

**Sunday of Passion / Palm Sunday - Online Service**

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## **WELCOME**

### **CHILDREN'S HYMN: *Give Me Oil in My Lamp / Sing Hosanna!***

- 1. Give me oil in my lamp keep me burning,  
Give me oil in my lamp I pray.  
Give me oil in my lamp keep me burning,  
Keep me burning till the break of day.**

*Refrain: Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!  
Sing Hosanna to the King of Kings;  
Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!  
Sing Hosanna to the King.*

- 2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
Give me joy in my heart I pray.  
Give me joy in my heart keep me praising,  
Keep me praising till the break of day. (*refrain*)**
- 3. Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
Give me peace in my heart I pray.  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
Keep me resting till the break of day. (*refrain*)**

### **HYMN: *All Glory Laud and Honour* (ELW 344)**

*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*)**
- 2. The company of angels  
are praising you on high;**

creation and all mortals  
in chorus make reply. (*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*)
5. Their praises you accepted;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious King. (*refrain*)

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** (ELW p.94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
✠ one God,  
Whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

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.  
**Amen.**

Let us make our confession, aware of God's presence with us.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**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.**

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.  
**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Today we enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

**Everlasting God, in your endless love for humanity 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.**

## **GOSPEL: Gospel: Matthew 27:24-31**

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

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' <sup>25</sup>Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' <sup>26</sup>So ... after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. <sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' <sup>30</sup>They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

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

**REFLECTION** (for the text, visit [www.raspberryman.wordpress.com](http://www.raspberryman.wordpress.com), "Following Time")

## **PRAYERS OF PETITION\*:**

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need, saying "Hear us, O God" and responding, "**Your mercy is great.**"

God, our peace and our strength, we pray for our nation and the world as we face new uncertainties around coronavirus. Protect the most vulnerable among us, especially all who are currently sick or in isolation. Grant wisdom, patience, and clarity to health care workers, especially as their work caring for others puts them at great risk. Hear us, O God ...

**Your mercy is great.**

God of presence, guide us as we consider how best to prepare and respond in our families, congregations, workplaces, and communities. Give us courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern, and acts of service, trusting that you abide with us always. Hear us, O God ...

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, it is good for us to gather as your beloved in community. We treasure your presence with us in word, song and prayer. Be with us in these days when physical gathering together is not possible. When we must be apart for reasons of safety, we trust that you surround us with your sheltering wings. Encourage us in connecting as we are able, reaching out to our neighbors in need and being persistent in prayer. Hear us, O God ...

**Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate God, bring calm to children who are fearful from all they hear and see around them. Give them, their parents and teachers patience in times of school closures. Guide school administrators governments as they make decisions about the rest of the school year. Hear us, O God ...

**Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, bring peace to those who are anxious about the safety of their workplaces. Guide those uncertain about how work will be accomplished in the days ahead. Hear us, O God ...

**Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, sustain those whose surgeries and treatments in medical centres and hospitals are cancelled or postponed due to growing covid-19 needs. By your power and mercy give them hope and courage to meet the days ahead in health and safety. Hear us, O God ...

**Your mercy is great.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;  
and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us;  
save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Go in the blessing of the life, love and being of Christ. **Amen.**

### **HYMN: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* (ELW 634)**

- 1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.**
  
- 2. O seed of Israel's chosen race  
now ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace  
and crown him Lord of all.**
  
- 3. Hail him, you heirs of David's line,  
whom David Lord did call  
the God incarnate, man divine  
and crown him Lord of all.  
The God Incarnate, man divine  
and crown him Lord of all.**
  
- 4. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Go spread your trophies at his feet  
and crown him Lord of all.**
  
- 5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe  
and crown him Lord of all.**
  
- 6. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.**

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\* Prayers of petition adapted from [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

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