



# ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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## INTRODUCTION

*The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year: Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering but expect God's final vindication. Mark's passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing his head, perhaps to proclaim him Messiah, and Jesus saying she has anointed him beforehand for burial. Mark's Easter story will begin with women going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God's living Anointed One.*

## PASSION SUNDAY

**MARCH 25, 2018**

*Hosanna!*

***"Hosanna to the son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"***

*Matthew 21: 9b*

**TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Passion Sunday

10:30 a.m.

March 25, 2018

\*Please stand if able

P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation

(ELW - red book)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Myra Long

*The service begins at the back of the church.*

**\*PROCESSION WITH PALMS**

P: Blessed is the one 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 into the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*THE PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

Matthew 21: 1-11

P: When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "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." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The 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!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

**\*PASSION SUNDAY THANKSGIVING**

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 Christ 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 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. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us celebrate!

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

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**"All Glory Laud and Honor"**

**ELW #344**

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

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Gary Haddock

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### LESSONS

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11

Zach Gardner

#### \*HYMN

**"Were You There"**

**ELW #353, vs 1-3**

Verse 1 **Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

Verse 2 **Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

Verse 3 **Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

#### \*THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO ST. MARK *(Read in Parts)*

**Booklet**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### \*HYMN OF THE DAY

**"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

**ELW #803**

#### \*APOSTLES' CREED

*ELW p. 217*

#### \*INTERCESSORY PRAYER

A: Lord in your mercy. C: **Hear our prayer.**

Zach Gardner

## MEAL

### THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

**"And the Crowd Cried"**

Chancel Choir

#### \*OFFERING PRESENTATION / RESPONSE

**"Doxology"**

**ELW #884**

#### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: "Let us pray ..."

Zach Gardner

#### \*THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER V

*ELW p. 65-66*

#### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Traditional

*ELW p. 208*

#### AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

*ELW p. 208*

#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

**"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"**

**ELW #337**

#### \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

#### \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray ...

Zach Gardner

## SENDING

#### \*THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless ... and give you peace. C: **Amen.**

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#### \*SENDING HYMN

**"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

**ELW #338**

#### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. C: **Thanks be to God.**

*ELW p. 209*

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**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God by the St. Mark's congregation.

**THE ROSE ON THE TABLE** is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Peyton Reese Brown on March 20. She is the daughter of Patrick & Brittany Brown. Brothers are Sky, Cole, Kendall Hayes. Grandparents are Doug & Jill Brown, Keith & Teri Crowe.

### ISAIAH 50:4-9A

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. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I 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. The 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

### PSALM 31:9-16

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away. I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. For I hear the whispering of many — terror all around! — as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

### PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, 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, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



#### LITURGY -THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

**Presiding Pastor:** Rev. Gary Haddock

**Acolyte:** Quentin Caudill

**Assisting Minister:** Zach Gardner

**Communion Assistants:** Kelly Nash, Jonathan Ray

**Praise Team Leader & Keyboard:** Myra Long

**Tabulators:** Ginger Carpenter, Jean Cloninger, Hilda Deal

**Altar Guild:** Janet Sigmon, Sue Karen Fall, Nicky & Evelyn Setzer

**Deacons:** Carol Schaefer, David Tucker

**Vocalists:** Tim Carpenter, Tamarah Hefner, Allyson Sestric, Ethan Campbell, Joseph Carpenter

**Instrumentalists:** Allyson Sestric: Violin & Guitar; Mark Mashburn: Bass Guitar; Aaron Carpenter: Drums

**Tech:** Carol Schaefer, Camille Patrick, Tamarah Hefner, Randy Sherrill, Terry Hefner, Tim Sigmon, Barry Bumgarner

**Passion Play Readers:** Narrator—Tim Carpenter; Jesus—Linda Hewitt; Pilate—Jonathan Ray;

Peter—Kelly Nash; Servant Girl—Ginger Carpenter; High Priest—Zach Gardner; Judas—Pastor Gary

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