

March 28 - 29, 2026
Palm Sunday Readings

First Reading

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

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.

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

The 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;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together.
Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**
Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel According to Matthew

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage,
at the Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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.
If anyone says anything to you, just say this,
‘The Lord needs them.’
And he will send them immediately.”
This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:
“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.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;
they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them,
and he sat on them.
A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road,
and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.
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?”
The crowds were saying,
“This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Pastor: **The Gospel of the Lord.**
Congregation: Thanks be to God.