

# *Sunday of the Passion*

## *Confirmation Sunday*

March 29, 2026

*Divine Service, Setting Three*

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn #442: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Exhortation

*Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5*

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

Absolution

*[John 20:19-23]*

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

*Psalm 22:1, 7-8, 11; antiphon: vv. 19, 21*

L: But You, O LORD, do not be far off!

C: **O You my help, come quickly to my aid!**

L: Save me from the mouth of the lion!

C: **You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!**

L: My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

C: **Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?**

L: All who see me mock me;

C: **they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;**

L: "He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver him;

C: **let Him rescue him, for He delights in him!"**

L: Be not far from me, for trouble is near,

C: **and there is none to help.**

L: But You, O LORD, do not be far off!  
C: **O You my help, come quickly to my aid!**  
L: Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
C: **You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!**

Gloria Patri (sung)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Kyrie (sung)

*Mark 10:47*

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

L: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

Old Testament: Zechariah 9:9-12 (ESV)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is He,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and He shall speak peace to the nations;  
His rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.  
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel: John 12:12-19 (ESV)**

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Confirmands Declaration of Intent (10:45)

Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed (8:00)

Hymn #441: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Sermon

Offertory (sung)

*Psalm 51:10-12*

Offering from God's People

Stewardship Prayer

**Almighty God, we thank You for all the gifts You have given us. Thank You for Jesus, the perfect steward of Your gifts, showing that giving of self is the most fundamental part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, talents, and material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus showed us by His life and death for us. In His name we pray, Amen.**

Blessing of Confirmands (10:45)

Prayer of the Church

Preface (sung)

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Proper Preface

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (sung)

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



☐ A - men.

Agnus Dei (sung)

*John 1:29*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Distribution Hymns

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| 1. #629: What Is This Bread             | 2. #343: Prepare the Royal Highway    |
| 3. #632: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee | 4. #643: Sent Forth by God's Blessing |

Nunc Dimittis (please stand to sing)

*Luke 2:29-32*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1*

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



☐ and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

## Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P: Bless we the Lord.



☐ Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Hymn #443: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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