crown, O sa - cred head, no  
 And flee be - fore your glance. How pale you are with  
 glo - ry Now from your face does shine; Yet, though de -  
 an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn! Your eyes with  
 spised and go - ry, I joy to call you mine.  
 pain now lan - guish That once were bright as morn!

<sup>31</sup> After they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup> As they were going out, they found a Cyrenian man named Simon. They forced him to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup> When they came to a place called *Golgotha* (which means Place of the Skull), <sup>34</sup> they gave him wine<sup>[l]</sup> mixed with gall to drink. But when he tasted it, he refused to drink it. <sup>35</sup> After crucifying him, they divided his clothes by casting lots. <sup>[z]</sup> <sup>36</sup> Then they sat down and were guarding him there. <sup>37</sup> Above his head they put up the charge against him in writing: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

<sup>38</sup> Then two criminals<sup>[aa]</sup> were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup> Those who passed by were yelling insults at<sup>[ab]</sup> him, shaking 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> In the same way the chief priests, with the scribes and elders,<sup>[ac]</sup> mocked him and said,<sup>42</sup> “He saved others, but he cannot save himself! He is the King of Israel! Let him<sup>[ad]</sup> come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.<sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God rescue him now—if he takes pleasure in him!”<sup>[ae]</sup> For he said, “I am the Son of God.”<sup>44</sup> In the same way even the criminals who were crucified with him taunted him.

<sup>45</sup> From noon until three in the afternoon<sup>[af]</sup> darkness came over the whole land.<sup>[ag]</sup> <sup>46</sup> About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema<sup>[ah]</sup> sabachtháni?*” that is, “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”<sup>[ai]</sup>

<sup>47</sup> When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling for Elijah.”

<sup>48</sup> Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and offered him a drink.<sup>49</sup> But the rest said, “Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

<sup>50</sup> But Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and gave up his spirit.

## HYMN

## 105 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

7 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion, My shield when  
 I must die; Re - mind me of your pas - sion  
 When my last hour draws nigh. My eyes will then be -  
 hold you, Up - on your cross will dwell; My heart will  
 then en - fold you — Who dies in faith dies well!

<sup>51</sup> Suddenly, the curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom, the earth quaked, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs were also opened and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>53</sup> And they came out of the tombs after his resurrection, entered the holy city, and appeared to many.

<sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

<sup>55</sup> Many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him were there, watching from a distance. <sup>56</sup> Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons.

<sup>57</sup> When it was evening, a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph came, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup> He approached Pilate and asked for Jesus’s body. Then Pilate ordered that it<sup>[ai]</sup> be released. <sup>59</sup> So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in clean, fine linen, <sup>60</sup> and placed it in his new tomb, which he had cut into the rock. He left after rolling a great stone against the entrance of the tomb. <sup>61</sup> Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were seated there, facing the tomb.

<sup>62</sup> The next day, which followed the preparation day, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup> and said, “Sir, we remember that while this deceiver was still alive he said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ <sup>64</sup> So give orders that the tomb be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come, steal him, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception will be worse than the first.”

<sup>65</sup> “You have<sup>[ak]</sup> a guard of soldiers,” Pilate told them. “Go and make it as secure as you know how.” <sup>66</sup> They went and secured the tomb by setting a seal on the stone and placing the guard.

HYMN

434 Lord, You I Love with All My Heart

3. Lord, let at last your an-gels come; To A-bram's bos-om  
 bear me home That I may die un-fear-ing. And in its  
 nar-row cham-ber keep My bod-y safe in—peace-ful sleep  
 Un-til your re-ap-pear-ing. And then from death a -  
 wak-en me That my own eyes with joy may see,  
 O Son of God, your glo-rious face, My Sav-ior and my  
 Fount of grace. Lord Je-sus Christ, My prayer at-tend,  
 my prayer at-tend, And I will praise you with-out end.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

M: Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior. Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and

became one with us. Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place.

**C: Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.**

M: Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations. Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil.

**C: Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.**

M: Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful. Look with favor on our nation's schools. Be with those who teach and those who learn.

**C: Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation.

**C: Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

**C: 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. Amx`x`xen.

### THE BLESSING

- M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.
- C: Amen.



1 All praise be yours, for you, O King di - vine,  
 2 You came to us in low - li - ness of thought;  
 3 O Je - sus, let your mind with - in us be,  
 4 There-fore you are, by God's e - ter - nal vow,  
 5 Let ev' - ry tongue con-fess with one ac - cord



your right - ful glo - ry free - ly did re - sign,  
 by you the out - cast and the poor were sought,  
 for you were ser - vant that we might be free,  
 most high ex - al - ted o'er all crea - tures now,  
 in heav'n and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord,



that in our dar - kened hearts your grace might shine.  
 and by your death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.  
 hum - bling your - self to death on Cal - va - ry.  
 and giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow.  
 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na!