### LIVING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# **Sunday of the Passion**

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**Welcome to Worship!** On Passion Sunday, we follow Jesus' journey from His entrance into Jerusalem to His death on the cross. Consider how these two events are related. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds cried out "Hosanna," which means "Save, us now." On the cross, Jesus faithfully does that. He saves us in answer to our, "Hosanna."

### **Pastoral Greeting**

# **Procession of Palms**

### Greeting

- $m I\hspace{-1.5mm}P$  The grace of our Lord  $m I\hspace{-1.5mm}P$  Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- G Amen.
- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C Hosanna to the Son of David.

#### Collect

PLet us pray.

P Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when he came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G**Amen.

**Holy Gospel** 

PThe Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord

Gospel John 12:12–19

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>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!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion;

behold, your king is coming,

sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.
- P Lets go forth in peace.
- in the name of the Lord

Please follow the processional cross down the center aisle to the front of the church, and then proceed to the pews by using the side aisles.

Divine Service Setting One LSB 151

### 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor



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# + Confession and Absolution +

### Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

Introit

### + Service of the Word +

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!\*

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,\*

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?\*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,\*

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?\*

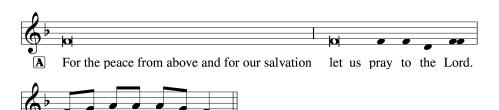
The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!\*

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Kyrie LSB 152





C Lord, have mer - cy.

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Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,





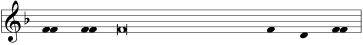
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise







A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**





### P 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.



## Old Testament Reading Isaiah 50:4–9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GoD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.
<sup>5</sup>The Lord GoD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord God helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like a 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 is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GoD helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** *Hebrews* 9:12a, c, 15a; *Psalm* 111:9a

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,\*

thus securing an eternal redemption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,\*

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal in-heritance.

He sent redemption to his people;\*

he has commanded his covenant forever.

**Epistle** Philippians 2:5–11

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel Matthew 27:11–66

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.



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

<sup>15</sup>Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" <sup>18</sup>For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. <sup>19</sup>Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" <sup>23</sup>And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

<sup>24</sup>So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup>And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup>Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup>And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup>And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup>Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup>And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." <sup>38</sup>Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup>So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup>"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup>And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup>And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." <sup>48</sup>And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup>And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup>And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup>and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

<sup>55</sup>There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, <sup>56</sup>among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

<sup>57</sup>When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup>And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud <sup>60</sup>and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

<sup>62</sup>Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' <sup>64</sup>Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." <sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." <sup>66</sup>So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



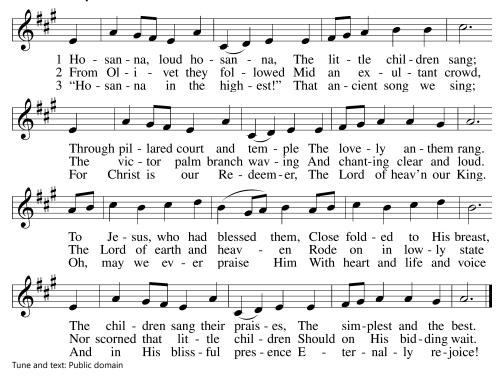
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# Luther's Small Catechism The Lord's Prayer AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

**P**: The Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer And lead us not into temptation. What does this mean?

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

### 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



### Sermon

### Stand

### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life 

→ everlasting. Amen.

### **Prayer of the Church**

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs: In thanks to You, Lord Jesus, for Your strength wrapped in weakness as You took our sins to the cross and died, Lord in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P For our nation and its people; for the nations of the world and their citizens, that you would deliver us from the COVID 19 Virus and let all return to their vocations, Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P For the vision to see new opportunities to spread Your Word, given to us because of the current pandemic, Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P For Your mercy for all who suffering illness, physical disability, financial need, loneliness, and any other needs, Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P For all who suffer persecution for Your name, Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P That we may remain steadfast in faith, trusting that You are in control of all things, and that Your will is best for us, Lord in Your mercy.
- **C** hear our prayer.
- These prayers we offer through the One who humbly entered into Jerusalem, who cleansed the temple, who taught His disciples, who suffered, was crucified, died and was buried, who rose again, and who will come again to judge—the Holy One, Jesus Christ our Lord,
- C Amen.

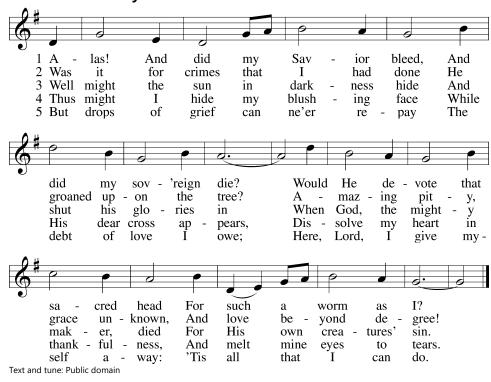
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## **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory

Sit

### 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



### Stand

## Collect

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, heavenly Father, You know the uncertainty and confusion that the events of these days have spread across the land. We are helpless before the evil that afflicts us, and therefore cry out to You for comfort, shelter, and protection. Mercifully embrace the anxious in Your love, empower the weak with Your strength, restrain all evil by Your might, and preserve Your people by Your grace, giving us Your peace and turning tragedy to triumph; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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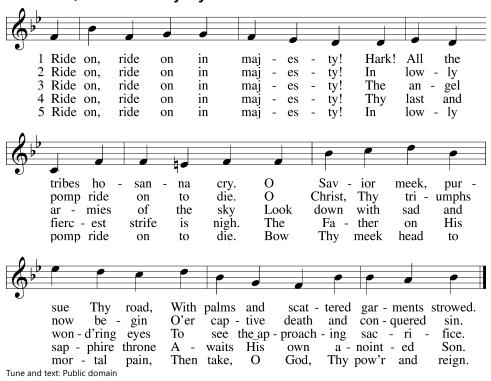
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



### 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



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