

Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

9:30 am



Welcome to worship. We are glad you are here and hope you will spend as much of Holy Week with us as you can. You and your friends are welcome here—always. Please keep the back cover for yourself or give it to a friend as it has the Holy Week schedule of worship services.



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Welcome! *And a special greeting to those who are our guests this morning! We look forward to getting to know you. Thank you for joining us this morning.*

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WORDS OF WELCOME

Matthew 21:1-11

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

ENTRANCE HYMN *“All Glory, Laud And Honor”* ELW 344

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.

Refrain

The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.

Refrain

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

Refrain

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Refrain

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.

Refrain

GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

OPENING SONG *“Hosanna You’re the King”* **CCLI 1157913**

Hosanna You're The King

Hosanna You're the King (ECHO)

We worship and we sing (ECHO)

We lift Your holy name (ECHO)

Upon high (ECHO)

We worship and adore (ECHO)

Give praise forevermore (ECHO)

Hosanna You're the King (ECHO)

Forevermore (ECHO)

by David E. Bell

PRAYER OF THE DAY

One: Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a , NRSV

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
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 up together. Who are my
adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who
helps me; who will declare me guilty?

One: Word of God, word of life. **All: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16, NRSV

One: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am ¹ in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and bo- ¹ dy
also.

**All: For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years ¹ with
sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery, and my
bones ¹ waste away.**

One: I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to ¹ my
neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who
see me in the street ¹ flee from me.

**All: I have passed out of mind like one¹ who is dead;
I have become like a bro-¹ken vessel.**

One: For I hear the whispering of many—terror¹ all
around!—
as they scheme together against me, as they plot to¹
take my life.

**All: But I trust in¹ you, O Lord;
I say, “You¹ are my God.”**

One: My times are¹ in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and per-¹
secutors.

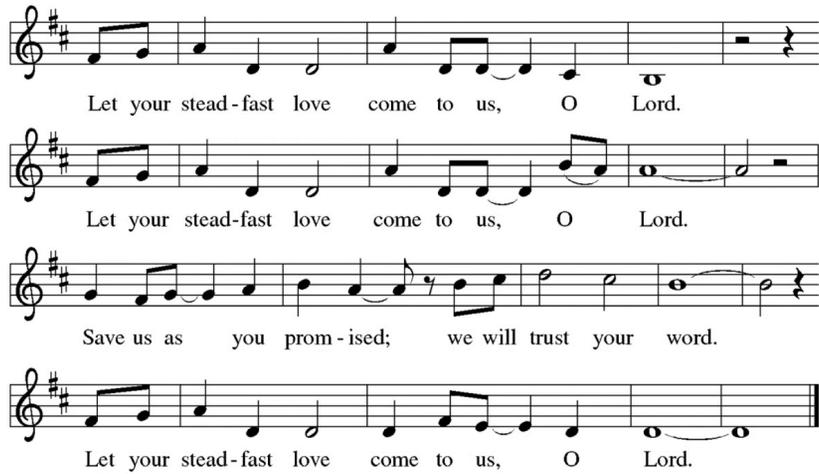
**All: Let your face shine upon¹ your servant;
save me in your¹ steadfast love.**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11 , NRSV

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard
equality with God as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born
in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he
humbled himself and became obedient to the point of
death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly
exalted him and gave him the name that is above every
name, ¹⁰so that at the name of 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.

One: Word of God, word of life. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

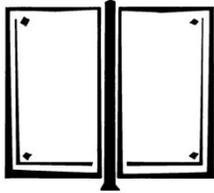
Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

One: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 14th chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**



GOSPEL Mark 14:1-11 , NRSV

14 It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ² for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

³ While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴ But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵ For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶ But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷ For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹ Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹ When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Karl Hester

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus I Will Ponder Now" ELW 345

1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
 2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,
 4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,

let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
 bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
 but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.
 nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.

Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
 make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,
 For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;
 May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,

of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.
 how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.
 this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
 that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

One: Together we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

One: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

OFFERING

CHOIR AND CHIMES OFFERTORY

Sing Hosanna to the King

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Faithful God,
you walk beside us in desert places,
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.
Accompany us in this meal,
that we may pass over from death to life
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

DIALOGUE

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

One: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should
at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to
you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior
Jesus Christ; whose suffering and death gave salvation
to all. You gather your people around the tree of the
cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all
the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the
hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

One: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

COMMUNION

All who believe Jesus is present in the wine and bread, and who believe in the words, "Given and shed for you," are prepared to receive the gift of communion. If you would like a blessing instead of receiving communion please communicate that to the pastor.



LAMB OF GOD

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, Lamb of God.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

One: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

One: Compassionate God,

All: you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

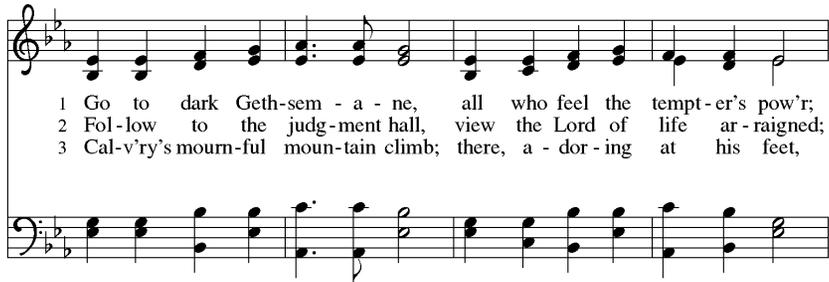
BLESSING

One: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ✠ peace.

All: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane" ELW 347, vv 1-3



1 Go to dark Geth-se-m - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;
2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,



your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

DISMISSAL

One: Marked with the cross of Christ ✝ go forth to love and
serve the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
(Ellacombe, arr. Eric Thomas, pub. Lorenz)



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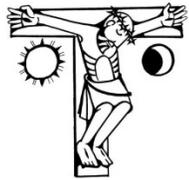
March 28, 9:30 am

We commemorate Jesus arriving into Jerusalem being greeted with palm branches and shouts of acclamation.

Maunder Thursday

April 1, 7:00 pm

We gather to hear the Great Commandment to love one another. We gather around basin and table to experience God's love. We end leaning into the ominous cross.



Good Friday

April 2, 7:00 pm

We linger at the foot of the cross and behold the one who shows us the full measure of his love for God and for us. His last words frame our time of worship.

Easter Vigil

April 3, 7:00 pm

We wait—surrounding ourselves in story, music and light—for Jesus to return from the dead as he said he would.



Easter

April 4, 9:30 am

We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. The empty tombs fills our lives with purpose and hope. Come and rejoice. "Christ is risen!!!"

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