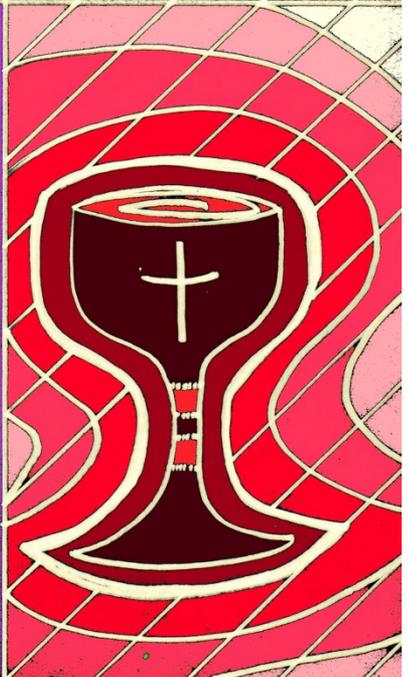
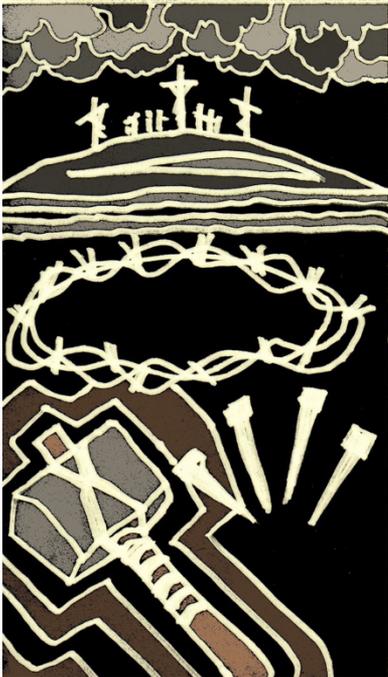


# Palm Sunday

## March 24, 2024



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# Welcome to Zion!

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*Then those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Mark 11:9)*

Welcome – whether this is your home congregation or your first visit, we’re glad you’re here!

We welcome all people in the name of Christ to experience God’s goodness and grace in Word, water, and meal. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you to belong at Zion.

## Get Connected at Zion

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The best ways to stay connected are to visit our website, follow us on social media (@zionchurchdfb on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter), and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

## Children in Worship

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Children are God’s gift to our church! They are not the future of our church; they are the right now. The way we welcome children here directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another.

We welcome children and their families to sit near the Playground at the front of the sanctuary. There are coloring activities, puzzles, books, and a toolbox to engage in our worship together.

## Giving

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We appreciate your stewardship of treasure, talent, and time at Zion. You may leave your offerings in the offering plates or give online via our website or this QR code.



## Livestreaming

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Zion livestreams all our services on Facebook and YouTube. Any person present gives consent to being filmed or photographed.



Zion is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community, and extends God’s radical welcome to all people, because we’re all created in God’s image.

*This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.*

## **We Gather**

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### **INTRODUCTION & ACCLAMATION**

As we begin our worship, we recall Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, during which the crowds proclaim him a king.

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

### **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

Mark 11:1-11

### **BLESSING OF PALMS**

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

Let us pray...We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **GATHERING HYMN**

Hymn #344

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now 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 together:

**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.**

## We Hear & Respond to God's Word

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*The readings are found on the "Today's Readings" insert.*

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

...The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Musical setting by Paul D. Weber

*Silence for meditation follows the readings.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

"Hosanna"

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always! **And also with you.**

### MUSICAL OFFERTORY

"In the Name of the Lord"

## We Feast at the Lord's Table

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### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

5 Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of heav-en - ly hosts.

9 Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of heav-en - ly hosts.

13 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

16 Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high -

19 - est. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!

23 Bless-ed is he who comes! Bless-ed is he who comes!

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Music by Cantor Peter J. Rizzo

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal-low-ed be your  
 name, hal-low-ed be your name. Your king-dom come, your  
 will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven, on earth as it is in hea-ven.  
 Give us to-day our dai - ly bread and for - give us all our  
 sins as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us, as we for-give those who sin a -  
 gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al and de - li - ver us from  
 e - vil, de - liv - er us from - e - vil. For yours is the  
 king-dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry, for - e - ver and e - ver, for  
 e - ver and e - ver. A - men, a - men. A - men.

