

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion (Year C)

The Gospel for today starts off with the evil plot to kill Jesus which was conceived by the religious leaders and Satan working through Jesus' disciple, Judas. Before that will come to pass, Jesus spends precious time with his followers giving them instructions for the days to come, as well as preparing them for the future of the movement. This will be the last time Jesus will eat of this meal until all is fulfilled.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 32:36–39

The One Who Delivers

God declares that he is the one who will vindicate and have compassion on his people. No other can make that claim for there is no other God.

Psalms 118:19–29

The Righteous Enter Through the Gate

The Lord answers his people and becomes their salvation. The works of the Lord are marvelous in the sight of his people. They give thanks and praise to God for he is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5–11

Christ Emptied Himself

Paul exhorts the Philippians to have among themselves the same mind as that of Christ — one of humility and self-emptying. The hymnic praise of Christ's self-emptying concludes with the assertion that God has so highly exalted him that every knee shall bend and head bow at his name.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 22:1–23:56

Passover and Passion

Luke's account of the passion of Christ beginning with the celebration of Passover with his disciples and concluding with Christ's burial. Luke asserts that it was because of fear of the crowds that had gathered for the festival that the religious leaders were working so hard to find a way to put Jesus to death. Satan saw to it that their plan would involve someone from the "inside" as Judas was "entered" by the enemy and agreed to be a part of the plan to arrest Jesus. They needed Judas so they could find Jesus when he was away from the crowd who admired and praised him.

Suggestions for the Sunday:

- The liturgical color is purple.
- The processional gospel is John 12:12–19.
- The Kyrie may be used on Palm/Passion Sunday.
- Use the Apostles' Creed.
- For the Hymn of the Day consider using the alternate words to the hymn, "Jesus the Very Thought of You," (TUNE: St. Agnes) called "The Time is Near," by Rev. Mark Ryman. This can be found on the Hymns and Music page of SOWeR.
- You can find a liturgy of the Palm Procession on SOWeR on the Liturgies and Services page called, "Palm Sunday Procession."
- Full readings can be found on the Palm Sunday page.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Christ the Life of All the Living	97	---	420	339	218	218
Ride On, Ride On in Majesty	121	---	793	865	---	---
My Song is Love Unknown	94	661	430	343	---	---
A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth	105	---	438	340	135	135
The Time is Near	---	---	---	---	---	web
Jesus, I Will Ponder Now	115	---	440	345	---	---
O Jesus Joy of Loving Hearts	356	---	658	197	---	web
Processional Gospel Options						
All Glory, Laud, and Honor	108	---	442	344	146	146
Prepare the Royal Highway	26	---	343	264	102	102

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV = With One Voice, ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB = The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC = The Reclaim Hymnal for Church and Home, and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles

Hosanna Praise is Rising
(CCLI# 4662491)
Jesus Paid It All
(CCLI# 22331)
How Deep the Father's Love for Us
(CCLI# 1558110)
Worthy is the Lamb
(CCLI# 3217555)
Blessed Be the Name
(CCLI# 14318)

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