

Order of Service, Readings and Prayer

Palm Sunday – March 29, 2026

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday
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PROCESSIONAL SERVICE

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*Procession	
Let us go forth in peace, In the name of Christ. Amen	
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Second Reading	Philippians 2:5-11
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Today's Readings

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Processional Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted
on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal
of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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
a trained tongue,
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.

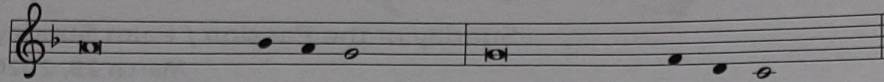
⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.

⁶I 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.

⁷The 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;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand in court together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?



Have mercy on me, O LORD,
for I ¹ am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat ¹ and my belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief,
and my ¹ years with sighing;
my strength fails me
because of affliction,
and my bones ¹ are consumed.

¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies,
a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to ¹ my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street
¹ they avoid me.

¹²Like the dead I am forgotten,
¹ out of mind;
I am as useless as a ¹ broken pot.

¹³For I have heard
the whispering of the crowd;
fear is ¹ all around;
they put their heads together
against me;
they plot to ¹ take my life.

¹⁴But as for me,
I have trusted in ¹ you, O LORD.
I have said, "You ¹ are my God.

¹⁵My times are ¹ in your hand;
rescue me
from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who ¹ persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine
up- ¹ on your servant;
save me in your ¹ steadfast love."

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in
Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he existed in the form
of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance
as a human,

⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point
of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God exalted him even
more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,

¹⁰so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and
under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Matthew 26:14—27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54 [not printed]

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Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18.

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