## SHARING THE MEAL

Here is bread for the journey, a feast for hungry hearts.  
 Come to the table of mercy and grace.

*During the season of Lent, our meal is shared in silence.  
 You are encouraged to use this time for prayer and contemplation.*

# We Are Sent into the World

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## BLESSING FOR STRENGTH

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ comfort, strengthen, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

## GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ALL

### GOSPEL READING

*Today's Gospel reading resumes immediately following the joy and celebration of Palm Sunday and propels us into the events of Christ's Passion, leaving us in suspense for the continuation of the story.*

### “STAY HERE”

*The worship leaders will sing the response three times, after which the liturgy is suspended until the beginning of Maundy Thursday worship.*

*The worship concludes with a meditative period, and worshippers are asked to depart in silence.*

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## Holy Communion at Zion

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Christ's table is open to all! We offer grape juice for those who desire. If, for reasons of conscience or health, you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, please know that the Church affirms the full presence of Christ in each element.

## For Whom & For What Shall We Pray?

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If you would like to submit a name(s) to include in our **Prayers of the People**, please use an index card from the Welcome Table and place it in the prayer basket at the altar **before the Hymn of the Day**. In order to keep our prayer list current, all names must be resubmitted each week if you desire continued prayers.

## Holy Week Continues

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### **Maundy Thursday**

7:00 p.m. at Zion

### **Good Friday**

7:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd

### **Vigil of Easter**

*A Conference-Wide Worship*

7:30 p.m. at Zion

### **Easter Sunday**

11:00 a.m. at Zion

**RESURRECTION  
PRESCHOOL CHAPEL**

Thursday, March 28th at 11:00 a.m.  
Zion Church Sanctuary

# Opportunities to Serve Joyfully & Give Selflessly

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## Lutheran Summer Music 2024: Young Musicians Partnership

One of our beloved, Shayne Clancy, has been accepted to participate in Lutheran Summer Music, the national Lutheran high school music camp, held from June 30 to July 28 at Valparaiso University in Indiana.

The cost of a student's participation in LSM is over \$6,500, more than half of which is subsidized by their generous donors. The remaining \$2,750 plus airfare and incidentals is Shayne's responsibility. We are asking, together with Shayne, for contributions toward a matching grant of \$500 from Zion's scholarship fund and \$500 from LSM. To contribute, mark an envelope "Shayne" or give to the Peth Scholarship Fund on Zion's online giving form.

Because of supporting Shayne in her LSM 2024 participation, Zion will be recognized nationally by Lutheran Summer Music as a **Young Musicians Partner** congregation.

### Sign Up to Serve

**Sunday Morning Worship Leadership** (Greeters, Assisting Ministers, Readers, Coffee Fellowship)

**Prayer Team at Nina's Place!**



**Nina's Place** is always in need of volunteers! To get connected for our Thursday & Friday food deliveries, speak to Cantor Kurt Schmidt to be added to the What's App group. To sign up for a Saturday volunteer spot, visit [www.ninasplacedfb.org](http://www.ninasplacedfb.org).



# Today's Readings

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

## Processional Gospel

Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 [not printed]

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to

Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

## Prayer of the Day

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.**

## 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.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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;  
<sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?



Have mercy on me, O LORD,  
for I<sup>1</sup> am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat<sup>1</sup> and my belly.  
<sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my<sup>1</sup> years with sighing;  
my strength fails me  
because of affliction,  
and my bones<sup>1</sup> are consumed.  
<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of my enemies,  
a disgrace to my neighbors,  
a dismay to<sup>1</sup> my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street  
<sup>1</sup> they avoid me.  
<sup>12</sup>Like the dead I am forgotten,  
<sup>1</sup> out of mind;

I am as useless as a<sup>1</sup> broken pot.  
<sup>13</sup>For I have heard  
the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is<sup>1</sup> all around;  
they put their heads together  
against me;  
they plot to<sup>1</sup> take my life.  
<sup>14</sup>But as for me,  
I have trusted in<sup>1</sup> you, O LORD.  
I have said, "You<sup>1</sup> are my God."  
<sup>15</sup>My times are<sup>1</sup> in your hand;  
rescue me  
from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who<sup>1</sup> persecute me.  
<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine up-<sup>1</sup> on your servant;  
save me in your<sup>1</sup> steadfast love."

## Second Reading

## Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point  
of death—  
even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under  
the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## Gospel

## Mark 14:1—15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 [40-47] [not printed]

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