

Passion/Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021

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Please silence all electronic devices.

WELCOME! Please sign the Friendship Register (Red Folder) located in the hymnal rack and pass it on to your neighbors. Please observe Silent Meditation during the Prelude.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP; This morning we begin a service of worship that is designed to be one continuous service through Sunday morning. We will gather here again on Thursday and Friday as we live the last week of Jesus' life in real time. Note that the beginnings and endings of our gatherings will be somewhat different than usual due to the unique nature of the weeklong worship service.

INTRODUCTION

Mark's passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing Jesus' head, perhaps to proclaim him Messiah, and Jesus saying she has anointed him beforehand for burial. Mark's Easter story will begin with women going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God's living Anointed One.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* arr. R. J. Hughes

Please Stand and face the entrance to the Nave.

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

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

P The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

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

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN #344 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Raise Palms **BLESSING OF PALMS**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. 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.

C **Amen.**

P Let us proceed in peace,

C **in the name of Christ, Amen**

Spoken **HYMN OF PRAISE** *The Palms*

All around our way the palms and blossoms gay

Strewn on this day in festal preparation

Jesus appears to wash our sins away

**See now the throngs to greet the King of kings
Join all and sing; His name declare!
Let every voice resound, unite in acclamation
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.**

Organ Only

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Let us pray . . .

A 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.

C Amen.

WORD

Sit FIRST READING - Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

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?
A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Sit **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**
 The peace is shared.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD
According to St. Mark 14:1 – 15:20

The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

NARRATOR 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."

NARRATOR 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."

NARRATOR And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

JESUS "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."

NARRATOR 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. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

"Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

NARRATOR So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

JESUS "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

HYMN # 349 Ah, Holy Jesus (verse 1)

Lector: *Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that we to judge thee have in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected.*

O most afflicted.

NARRATOR So the disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

JESUS "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who

is eating with me."

NARRATOR They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

"Surely, not I?"

NARRATOR He said to them,

JESUS "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

NARRATOR While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

JESUS "Take; this is my body."

NARRATOR Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

JESUS "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

NARRATOR When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

JESUS "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

NARRATOR Peter said to him,

"Even though all become deserters, I will not."

NARRATOR Jesus said to him,

JESUS "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR But he said vehemently,

"Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

NARRATOR And all of them said the same. They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

JESUS "Sit here while I pray."

NARRATOR He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them,

JESUS "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake."

HYMN #349 verse 2

Lector: *Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas,
my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee,
Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee.
I crucified thee.*

NARRATOR Going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

JESUS "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

NARRATOR He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

NARRATOR And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

JESUS "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

NARRATOR Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

"The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."

NARRATOR So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

"Rabbi!"

NARRATOR Then Judas kissed him. They laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

NARRATOR All of them deserted him and fled. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

NARRATOR They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire.

HYMN #347 *Go to Dark Gethsemane* (verse 1)

Lector: *Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the temper's power. Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour.*

Turn not from his griefs away. Learn from Him to bear the cross.

NARRATOR Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'

NARRATOR But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

"Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

NARRATOR But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

"Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

NARRATOR Jesus said,

JESUS "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

NARRATOR Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

"Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his

blasphemy! What is your decision?"

NARRATOR All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

"Prophesy!"

NARRATOR The guards also took him over and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

"You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."

NARRATOR But he denied it, saying,

"I do not know or understand what you are talking about."

NARRATOR And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

"This man is one of them."

NARRATOR But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

"Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."

NARRATOR But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

"I do not know this man you are talking about."

NARRATOR At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

***HYMN #347 Lector:** Follow to the judgment hall view the Lord of Life arraigned. Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained. Shun not suffering, shame or loss. Learn from Him to bear the cross.*

NARRATOR As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

"Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR He answered him,

JESUS "You say so."

NARRATOR Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

"Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

NARRATOR But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a

man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

"Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

"Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR They shouted back,

"Crucify him!"

NARRATOR Pilate asked them,

"Why, what evil has he done?"

NARRATOR But they shouted all the more,

"Crucify him!"

NARRATOR So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting

some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

"Hail, King of the Jews!"

NARRATOR They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

***HYMN #347 Lector:** Calvary's mournful mountain climb. There adoring at His feet. Mark that miracle of time. God's own sacrifice complete. "It is finished!" hear Him cry. Learn from Jesus Christ to die*

TO BE CONTINUED...

MEAL

ORGAN OFFERTORY *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

~J. Walther

Stand Spoken **OFFERTORY HYMN** *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

OFFERING PRAYER

A Merciful God,

C 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

PREFACE

P It is indeed right . . .

Spoken **HOLY HOLY HOLY**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the
flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the
sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness

to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your
anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

Spoken **LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

We invite all Christians who believe that Jesus gives his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins to receive the sacrament with us.

Stand **COMMUNION BLESSING**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P 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.

C **Amen.**

*The congregation may leave as you are ready. Because we
continue this worship service on Maundy Thursday and Good
Friday there is no recessional hymn or dismissal at this time.*

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

MINISTER OF CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

- Bennett Williams

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - ;

USHERS - Don Young, Doug Womer, Ed Shadle,
Chris Bair, Dennis Dinger, Dave Featherman

GREETERS -

COMMUNION ASST -

WORSHIP ASST -

JESUS: Jeanne Flickinger; Zara Bennett

LECTOR OF HYMN VERSES: Jay Snyder (all services)

LECTOR - Jeanne Flickinger; Zara Bennett

FLOWER DELIVERY - Marian Person

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NURSERY SCHL DIR. - Pam Baranowski

717-652-6700 ext 3

SEXTON - Don Young

Birthdays for March

03/01 – Alyse Ulrich
03/02 – Donna Lee
Michael Martellaro
03/03 – Fred Hoover
Alison Keith
Luther Lengel
Arlo Powell
03/04 - Heather Lee
03/05 – Renee Carpenter
03/07 – Lorie Cleaver
Resta Deppen
Doug Womer
James Walak
Colin Smith
03/08 – Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk
03/10 – Hailey Himelright
03/11 – Sara Jane Defrank
03/14 – Lauren Heckert
03/17 – Jennifer Townsen
03/21 – June Judd
03/23 – Randy Whitaker
Bonnie Morris
03/25 - Pamela Baranowski
03/27 – Lore-Lee Walak
Aaron Lichtenwalner
03/30 – James Dullen
03/30 – Robert Gill
03/31 –Tania Brown
Carrie Appleby
Deborah Lee

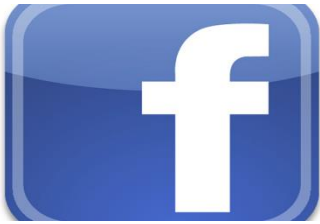
Birthdays for April

04/01– Stella Baker
04/02– George Shultz
Owen Smith
Madeline Varga
04/03– Charles Walak
Jane Shetrone
04/04– Caden Bryan
Valerie Martellaro
Casianne Frey
04/05– Michelle Haynos

Highway Clean-up

The next Highway Clean-up of Oakgrove Road is scheduled for Saturday April 10.. (Meet at the entrance to Resurrection Cemetery at 9:00.) We will forego meeting for breakfast until everyone is vaccinated. Anyone planning to help please contact Calvin Smith (717-652-3808.) cksmith6@verizon.net.

Thanks



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Upcoming Events



Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald - March 21, 2021

You are invited to visit Kirchenwald or Nawakwa on March 21 or April 11. Take a tour of camp with members of our summer staff and see what camp is all about. As a bonus, we will give a \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to every brand new camper! Cost is free, please register.

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