Sola Publishing Worship Worksheet

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 21, 2027



Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion (Year B)

The mood of the Scriptures today takes us from joy and exultation as Jesus rode into Jerusalem, to sadness and sorrow as he was betrayed and executed. The full weight of the events of Jesus' last days on earth causes us to reflect on our own betrayal of Christ. Hearing his cries of forsakenness, we can relate to his suffering; this shows us that our God is intimately acquainted with our human experience.

This Week's Scripture Texts

Processional Gospel: John 12:12-19 — **Palm Processional**

Pilgrims who had gathered in Jerusalem for the Passover heard that Jesus was coming into town. They went out to meet him, laid palm branches at his feet, and shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12 — **Your King is Coming**

Rejoice, said the prophet, for your king is coming, humble and riding on a donkey. The Word of the Lord was given to God's people, saying: Israel's king will rule the nations and set the prisoners free. He will bring peace and restore their fortunes.

Psalm 118:19-29 — **The Righteous Enter the Gate of the Lord**

The psalmist gave thanks to the Lord for hearing his prayers and granting him salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has now become the chief cornerstone. All who are righteous shall enter through the gate of the Lord.

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11 — **Christ Emptied Himself**

St. Paul quoted a hymn that would have been well-known to the Philippian congregation, saying that Jesus humbled himself in his earthly life, taking on the form of a servant. His servanthood and obedience led him to death on the cross.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 14:1 — 15:47 — **The Passion Narrative**

The final events of Jesus' last days are recounted in this gospel lesson, from his betrayal by his disciples to his crucifixion at the Place of the Skull.

Suggestions for the Day:

- *Liturgical Color: Purple or Scarlet*
- *Use the Apostles' Creed.*
- *Use the Kyrie. Omit the Hymn of Praise.*
- *You can find the Passion Narrative from St. Mark on the Lent seasonal page of SOWeR. It is broken down into the various parts to be read in a dramatic fashion.*
- *Check out the "People of the Passion" bookmark on the Lent Seasonal page of SOWeR. Simply download and make copies for the congregation.*
- *Consider having children march in during the Opening Hymn, waving palm branches. This will make an impact on them and on the congregation.*

Suggested Hymns for Worship

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
All Glory, Laud, and Honor	108	---	442	344	146	146
Prepare the Royal Highway	26	---	343	264	102	102
My Song is Love Unknown	94	661	430	343	---	---
The Royal Banners Forward Go	124	---	455	---	125	125
Lift High the Cross	377	---	837	660	269	269
Ah, Holy Jesus	123	---	---	349	133	133
There is a Green Hill Far Away	114	---	---	---	137	137
Jesus, I Will Ponder Now	115	---	440	345	---	---
There in God's Garden	---	668	---	342	---	---
We Gather Together	---	---	---	---	28	28

*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 (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."*

Contemporary Songs

Praise Song Titles

Blessed is He
(CCLI# 2774556)
Hosanna (Praise is Rising)
(CCLI# 4662491)
Love Like You
(CCLI# 5872493)
Beautiful
(CCLI# 4971687)
Jerusalem
(CCLI# 7003218)

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