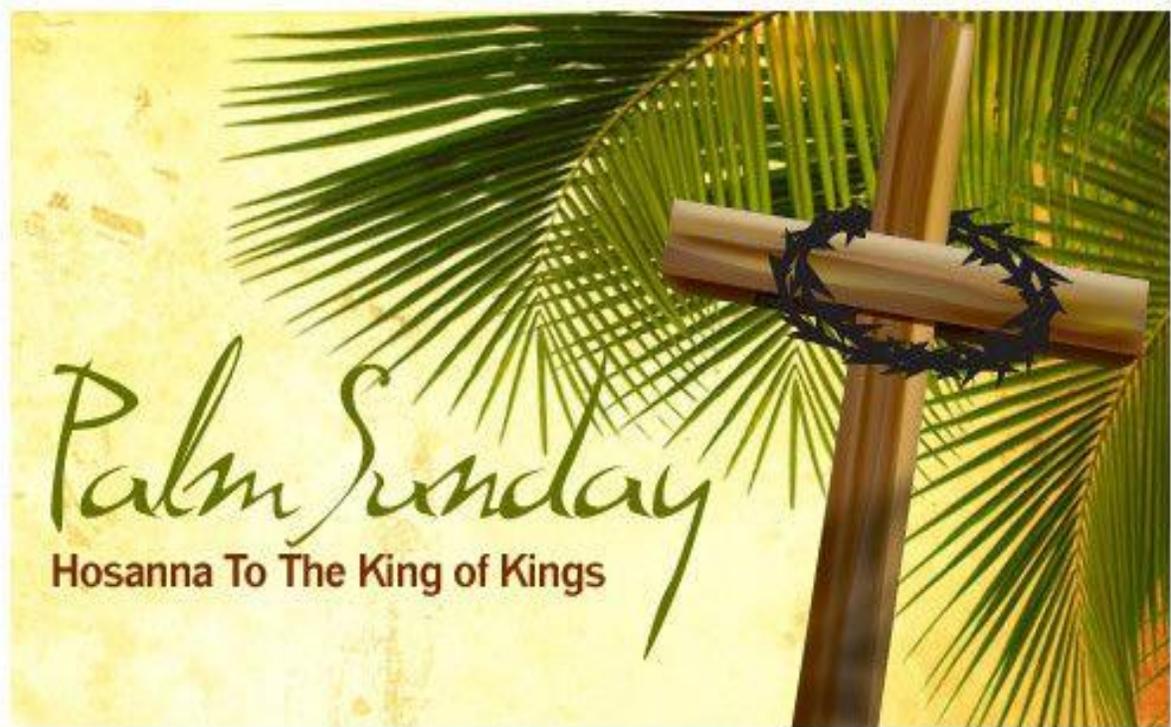

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday



Come as you are. All are welcome!



WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

GATHERING

Prelude

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

We gather today in the name of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest!

THE PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

LUKE 19.28-40

Then they brought it (the colt) to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

C Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

C Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

C Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



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,
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

GREETING, SONG AND PRAYER

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.**
- A Together our prayer continues,
- C Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L The word of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

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, ⁸he 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,

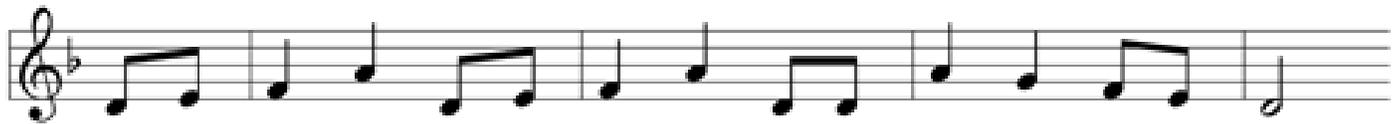
¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

L The word of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind—



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL

Mark 14:1-11

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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; for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

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. But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. 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. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. 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.”

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. 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.

L The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Music Ministry

Alleluja

Mozart

Jeff Petersen, flute

REFLECTION

WHAT WILL PEOPLE REMEMBER?

Pastor Armen

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ELW 338



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

RESPONSE

A Together we confess our faith,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by
the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

A Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING IS RECEIVED

WOV 732



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and



take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the



joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

A Together we pray,

C **Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

MEAL OF GRACE

P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:



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.



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



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

P 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.

A Together we pray,

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

As we celebrate the meal of our Lord, all are invited. If you are a guest and regularly commune at your church, you are welcome to commune here. For children who are not communing, please keep your hands folded and you will receive a blessing. Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are available at communion.

If you prefer grape juice to wine, please raise an index finger when the server comes to you. If you require a gluten-free wafer, notify the server. If you are unable to come to the altar rail and would like to receive communion in your seat, please notify an usher.

As we prepare to come to the table we sing



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

after all have communed

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

C **Amen.**

A Together we pray,

C Compassionate God, 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.

P 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's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace. **C Amen.**

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

ELW 347



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - 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 - rained;



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!



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.

DISMISSAL

P Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to live, love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday: noon

Good Friday: noon

Easter

Please join us for morning worship at
8:30 am (sunrise service at the Memorial Garden)
10:30 am (worship inside)

Faith's Weekly Announcements

Welcome to all of you attending in person this morning!
***Disposable face masks are required and available from
an usher.***

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this week were given:

- ~ In celebration of Ralph Crites 94th Birthday!
- ~ By Steve Wolfe in celebration of Debby's birthday.

Note...

Our secretary is on vacation this week.

Food Pantry

We have placed a plastic storage container on the ramp by the back door for your donations to the local food bank, or you can leave them in the box in the narthex. The food bank especially needs canned tuna and meats.

Attendance last week: 107

WE PRAY FOR...

Larry Bennett	Elaine Claussen	Barb Neilson
Marcia Wilkins	Rick Luckow	Jackie Magee
Rita Wolfe	Madison Mougalian	Lois Howell
Linda Schleede	Melissa Howell	Trevor Goodwin
Royce Tyler	Steve Hoops	

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Every week day morning	6:30 am	AA meets at church
Monday	8:00 pm	AA meets at church
Tuesday	8:00 am	Work Crew
	9:00 am	Lutheran Chicks
Wednesday	3:00 pm	OLT
Thursday	Noon	Maundy Thursday worship
Friday	Noon	Good Friday worship

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Mary Lou Fitzgerald & Debby Porter

First Service:

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Toni Newton

Usher: Jay Fisher

Second Service:

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Jim Taylor

Ushers: Larry & Linda Bennett

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As we WORSHIP Jesus as our Lord and Savior

As we LOVE one another, welcoming everyone

As we SERVE, inspired by the Holy Spirit

As a deep FAITH is taught and caught

As we make WITNESS and MISSION our life