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## Passion Sunday & Confirmation ~ March 24, 2024

Color of the Day: Scarlet - used during the somber days of Holy Week to help offer a different message. Scarlet is a color anciently associated with the passion...the color of blood.

Opening Hymn . . . . . #442 – All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Confession and Absolution . . . . . Page 151

### Service of the Word

Introit . . . . . Page 152

Ps. 24:7-10; antiphon: Ps. 118:26

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,\*

that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?\*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,\*

that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?\*

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

Kyrie . . . . . Page 152

Hymn of Praise (omitted during Lent) . . . . . Page 154

Salutation & Collect of the Day . . . . . Page 156

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading . . . . . Page 156

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to

sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Gradual . . . . . Page 156

Heb. 9: 12a, c, 15a; Ps. 111:9a

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of | his own blood,\* thus securing an eternal re- | demption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new | covenant,\*

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal in- | heritance.

He sent redemption to his | people;\*

he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.

Epistle Reading . . . . . Page 156

Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Choral Anthem

Lent Verse (Return to the Lord) . . . . . Page 157

Holy Gospel . . . . . Page 157

Mark 15:1-47

<sup>1</sup>And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." <sup>3</sup>And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. <sup>6</sup>Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup>And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup>And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup>For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup>And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup>And they cried out again, "Crucify him." <sup>14</sup>And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. <sup>16</sup>And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they

began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!”<sup>19</sup> And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him.<sup>20</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.<sup>21</sup> And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.<sup>22</sup> And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull).<sup>23</sup> And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.<sup>24</sup> And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take.<sup>25</sup> And it was the third hour when they crucified him.<sup>26</sup> And the inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.”<sup>27</sup> And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left.<sup>29</sup> And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days,<sup>30</sup> save yourself, and come down from the cross!”<sup>31</sup> So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself.<sup>32</sup> Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.<sup>33</sup> And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.<sup>34</sup> And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”<sup>35</sup> And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.”<sup>36</sup> And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.”<sup>37</sup> And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last.<sup>38</sup> And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.<sup>39</sup> And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

<sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.<sup>41</sup> When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.<sup>42</sup> And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath,<sup>43</sup> Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.<sup>44</sup> Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead.<sup>45</sup> And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph.<sup>46</sup> And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.<sup>47</sup> Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn of the Day** ..... #512 - At the Name of Jesus

**The Sermon** ..... **Our Attitude, Like Christ’s ~ Philippians 2: 5-11**

**Introduction**

This is a day \_\_\_\_\_:  
Our text may have been \_\_\_\_\_:

**Jesus Christ, Who He Is**

The attitude of Christ has \_\_\_\_\_.  
His attitude moved Him to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jesus’ Humility**

His attitude is that He \_\_\_\_\_.  
In His love He took on \_\_\_\_\_.  
His greatest humility is \_\_\_\_\_.  
He is our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jesus’ Exaltation**

Because of what He did for us \_\_\_\_\_.  
At the right hand of the Father \_\_\_\_\_.  
Every tongue \_\_\_\_\_.

**What Does This Mean? Our Attitude**

We acknowledge, the more we know about God \_\_\_\_\_.  
Confirmation is not \_\_\_\_\_.  
Notice we get it right \_\_\_\_\_.  
Confirmation is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Confirmation is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Rite of Confirmation** ..... Page 272

**Confirmation Hymn** ..... #566 - By Grace I’m Saved

**Prayer of the Church & Offering** ..... Page 159

*Our First Fruits & Tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the Gospel. Our Offerings are special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes. This is an act of worship for members and friends of St. Matthew who are moved by God’s love to respond to the Gospel. Guests should not feel obligated to participate.*

**Offertory** ..... Page 159

**Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface** ..... Page 160

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)** ..... Page 161

**Lord’s Prayer and The Words of Our Lord** ..... Page 162

**Pax Domini & Agnus Dei** ..... Page 163

**Distribution** ..... Page 164

*Before partaking of the Lord’s Supper, we ask that you read our communion statement on the pew insert behind the Bible. Thank you.*

**Distribution Hymns** ..... #539 – Christ Is the World’s Redeemer

#443 – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

#532 - The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns

**Post-Communion Canticle (Nunc Dimittis)** ..... Page 165

**Post-Communion Collect and Benediction** ..... Page 166

**Closing Hymn** ..... #441 - Ride On, Ride On in Majesty