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"In Nomine Iesu"

Palm Sunday And Sunday of the Passion

April 2, 2023

“Palm Sunday is an exciting day in the cycle of the great days in the church. Jesus is in command from beginning to end. He commandeers a donkey without let or hindrance from some unknown man. He receives the accolades of the people. He is feted by the children. He is Master in His Father’s house as He drives the moneychangers from their booths.”

But we ponder a statement made by one of His enemies: “One Man should die for the people.” The One we celebrate today knew “His hour had come” for his demise at Jerusalem.

With palms in the hands of our children, we walk with Him, remembering faithful Christians who, like the white-robed multitudes carrying palm branches in John’s vision, have entered glory through much tribulation. Both they and us are victors, who rejoice in the extended reading from the Passion narrative that will set before us all our Lord did on our behalf. Welcome to the most important week of the church year – and the celebration of the mystery of salvation!

We are delighted to have you with us as we celebrate God’s love for us in Jesus! If you have any questions or needs please feel free to ask an usher, Pastor, or anyone here at St. Paul’s.

Guests and members are asked to fill out a registration card found in the pew rack. Please hand it to an usher or place in the basket on the table in narthex after worship.

Prelude “*All Glory, Laud and Honor*” Emma Lou Diemer
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bell

The Order of Worship

Lutheran Service Book –
Divine Service Setting One

Invocation (*please stand*)

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

C **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Palm Sunday Gospel Reading

John 12:12-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ “Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!”

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Entrance Hymn *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”* LSB #443

Children's Processional

*(Please turn and face the entrance to the sanctuary
and follow the cross to its place in the chancel.)*

(be seated)

Children's Choir "*Cloaks and Branches*" by Richard Cootes

Confession and Absolution *(please stand)*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word
and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

P Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

C **We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

P Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

C **that the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is this King of glory?

C **The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD,
mighty in battle!**

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up,
O ancient doors,

C **that the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is this King of glory?

C **The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

All **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and
will be forever. Amen.**

P Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

C **We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son,
Jesus Christ, to be our ever-living King and Savior.
Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His
great humility, and with trusting and steadfast hearts,
may we go forth in the way that leads to eternal life;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

All **Amen.**

(be seated)

Chime Choir

“*Majesty*”

setting by *Patricia Cota*

Readings

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷ But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a 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 is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹ Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

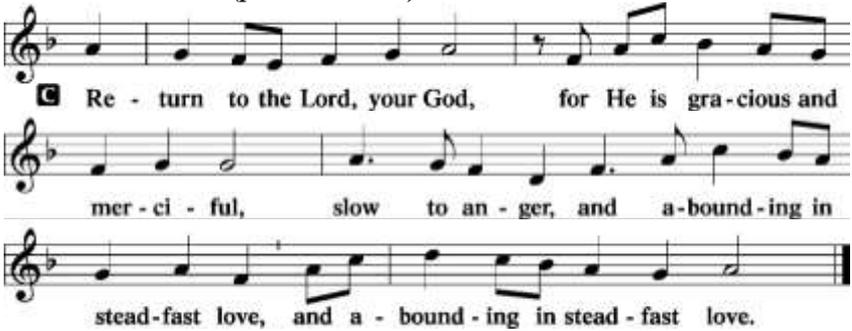
Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse for Lent (*please stand*)



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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Passion Sunday Gospel Reading

John 12:20-36a

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord**

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷ “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴ So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is

this Son of Man?”³⁵ So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.”³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Creed

Martin Luther's Explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed

All I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

(be seated)

Children's Message

Hymn *“Ride On, Ride On In Majesty”* LSB #441

Sermon

Presentation of the Offering & Musical Offering
“My Song is Love Unknown” Benjamin Culli

Prayers of the Church

(After each portion of the prayers)

P Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

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

P We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show to us the answer to Your people's prayers of "Hosanna," "save now," in the Passion, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (*please stand*)

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 Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All 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.

Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: *“Take, eat; this is My (+) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: *“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (+) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

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.

Distribution *(be seated)*

(All members of our St. Paul's family are invited to meet the Lord in this Sacrament. When at the table, please indicate your preference of common or individual cup. *Children are welcome to remain standing to receive a blessing from the pastor.*)

The CENTER RING of the individual communion cup tray contains grape juice. The OUTER RINGS contain wine. You are welcome to make your choice.)

Distribution Hymns

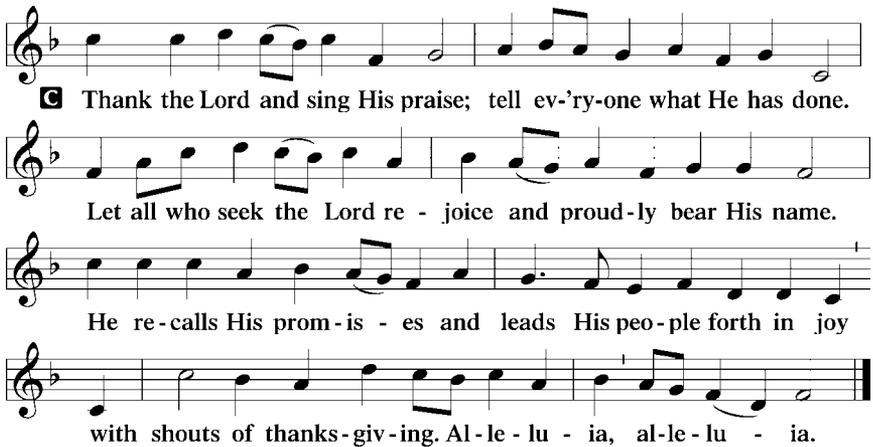
"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

LSB #423

"O Christ, You Walked the Road"

LSB #424

Thank the Lord *(please stand)*



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we ask You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. (Heb. 13:20-21)

C **Amen.**

A Passion Reading

Matthew 27:1-2, 27-31, 45-54

¹When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. ² And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And 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 and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and

appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

Closing Hymn

“Lamb of God”

LSB #550

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude *“Trumpet Tune in C”* Jacob B. Weber

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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Maundy Thursday

April 6

Worship with Communion

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 7

Worship

7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday!

April 9

Worship with Communion, 7:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast Sponsored by St. Paul's Youth

Worship with Communion, 10:30 a.m.

