



Hosanna to the Son of David

MATTHEW 21:9

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Sunday of the Passion—Palm Sunday
March 29, 2020
Holy Communion 9:30 AM

PRELUDE *The Royal Banners Forward Go* Wilbur Held

CHANCEL CHOIR *A Palm Sunday Antiphon* David C. Morgan

Stand

PALM PROCESSION ACCLAMATION

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna to the Son of David.**
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² 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. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “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.”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ 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!”

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

Please raise your branches. The branches are sprinkled with water.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor (ELW 344)*

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

CHILDREN' CHOIR

Ride through Jerusalem

M. Bedford

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a (*back cover*)

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11 (*back cover*)

Sit

HOMILY

Pastor Reep

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 27:11-54

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

¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ 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?” ¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹ 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.” ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹ The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²² Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³ Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

²⁴ 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.” ²⁵ Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

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

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

³⁸ Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ 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.” ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴² “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. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’ ” ⁴⁴ The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

Stand

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lamb of God Most Holy (ACS 932)
Stanza 1 Solo Stanzas 2 & 3 All



1 San - to Cor - de - ro, en cruz cla - va - do,
 1 Lamb of God most ho - ly, up - on the cross ex - tend - ed,
 2 Mine is the trans - gres - sion that caus - es you to suf - fer.
 3 Lamb of God most ho - ly, up - on the cross for - sak - en,



mue - res car - ga - do con mi mal - dad.
 all my sin you car - ry, the bur - den of my soul.
 Mine is the re - bel - lion, but you re - ceive the blame.
 for our sin you suf - fered, so far from God on high.



¡A - mor ex - cel - so! Mis pe - nas pa - gas,
 What love a - maz - ing! What price un - bound - ed!
 My guilt be - fore me, I come be - fore you;
 Your life sur - ren - dered in mer - cy frees us;



y por tus lla - gas sa - lud me das.
 Your bod - y, wound - ed, will make me whole.
 Lord, I im - plore you, re - move my shame.
 your name, O Je - sus, we glo - ri - fy.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

O God, announce words of grace and truth through your messengers of hope and salvation. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally as they proclaim your love for all humanity. Open our hearts to encounter your infinite grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Build your beloved community among us. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let a mind of compassion and mercy be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you praise and thanks for the eternal rest you give to the faithful departed. Deliver us all from death's power and at the last raise us to life in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Chancel Choir

The Crown of Roses

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

OFFERTORY

Return to the Lord (LBW setting II)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Stand

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray....Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

FRACTION *A brief silence is kept.*

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Our Communion is “open” to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

Procedure for receiving Communion:

- 1. Come to communion using the center aisle.*
- 2. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.*
- 3. Take your place along the chancel step.*
- 4. The ministers will bring the bread and wine to you.*
- 5. Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.*
- 6. Return to your pew using the side aisle*

COMMUNION HYMN *Christ is the Life* (ACS 927)



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive
2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning
3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing
4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the
tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to
fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as
End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all
dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing
kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y
form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor
down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise
days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from
love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

HYMN *Ride On Ride On In Majesty* (ELW 346)



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -
an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring
pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Hosannah!

Jacques Lemmens

St. Paul's Women's Retreat, April 18, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM. Come for a day of rest, a time to get away from the business of daily life, to renew old friendships and build new ones, and to deepen your relationship with God. Sign up by completing the registration form you received in the mail. Forms are also located near church exits. Contact anyone from the planning committee with questions: Janet Fitch, Julianna Jones, Kat Lemke, Patty Snyder. Or call the church office.

St. Paul's Food Pantry Needs: Peanut Butter, Cereal, plastic and paper shopping bags, and monetary donations. Monetary donations can be placed in a special envelope marked "Pantry". Contact Teresa Rohrbaugh to volunteer for Tuesday distribution days. Contact Patty Snyder to volunteer for Thursday delivery days or Sunday stocking days or contact the church office. Thank you to all who help!

Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Greeters	Ushers -	Altar Guild	Bread Bakers
3/29	9:30 AM	Patty Snyder	Jaclyn Kinkella	Lois Ann Schroeder	John & Kathy Monk, Robin & Deb Mountenay	Team 1E: Jeff Riese, John Monk, Alex Bastian, Claudia Deitrich	Tim & Melissa Yakim, Larry & Janet Moore	Johanna Patterson

This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open Mon–Thurs 8:00 AM—4:00 PM Fri 8:00 AM—11:30 AM

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Live Stream

6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm

Monday, March 30

7:00 PM York Conference Vespers & Reception

Tuesday, March 31

9:30 AM Pantry

Wednesday, April 1

10:00 AM Preschool with Pastor—Nave

10:30 AM Bible Study— Christ hall

7:00 PM Confession with Absolution

Thursday, April 2 Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3 Good Friday

7:00 PM Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 4 Vigil of Easter

7:00 PM Vigil/Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday

9:30 AM Easter Sunday Service



March 29, Sunday	Palm/Passion Sunday Combined liturgy Children's Choir Singing/Reception of Members	9:30 AM
March 30, Monday	York Conference Vespers Hosted by St. Paul's	7:00 PM
April 1, Wednesday	Confession with Individual Absolution	7:00 PM
April 2, Thursday	Maundy Thursday Institution of the Lord's Prayer	7:00 PM
April 3, Friday	Good Friday Reproaches from the Cross	7:00 PM
April 4, Saturday	The Vigil of Easter With Renewal of Holy Baptism	7:00 PM
April 5, Sunday	The Resurrection of Our Lord Combined liturgy Handbell and Chancel Choirs	9:30 AM

Palm Sunday A, 2026

Conflict continues to dominate the world in which we live. Conflict between nations. Military personnel are being deployed to the middle east. Conflict between political ideologies. As a result, bipartisan agreements remain lifeless. Conflict between and within religious traditions. Christians, Jews and Muslims stir up their follower's using language of fear and hate. The newly consecrated Archbishop of Canterbury, a Christian woman of great faith, is both celebrated and damned within the communion. Conflict relating to rights, justice, inclusion, and citizenship dominate news cycles. Conflict is something to which we can all attest. We know it well because we participate in it.

We gather here this morning on this Palm Sunday, this Sunday of the Passion, precisely as people who perpetuate conflict. I don't often claim my part in all of it, but I am guilty. That's why our loving and gracious God "*humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.*" He didn't do this for someone else who has a splinter in their eye. He did this for you and for me. God did it for us, people who have big logs in our eyes. Those of us who think that we see things so clearly from our perspective, but who completely miss the desire of our loving Heavenly Father. Conflict reigns in our earthly institutions. Conflict has been given a royal place in the kingdoms of this world. But our King is not from this world. Our King is the one who will suffer and die at the hands of sinful people. People who delight in conflict. People who are concerned about themselves. People who are in it to win it.

But this morning as we enter Holy Week, a week where Christian people focus solely on God's forgiving love made known through his Son, Christ Jesus, we identify the conflict that led to our Lord's suffering and death. It would be nice to blame it on others. To coerce others to own the conflict that divides and separates, that fuels hatred and fan flames of discord. But we take part in the tumult, we shout "crucify him" every time we put down others, see them as having less worth than ourselves, and perpetuate the myth that God "*humbled himself and become obedient even to death on a cross*" for someone else who really needs it. We really need the forgiveness and love of Christ to take hold in our lives to bring a halt to the conflict that rages within us and within the kingdoms of this world.

Wisemen came from the east seeking the newborn king. That may seem like old news left over from Christmas. But the knowledge, wisdom and expertise of the sages from afar brought fear to King Herod. That fear led him to decree that all the male chil-

dren under age two should be slaughtered. The King was threatened. You can't make up the lengths to which he will go to secure his earthly power, control and domination of the citizenry. Now Jesus, the one who escaped the King's hatred and violent action, is again placed in a situation of great conflict. Jesus' response to Pontius Pilate's question highlights the conflicts in their time. Conflict between religious authority and secular authority. Conflict between citizens of the land and Roman occupiers. Conflict within the religious community.

The kings, the rulers of this world, work their best to bring about conflict. The King of Heaven and Earth, our Lord Jesus Christ, enters our lives to bring unity and peace, peace such as the world can not give. The Apostle Paul writes from a prison cell *Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.*"

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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.
⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,
 and I was not rebellious;
 I did not turn backward.
⁶I 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.

⁷The 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;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
 Who will contend with me?
 Let us stand in court together.
 Who are my adversaries?
 Let them confront me.
^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me;
 who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 31:9-16

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in
 Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he existed in the form of
 God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be grasped,
⁷but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 assuming human likeness.
 And being found in appearance as a
 human,
⁸he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of
 death—
 even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God exalted him even more
 highly
 and gave him the name
 that is above every other name,
¹⁰so that at the name given to Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the
 earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14—27:66

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or Matthew 27:11-54 [not printed]