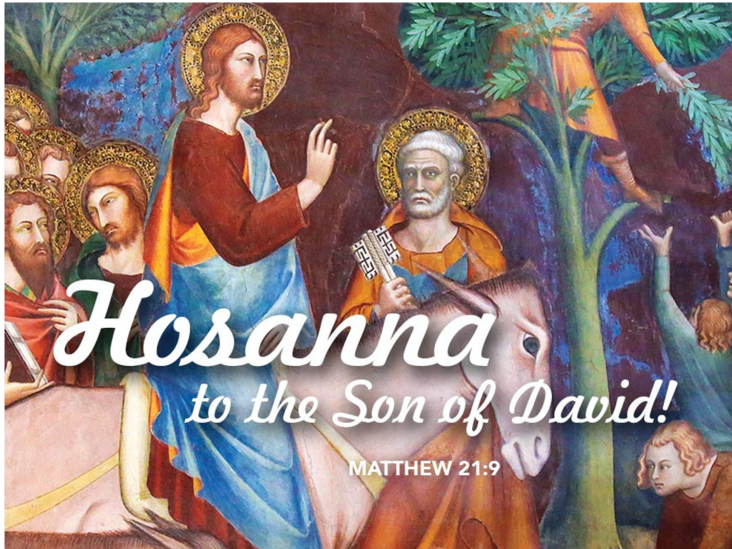


# SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

## PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 5, 2020



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Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Every Member ..... Ministers  
 Elizabeth Hess ..... Pastor  
 Ralph Grove ..... Organist  
 Cindy Finnegan ..... Minister of Music

**Lectors**

..... 6:30 PM  
 ..... 8:15 AM  
 ..... 10:45 AM

**Acolytes**

..... 6:30 PM  
 ..... 8:15 AM  
 ..... 10:45 AM

**Ushers**

..... 6:30 PM  
 ..... 8:15 AM  
 ..... 10:45 AM



Attendance            Wednesday | Sunday  
 Total donations for the week (includes Wednesday)            \$  
 Contributions needed every **WEEK** to meet budget            \$4,987.52  
 Amount **UNDER** budget for the week

## SUNDAY OF THE PASSION-PALM SUNDAY

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRE-WORSHIP MEDITATION:

PASTOR: Let us read together Mark 12:28-31 (the Jesus Rule)

**ALL: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself.**

PASTOR: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

#### PRELUDE

*The presiding minister sings or says (may be repeated one or more times)*

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

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

#### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

##### ProceSSIONal Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

*Jesus enters Jerusalem*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*The gospel is proclaimed. The reading concludes:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*The minister begins the thanksgiving. The members of the congregation raise their Palms.*

P: 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.

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.

C: **Amen**

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

## OPENING HYMN #

*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 is 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...

**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.**

### FIRST LESSON            Isaiah 50:4-9a

*The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.*

L: The reading from Isaiah

The 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.  
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
I 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.

The 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;  
he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

L The word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

**PSALM**

Psalm 31:9-16

*Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)*

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street they avoid me.

**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;**

**I am as useless as a broken pot. R**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.**

**I have said, "You are my God.**

My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

**Let your face shine upon your servant;**

**save me in your steadfast love." R**

**SECOND LESSON**

Philippians 2:5-11

*Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.*

L: The reading from Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

**THE GOSPEL** Matthew 26:14--27:66

*In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.*

P: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Lord**

**HYMN**

## APOSTLE'S CREED

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**

## THE PRAYERS

A: Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer**

*The prayers conclude:*

P: Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you**

*"Each of you shall bring such a gift as he can in proportion to the blessing which the Lord your God has given you" Deuteronomy 16:17*



## OFFERING

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

### \*BENEDICTION

P: 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

C:   
A - men

### \*HYMN #

### \*THE DISMISSAL

P: Mark 12:28-31  
C: Love God, Love others.

### \*POSTLUDE \*Congregation Stands

# PRAYER LIST

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## ENTER THE STORY

Annually the church the world over traces Jesus' "triumphal entry" into the city of Jerusalem. A donkey and colt symbolize Jesus' rule, humble and lowly. Nothing is shaped as expected, yet everything is as needed. To enter the scene, we'll use many senses.

Listen! The braying of humble animals mixes sweetly with boisterous shouts of praise: "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (Matt. 21:9).

Smell! People young and old, doves and goats, spices and spring blooms. The crowd is filled with the scents of fishing nets and barns, of vineyards and hostels.

Open-eyed, look around! See colorful cloaks and branches spread on the ground, creating a pathway for the donkey and its rider. See children hoisted above their elders, each straining to catch sight of Jesus, on whom all their hopes are pinned for a better life and a lovelier world.

This Holy Week, we are invited to enter into the story with senses newly awakened. As you listen to the gospel today, what do you hear that you've never heard before? What parts of the narrative come to life that in earlier years you may have missed? Today as you wave a palm and perhaps join in a procession, can you imagine yourself in the crowd that surrounded Jesus?

Are you asking anything of the people beside you? Do you know the dreams of freedom dear to them? Have you shared your hopes for a better world rooted in Jesus' way of humility? Are you willing to risk making something of a scene today, in ways that might attract some attention, prompting neighbors to echo the question in Jerusalem so long ago when "the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?'" (Matt. 21:10). Then, in words and actions may we all respond that the one at our center is "the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee" (Matt. 11:11).



