



# Palm & Passion Sunday

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Welcome to Worship! Words in **bold** are said together.

*Welcome* – We will be sharing in Communion, please prepare bread and wine/juice. Today, we will be reading the story of Jesus' crucifixion in Mark 14-15 so grab your Bible!

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

*Palm Sunday Scripture - Mark 11:1-11*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he 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.

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

*Blessing of the Palms*

*Opening Song – Hosanna, Praise is Rising* (Lyrics will appear on screen)

*Prayer of the Day – O God, this is it, the Big Promise: the one where you reveal yourself, God-among-us, in shouts of Hosanna, in bread and wine, in the cries in the garden, in the silence of the judgment hall, in the death on the cross. Still us. Open our ears to hear again the promise that changes us, that changes everything. Amen.*

*Introduction to the Passion Reading - Philippians 2:5-11*

<sup>5</sup>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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## *Passion Reading - Mark 14:1-16*

### *Offering*

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- ◊ Online: "giving" tab at [www.lordoflifeak.com/giving](http://www.lordoflifeak.com/giving) or the QR Code →
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***Offering Prayer – Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Receive our response to the gifts you have given us and accompany us with your faithful love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

## *Passion Reading - Mark 14:17-25*

### *Communion \* Eat and drink together after the reading of Christ's words.*

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray, **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever, amen.**

## *Passion Reading - Mark 14:26-42*

### *Worship Song – Oceans*

## *Passion Reading - Mark 14:43-72*

### *Confession and Absolution*

*L: God, we confess: we have sinned.*

***C: We have turned away from you, away from one another, into ourselves. We have allowed our love of you to be overshadowed by the fear of other things: death, suffering, weakness, and want. We do not love one another as you first loved us. Help us. Promise us that even this brokenness can be made well. Amen.***

*L: Siblings in Christ, listen to this good news: God knew of our brokenness even before we knew it ourselves, and God's promise rests on grace, not our response. Aligned with the ancient promise of a Messiah, Jesus Christ came among us, to live and die and rise again. For his sake, God forgives us all our sins. For his sake, God renews all God's promises. For his sake, God remakes us as the body of Christ for the sake of the world. C: Amen!*

## *Passion Reading - Mark 15:1-32*

### *Worship Song – You are My King*

## *Passion Reading - Mark 15:33-47*

### *Prayers of God's People*

Each petition ends "God of promise," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

## *Announcements*

- "Christ in our Home" devotional books are available – pick up a few!
- Confirmation and Youth Group tonight at 4:30 and 6pm.
- Join us in Holy Week Worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 7pm
- Easter Worship on Sunday at 10:30am

## *Blessing and Dismissal*

*L: Held in the promises of God, go to love and serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.*

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