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TOGETHER IN CHRIST  
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES

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Prelude: Pastor David Severtson

### Acclamation

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

### Processional Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

The holy gospel according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> As they approached Jerusalem, near the towns of Bethphage and Bethany, they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of his disciples on ahead <sup>2</sup> with these instructions: "Go to the village there ahead of you. As soon as you get there, you will find a colt tied up that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup> And if someone asks you why you are doing that, say that the Master needs it and will send it back at once."

<sup>4</sup> So they went and found a colt out in the street, tied to the door of a house. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup> some of the bystanders asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?"

<sup>6</sup> They answered just as Jesus had told them, and the crowd let them go. <sup>7</sup> They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the animal, and Jesus got on. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches in the field and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The people who were in front and those who followed behind began to shout, "Praise God! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup> God bless the coming kingdom of King David, our father! Praise be to God!"

<sup>11</sup> Jesus entered Jerusalem, went into the Temple, and looked around at everything. But since it was already late in the day, he went out to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Blessing of Palms

Let us pray.  
We praise you, O God,  
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Today he entered the holy city in triumph  
and was proclaimed messiah and king  
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.  
Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,  
so that, joined to his death and resurrection,  
we enter into life with you;  
through the same Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Gathering Song: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (ELW 344 verses 1, 3, 4)

## Holy Baptism

### Presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your children* baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

As you bring *your children* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *them* among God's faithful people,  
bring *them* to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in *their* hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture *them* in faith and prayer,  
so that *your children* may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your children* grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *these persons* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* I do.

People of God, do you promise to support *name/s* and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

**We do.**

### Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

### Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Baptism

Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain name with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Name, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

## Welcome

Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.  
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray:

**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.**

## Children's Message

## The Passion According to St. Mark Ch 15

**3:** As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

**2:** Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so."

**3:** Then the chief priests accused him of many things.

**1:** Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

**3:** But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

**2:** Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked.

**3:** Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection.

**1:** So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, (*cymbal roll*) "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

**2:** For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over.

**3:** But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. (*roll leads to cymbal crash*)

**1:** Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

**2:** They shouted back, "Crucify him!" (*cymbal roll*)

**3:** Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?"

**2:** But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" (*roll leads to cymbal crash*)

**1:** So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

### **Song: Lamb of God (336, v.1)**

**3:** Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort.

**2:** And they clothed him in a purple cloak; (*tambourine trill*) and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him.

**1:** And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

**2:** They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him.

**3:** After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. (*tambourine stops*)

**2:** They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.

**3:** Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).

**1:** And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it.

**2:** And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

**1:** It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews."

*The assembly stands.*

**2:** And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

**1:** Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

**3:** In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

**2:** Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. (*cymbal rim*)

**Song: Lamb of God (336, v.2)**

**1:** When it was noon, (*slow hand drum toll in this section*) darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

**2:** At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (*drum crescendo*)

**3:** When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

**2:** And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

**1:** Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. (*drum stops*)

*Ten seconds of silence.*

(*out of the silence a cymbal roll crescendos to a very loud crash*)

**3:** (wait until the crash) And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

**1:** Now when the centurion, who stood facing Jesus, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

**2:** Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock.

**1:** He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

**3:** The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Song: Lamb of God (336, v.3)**

Sermon: "A Good Day Turned Bad" Pastor Dean E. Johnson

Song of the Day: *Lord I Need You* Reeves et al

Sharing of the Peace

## Offering & Offering Prayer

Faithful God,  
you walk beside us in desert places,  
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.  
Accompany us in this meal,  
that we may pass over from death to life  
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

## Announcements

## Blessing

You are what God made you to be:  
created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
chosen as holy and beloved,  
freed to serve your neighbor.  
God bless you † that you may be a blessing,  
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.  
**Amen.**

Sending Song: *What Wondrous Love Is This* (ELW 666 verses 1, 2, 4)

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Pastor David Severtson

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**We Express Our Sympathy and Remember In Our Prayers - .**