

Passion/Palm Sunday
April 10, 2022

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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

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

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: Luke 19:28-40

Entrance into the final days

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As 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, ³⁸saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

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

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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**

Sing **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.

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.

Anthem—*A Festive Hosanna*

~Victor C, Johnson

Chancel Choir

WORD

Sit **FIRST LESSON- Isaiah 50:4-9a**

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

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.
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**

Anthem—*Now Sing We All Hosanna!*
Chancel Choir

~N. Price, D. Besig

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. Luke 22:14—23:56

*Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves, the empty disciples are able to fill others, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and **JESUS**—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.*

NARRATOR When the hour came, [Jesus] took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

JESUS “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

NARRATOR Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

JESUS “Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

NARRATOR Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

JESUS “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

NARRATOR And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

JESUS “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!”

NARRATOR Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

JESUS “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

HYMN 1 #349 (verse 1) Ah, Holy Jesus

JESUS “Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

NARRATOR And Peter said to him,
“Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!”

NARRATOR Jesus said,

JESUS “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

NARRATOR He said to them,

JESUS “When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or

sandals, did you lack anything?"

NARRATOR They said,

"No, not a thing."

NARRATOR He said to them,

JESUS "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled."

NARRATOR They said,

"Lord, look, here are two swords."

NARRATOR He replied,

JESUS "It is enough."

NARRATOR He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

JESUS "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

NARRATOR Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

JESUS "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

NARRATOR Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood

falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

JESUS "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

HYMN 2 #349 (*verse 2*) *Ah, Holy Jesus*

NARRATOR While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

JESUS "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

NARRATOR When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

"Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

NARRATOR Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But *JESUS* said,

JESUS "No more of this!"

NARRATOR And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

JESUS "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

NARRATOR Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

"This man also was with him."

NARRATOR But he denied it, saying,

"Woman, I do not know him."

NARRATOR A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

"You also are one of them."

NARRATOR But Peter said,

"Man, I am not!"

NARRATOR Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

"Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."

NARRATOR But Peter said,

"Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"

NARRATOR At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

HYMN 3 #347 (*verse 1*) *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

NARRATOR Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

“Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?”

NARRATOR They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

“If you are the Messiah, tell us.”

NARRATOR He replied,

JESUS “If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

NARRATOR All of them asked,

“Are you, then, the Son of God?”

NARRATOR He said to them,

JESUS “You say that I am.”

NARRATOR Then they said,

“What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!”

HYMN 4 #347 (*verse 2*) *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

NARRATOR Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

“We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.”

NARRATOR Then Pilate asked him,

“Are you the king of the Jews?”

NARRATOR He answered,

JESUS “You say so.”

NARRATOR Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

“I find no basis for an accusation against this man.”

NARRATOR But they were insistent and said,

“He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

NARRATOR When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back

to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

“You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

NARRATOR Then they all shouted out together,

“Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”

NARRATOR (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

“Crucify, crucify him!”

NARRATOR A third time he said to them,

“Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.”

NARRATOR But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed.

NARRATOR So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

HYMN 5 #347 (*verse 3*) *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Here is food and drink for the journey.
Take and be filled

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 Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.

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.

Announcement.

Let's Give

If you are feeling like you wish you could do something to help the situation in Ukraine, consider this:

Last week Rabbi Marc Gellman addressed giving in his Sunday newspaper column. He discussed efficient and honest charitable organizations. He mentioned top rated Lutheran World Relief (lwr.org) and Church World Service for actively responding to the needs of refugees in Ukraine and surrounding countries. Consider these or other organizations highly rated by Charity Watch or Charity Navigator in your giving response.

Operating Receipts thru February 28: \$39,713

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Attendance: 03/30/2022 21 Lenten Services

04/03/2022 83

We look forward to continued support of our mission through your generous response to God's gifts given to us.

Palm Sunday:

Jesus' Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem and The beginning of Holy Week

Fellowship Ministry will be having food in fellowship hall between services in Judee Leister's memory.

ATTENTION: If you are here for meetings in the evenings, please be sure to turn off all lights when leaving.

OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	04/10	8:15 am	Worship
		9:45 am	Palm Sunday
			Gathering Fellowship Hall
		11:00 am	Worship
		12:30 pm	LYF Jr Meeting
		5:30 pm	LYF Meeting
		7:00 pm	AA
MONDAY	04/11	4:00 pm	W/ELCA Board Mtg.
TUESDAY	04/12	10:00 am	Esther Circle
		6:00 pm	Stewardship Ministry
		7:00 pm	Lioness
WEDNESDAY	04/13	12:00 pm	Prayer Vigil
THURSDAY	04/14	12:00 pm	Maundy Thursday
		6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday
FRIDAY	04/15	12:00 pm	Good Friday
		6:30 pm	Good Friday
SATURDAY	04/16		
SUNDAY	04/17	8:15 am	Worship
		9:45 am	Sunday Church School
		11:00 am	Worship
		7:00 pm	AA

Birthdays for April

04/01 – Stella Baker	04/18 – Carol Watkins
04/02 – Fred Shultz	04/20 – Patty Ernest
Owen Smith	Keri Miller
Madeline Varga	Danielle DiSerio
04/03 Jane Shetrone	04/21- Christopher Bair
Charles Walak	04/23 – Kristy Shoaff
04/04 – Caden Bryan	04/25 – Kimberly Klick
Casianne Frey	Lauryn Edwards
(McClenahan)	
Valerie Martellaro	04/26 - Denise Harr
04/05 - Michelle Haynos	Melva Neifert
04/06 – Dave Ringley	Karin Senft
04/13 – Donald Herbster	04/27 - Zachary Lee
Christian McClain	James Long
04/15 - Susan Simpler	Calvin Smith
04/16 – Anthony Weldon	04/28 – Charlie James
04/17 – Lauren Briner	04/29 - April Trout
	Jackson Lee

If your birthday is in April and we missed it, please let us know. We hope you have a happy birthday anyway.

Stewardship Snippet

April 10, 2022 (Passion/Palm Sunday, Year C)

Luke 22:19, 20 –Then Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

What has God given us? Everything, holding back nothing. We celebrate this with Eucharist, when we mystically commune with God's very body and blood



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Like us on Facebook - St. Mark's is on Facebook - Follow our page and share with your friends. It's a great way to let your friends know about all the good things happening here!

SOCIAL SERVICES LENTEN PROJECT: The Social Services ministry will be collecting non-perishable food items for four families in need this Spring. We will be accepting donations from March 13 through April 10 and distributing the food the week of April 11. We are also accepting monetary donations and hams. We thank you in advance for your support. Contact: Molly Stanton if you have any questions—(717)657-7725.

ATTENTION: So we can keep our Data Base up-to-date, if you have changes to your name, address phone number and your email address changed, or if your birthday doesn't show up on the list, you can call or send your updated information to church office

READING LESSONS for April 17, 2022:

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird Sanctuary

Altar Flowers are given in Celebration of Jesus' Triumphant Entry Into Jerusalem, given by Sandy Sherwood.

REMINDER: 2022 Church Envelopes are in the Narthex. Check for friends or shut-ins near you if you don't mind taking them to them.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - Barb Heym; Sandy Dinger

USHERS - Doug Womer, Ed Shadle,

Chris Bair, Dennis Dinger, Dave Featherman

GREETERS -

COMMUNION ASST -

WORSHIP ASST -

LECTOR - Randy Whitaker; Sandy Sherwood

FLOWER DELIVERY - Barb Heym

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Sandy Sherwood

NURSERY SCHL DIR. - 717-652-6700 ext 3

SEXTON - Don Young

St Mark's Book Club

Date	Book	Author	Facilitator
2022			
Apr. 28	Flying Angels	Danielle Steel	_____

Book Club meets at 10:00 AM in the parlor

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Anita Featherman is collecting old used Wooden Sleds any condition also Women's old Ice Skates. Call her at (717)469-0840 and she will pick them up.



NOW ENROLLING

2022-2023

2, 3, and 4 year olds

St. Mark's Nursery School



Following the Lamb

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Meet our new Nursery SCHOOL Director Starting in July

Hello, my name is Jessica Pope. I graduated from Shippensburg University in 2017 with a degree in Elementary education. Since then, and even before that, I have worked with children in many different settings. From babysitting, to church nursery, to daycare, teaching, and working as a full-time nanny, I have loved helping children learn and grow. I am currently a member of Palm Lutheran in Palmyra and have served as a youth advisor there for many years. I enjoy spending time with my boyfriend, family, and friends. I love spending time outdoors, especially going to Camp Nawakwa, where I serve at Harrisburg Area Confirmation Camp each summer. I think my experience in a classroom setting and in full-time nannying will help me teach and grow the program here at St. Mark's. I am really looking forward to being the director and seeing what this new adventure will bring! Please reach out with any questions or if you're interested in helping me on this new journey!