<u>Hearing God's Call to Become Community</u>				
Procession of the Palms:	"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"	, # 192		
Welcome and Announcemen	its			
Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon				
*Responsive Call to Worship	)	10:30am Chris Niebrugge		
	"Song of Christ's Obedience"	# 96		
<b>Proclaiming and Hearing the Word</b>				
Text	Matthew 27.11-66	(NRSVA)		
	"The Passion of Christ"			

#### Reader 1: Matthew 27.11-23 (Sue Raines)

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup>Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' <sup>18</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. <sup>19</sup>While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' <sup>23</sup>Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

# Hymn:"Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended"vs. 1-3# 210

## Reader 2: Matthew 27.24-31 (Darlene Hadsall)

<sup>24</sup>So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' <sup>25</sup>Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' <sup>26</sup>So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>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, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' <sup>30</sup>They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Hymn:"What Wondrous Love Is This"vs. 1-2# 200

#### Reader 3: Matthew 27.32-44 (Jill Niebrugge)

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; <sup>36</sup>then they sat down there and kept watch over him. <sup>37</sup>Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

<sup>38</sup>Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup>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.' <sup>41</sup>In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, <sup>42</sup>'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son." ' <sup>44</sup>The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

# Hymn:"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"vs. 1-2# 202

## Reader 4: Matthew 27.45-56 (John Mowen)

<sup>45</sup>From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup>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?' <sup>47</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' <sup>48</sup>At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' <sup>50</sup>Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. <sup>51</sup>At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>53</sup>After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>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!'

<sup>55</sup>Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. <sup>56</sup>Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Hymn:	"Go to Dark Gethsemane"	vs. 1-3	# 196
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# Reader 5: Matthew 27.57-66 (David Dellinger)

<sup>57</sup>When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup>So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth <sup>60</sup>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. <sup>61</sup>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

<sup>62</sup>The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said, 'Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, "After three days I will rise again." 64Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, "He has been raised from the dead", and the last deception would be worse than the first.' <sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them, 'You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.' 66So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

Hymn:	"Were You There"	# 198		
<b><u>Time for Giving</u></b>				
Call for Our Offerings		10:30am Christa McLanahan		
	Praise God from Whom All Blessing	s Flow" # 46		
Prayer of Dedication				
<b>Receiving</b>	g the Visible and Tangible Signs of	God's Grace		
Sharing of Joys and Conce	erns			
Congregational/Pastoral P	rayer "Litany of the Passion"	# 201		
Communion Meditation and	nd Invitation 1	0:30am Christa McLanahan		
The Lord's Prayer				
<b>Communion Music:</b>	"Lord I Need You"	MSPW7 # 356		
*Come forward to the Lor	d's Table to partake of Communion			
<u>I</u>	Departing to Serve Where God Le	ads		
*Congregational Readin	g: "Behold the Love, the Grace	of God" # 205		
Postlude	"When Jesus Wept"	# 199		

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