

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

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

C Amen

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matt. 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,²saying 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."³If anyone says anything to you,

just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,⁵"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."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the

prophet Jesus of Nazareth in Galilee."

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "All Glory, Laud and Honor" insert

PROCESSIONAL PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
his mercy en- | dures forever.

²**Let Israel | now proclaim,***
"His mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁹Open for me the | gates of righteousness;*

I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰**"This is the gate | of the LORD;***

he who is righ- | teous may enter."

²¹I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me*
and have become | my salvation.

²²**The same stone which the build- | ers rejected***

**has become the chief |
cornerstone.**
²³This is | the LORD's doing,*
and it is marvelous | in our eyes.
²⁴**On this day the | LORD
has acted;***
**we will rejoice and be |
glad in it.**
²⁵Hosanna, | LORD, hosanna!*
LORD, send us | now success.
²⁶**Blessed is he who comes
in the name | of the Lord;***
**we bless you from the
house | of the LORD.**
²⁷God is the LORD; he has |
shined upon us;*
form a procession with branches
up to the horns | of the altar.
²⁸**"You are my God, and |
I will thank you;***
**you are my God, and I |
will exalt you."**
²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for |
he is good;*
his mercy en- | dures forever.
When all are in their places:
P Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord.
C **Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (insert)
P The Lord be with you.
(chanted)
a **And also with you.**
P 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.
a **Amen**
Sit
FIRST LESSON insert
SECOND LESSON insert
Stand
a **Christ hath humbled
himself and become
obedient unto death; even
the death of the Cross.**
GOSPEL (insert)
P The Passion of our Lord
according to Matthew.
(singing)
a **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

After the reading:
P The Gospel of the Lord.
a **Praise be to thee, O
Christ.**
HYMN OF THE DAY 106 "In
The Hour of Trial"
APOSTLE'S CREED
a **I believe in God, the
Father almighty, creator of
heaven and earth. I believe in
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord. He was conceived by the
power of the Holy Spirit and
born of the virgin Mary. He
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was
buried. He descended into
hell.* On the third day he rose
again. He ascended into
heaven, and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
holy catholic Church, the
forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and
the life everlasting. Amen**

PEACE
P The peace of the Lord be
with you always.
a **And also with you.**
Sit
OFFERING
*The Offering is received, as the Lord's table
is prepared.*
+OFFERTORY Hymn 109
THE PRAYERS
A In this season of repentance
and reconciliation, let us pray for
the church, the world, and all
those in need.
A brief silence.
A Sustaining and ever-present
God, your Son endured terror in
his death on the cross. Be present
in all the struggles of your church
that we may persist in honoring
and serving you. Hear us, O God,
C **your mercy is great.**
A You open the eyes of the
world to your power in the cross.
Give sight to the leaders of
nations and direct them to care
for the hungry, poor, and
oppressed. Hear us, O God,

C **your mercy is great.**

A Your grace sustains all whose hearts are broken and you supply every human need. Bless all who bear doubt, despair, illness, and sorrow with your comforting presence (especially). Hear us, O God,

C **your mercy is great.**

A You show us how to live in joy and peace. Lead all who are preparing for baptism to the waters of life and renew us all through Christ's death and resurrection. Hear us, O God,

C **your mercy is great.**

A Your grace and truth have shone through the lives of the saints (especially Dietrich Bonhoeffer, whom we commemorate today). Keep us in communion with them and all who have died, and give us hope of eternal life. Hear us, O God,

C **your mercy is great.**

P Hear our prayers, merciful God. By your Holy Spirit

transform our lives to declare your praise and to make known your grace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

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Postlude

+Please stand as you are able

Those for Whom We Pray

Jim Mock	Virginia Mock
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Announcements:

- In honor of Katelynn Domonkos' birthday & in memory of her too short life, we are collecting donations to help her family with financial needs at this time. Please make checks payable to St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

- We are collecting soap for Lutheran World Relief during the Lenten Season. Please bring soap to the church.
- Hammond M model organ looking for a home. Contact Nancy Hinson 623-7323.
- Please join us for brunch after church. Then an Easter egg hunt afterward for children of all ages.
- Happy Birthday to Clara Barefoot, George Shannon, Debbie Crist, Eleanor Green, Carol Imler, Elaine Chamberlain and Carl Weyant.
- Happy Anniversary to Andrew & Margaret Domonkos and James & Elaine Chamberlain.

