



Worship in the Home † Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday April 5, 2020

In this time of world-wide crisis, congregations throughout this church are not able to gather for worship as the body of Christ. While we cannot be together in person, we can hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer.

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

Processional Gospel Mathew 21:1-11

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

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

Gathering Song #525 You Are Holy

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God of mercy and might, **in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

...Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 31:9-16

Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11

... Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Matthew 27:11-54

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord. ...**

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



Hymn of the Day #342 There in God's Garden

Prayers of Intercession

In our separate homes but gathered together in the Spirit, we pray for the church, the earth, the world, and all in need, responding to each petition with words from one of today's psalms, "O Lord, save us."

A brief silence.

O triune God, God of majesty, mercy and might, hear and heed our fervent prayers:
for the church around the world, that the faithful be nourished by your presence in the word;
for pastors and bishops, that they be strengthened for their tasks of ministry;
for all those who are assisting the digital sharing of worship materials;
for guidance in keeping this Holy Week in devout prayer and praise;

A brief silence.

O holy God, we pray to you: **O Lord, save us.**

For the earth, that it be saved from pollution and disregard;
for endangered animals, that they and their habitats be protected;
for scientists, that their knowledge of your earth will direct our society's choices;

A brief silence.

O creating God, we pray to you: **O Lord, save us.**

For peace through the world, especially in Syria and Afghanistan;
for an end to terrorism and religious violence;
for all elected leaders, that they see our crisis rightly and make judgments wisely;
for wisdom in distributing governmental economic aid;

A brief silence.

O mighty God, we pray to you: **O Lord, save us.**

For our distraught world facing the coronavirus;
for countries hardest hit, especially China, Italy, Spain, and the United States;
for those who grieve their dead;
for the sick and their families;
for those fearful of an unknown future;
for the millions of unemployed;
for children at home, that they be safe from abuse;
for those who have been led to rely on empty remedies;
for hospitals, in their desperate need for supplies;

A brief silence.

O compassionate God, we pray to you: **O Lord, save us.**



For all who are facing the criminal justice system;
for those falsely accused of crime;
for those who are incarcerated, that they be kept safe;
for those who face isolation or execution;

A brief silence.

O righteous God, we pray to you: **O Lord, save us.**

For those whose needs we know, for those whose needs
are hidden;
for those with prior illnesses whose treatments are now
postponed;
for all who today will die;
for those who are homeless;
for all who are sick;
especially for those we name here;

A brief silence.

O benevolent God, we pray to you: **O Lord, save us.**

And finally, for ourselves:

A longer period of silence.

O loving God, we pray to you: **O Lord, save us.**

With thanks for the technology by which we stay connected;
with thanks for enough food;
with thanks for the support of our community of faith;
with thanks for the saints who struggled through life and died in you,
especially those Christian artists whose work has enriched our faith,
we praise your salvation now and unto our end.

A brief silence.

O eternal God, we pray to you: **O Lord, save us.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

May the grace of Christ attend us,
and the love of God surround us,
and the Holy Spirit Keep us,
now and ever.
Amen.

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