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Calling, equipping and sending people to experience life through Jesus Christ

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PASSION SUNDAY

Service of Ordination and Installation

Sacrament of Communion

Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Meeting

Ordination and Installation

The Passion of Our Lord, According to the Gospel of Matthew

THE ENTRANCE TO JERUSALEM

†Call to Worship

When they had come near Jerusalem, Jesus sent two disciples to find a colt and a donkey, so that what the prophet said might be fulfilled:

"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."

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees. The 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!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" And the crowds were saying:

"This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

†Hymn #88

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Prayer of Confession

Wounded God, even as you invite us to sit down and eat with you, we prepare to betray you, desert you, and deny you, whether we know it or not. We conspire against your work and shout for the death of your children. We demand that those in pain and need save themselves, instead of working to free them. Have mercy on us, and forgive us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God's most amazing love is this: that once we were no people,
But now we are God's people!

Once we had not received mercy,
But today we have received mercy.

Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response of Praise

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
Refrain only

THE PASSOVER

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

"Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. And when it was evening, he took his place with his friends at the table.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, you alone are holy....*the prayer continues*...within each cell;
with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:...out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks...among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

Remembering his love for us...we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift...among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Jesus Christ, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. Amen.

THE GARDEN

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives, to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray. I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?"

Again he went away for the second time and prayed.

Again he came and found them sleeping.

Again, he went away and prayed for the third time.

Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going."

⬆️ Hymn #97

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

THE BETRAYAL AND ARREST

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs. At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do."

Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled."

Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

⬆️Hymn #80 “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

THE TRIAL OF JESUS

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none.

Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?"

They answered, "He deserves death."

Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah!"

⬆️Hymn #83 “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”
verses 1, 3, 5

PETER’S DENIAL

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You were with Jesus the Galilean."

But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about."

When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man."

After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."

Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!"

At that moment the cock crowed.

Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

⬆️Hymn #93

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

THE TRIAL BEFORE PILATE

When morning came, they bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so."

Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas.

So Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

And the crowds said, "Barabbas."

Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

All of them said, "Let him be crucified!"

So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him. They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head.

⬆️Hymn #98

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

After this, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha, they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him.

Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him."

♠Hymn #100 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

♠Hymn #85 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

THE DEATH OF JESUS

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.

Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them

were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⬆️ Hymn #92 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

THE BURIAL OF JESUS

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.

So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away.

And Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⬆️ Hymn #102 “Were You There”

⬆️ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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