Lenten Schedule 7:00 p.m.

4/21 St. Peter's - Maundy Thursday
4/22 Messiah - Good Friday

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.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
⁶I 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.
⁷The 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;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I |
am in trouble;*

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and
also my throat | and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief,
and my | years with sighing;***
**my strength fails me because of
affliction, and my bones | are
consumed.**

¹¹I have become a reproach to all my
enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of | my
acquaintance;*
when they see me in the street | they
avoid me.

¹²**I am forgotten like a dead man,
| out of mind;***

I am as useless as a | broken pot.
¹³For I have heard the whispering of
the crowd; fear is | all around;*
they put their heads together against
me; they plot to | take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in
| you, O LORD.***

I have said, "You | are my God.
¹⁵My times are | in your hand;*
rescue me from the hand of my
enemies, and from those who |
persecute me.

¹⁶**Make your face to shine up- |
on your servant,*
and in your loving- | kindness
save me."**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was
in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was

in the form of God, did not regard
equality with God as something to be
exploited, ⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave, being born
in human likeness. And being found
in human form, ⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of
death-- even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted
him and gave him the name that is
above every name, ¹⁰so that at the
name of Jesus every knee should
bend, in heaven and on earth and
under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue
should confess that Jesus Christ is
Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14--27:66

One of the twelve, who was
called Judas Iscariot, went to the
chief priests ¹⁵and said, "What
will you give me if I betray him
to you?" They paid him thirty
pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that
moment he began to look for an
opportunity to betray him.

¹⁷On the first day of
Unleavened Bread the disciples
came to Jesus, saying, "Where do
you want us to make the
preparations for you to eat the
Passover?" ¹⁸He said, "Go into
the city to a certain man, and say

to him, 'The Teacher says, My
time is near; I will keep the
Passover at your house with my
disciples.' " ¹⁹So they disciples
did as Jesus had directed them,
and they prepared the Passover
meal.

²⁰When it was evening, he
took his place with the twelve;
²¹and while they were eating, he
said, "Truly I tell you, one of you
will betray me." ²²And they
became greatly distressed and
began to say to him one after
another, "Surely not I, Lord?"

²³He answered, "The one who
has dipped his hand into the bowl
with me will betray me. ²⁴The
Son of Man goes as it is written
of him, but woe to that one by
whom the Son of Man is
betrayed! It would have been
better for that one not to have
been born." ²⁵Judas, who
betrayed him, said, "Surely not I,
Rabbi?" He replied, "You have
said so."

²⁶While they were eating,
Jesus took a loaf of bread, and
after blessing it he broke it, gave

it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."²⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you;²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.²⁹ I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

³⁰When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

³²But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

³³Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you."³⁴ Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three

times."³⁵ Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."³⁷ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated.³⁸ Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

³⁹And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."⁴⁰ Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?"⁴¹ Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."⁴² Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My

Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

⁴³Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.⁴⁴ So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.⁴⁶ Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him."⁴⁹ At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

⁵¹Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.⁵² The Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword."⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?⁵⁴ But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me."⁵⁶ But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

⁵⁷Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered.⁵⁸ But Peter was

following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.' " ⁶²The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you? ⁶³But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." ⁶⁴Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death." ⁶⁷Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, ⁶⁸saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." ⁷⁰But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." ⁷¹When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁷²Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." ⁷³After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." ⁷⁴Then he began to curse, and he swore an

oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. ⁷⁵Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

^{27:1}When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. ²They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

³When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." ⁵Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. ⁶But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." ⁷After

conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. ⁸For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, ¹⁰and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to

release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" ¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he

done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁴So 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."

²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and 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!" ³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and

put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

³⁸Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the

cross." ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him." ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.' " ⁴⁴The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a

loud voice and breathed his last.

⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.

⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

⁵⁵Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. ⁵⁶Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to

Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹So Joseph took

the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled

a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. ⁶²The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' ⁶⁴Therefore command the

tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."

⁶⁶So they went with the guard

and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.