

## THE OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC — Jill Sousek <sup>[5 PM]</sup>

— *Behold the Lamb* ~ ZION Choir <sup>[8 AM]</sup>

— *Blessed Redeemer* ~ Joyful Ringers <sup>[10:30 AM]</sup>



## COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER <sup>[TRADITIONAL]</sup>

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC — Jill Sousek

BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God, at this table, we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As wheat grains are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world  
in the name of Jesus, the bread of life. Amen.

## SENDING

BENEDICTION

HYMN #339 — *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the bread.  
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE — Jill Sousek



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**PALM**  
**SUNDAY**

# SUNDAY of the PASSION

MARCH 29, 2026

## PROCESSION WITH PALMS

### BLESSING of the PALMS

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna to the Son of David.**  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

### PRAYER of the DAY

Let us pray. **Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race 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.**

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL — *Matthew 21:1-11*

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 they will be sent 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.”

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered city of Jerusalem in triumph and was acclaimed Son of David and King of Kings by those who scattered their garments and palm branches 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. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of the Lord.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN #344 — *All Glory, Laud & Honor*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*The people shout ... Hosanna in the highest!*

## WORD

### FIRST READING — *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?

### SECOND READING — *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.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## PASSION OF OUR LORD

### GOSPEL — *Matthew 26:14-27:66*

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** (SILENCE FOLLOWS THE PASSION READING.)

**MUSIC** — *How Wonderful His Love!* ~ ZION Choir [8 AM]  
— *Ride On!* ~ Joyful Ringers [10:30 AM]

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

**THE SERMON** — Pastor Scott Ludford

**HYMN #340** — *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth* [VS. 1, 2, 4]

### APOSTLES' CREED

**PRAYERS of the CHURCH** ... Merciful God, receive our prayer.