

Passion/Palm Sunday

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.

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*Please rise in body or in spirit.



Organ

Welcome

Prelude

Announcements & Congregational Information Update

Larry Jacobus

*Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

who writes the law on our hearts,

who draws all people together through Jesus.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin

in the presence of God and of one another.

Pastor: Holy God,

All: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin

and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors

are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know,

forgive us, Lord.

Amen.

Pastor: Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,

God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs,

and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

*Prayer of the Day

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹¹Then 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.

*Gathering Hymn, **ELW No. 344** (vss. 1-4)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

The Liturgy of the 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?

Choral Anthem Chancel Choir

"Prepare the Way!"

Nancy Price and Don Besig

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.

Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark

(Follow along using handout you picked up from table in Narthex)

Hymn, ELW No. 353 (verse 1) Were You There

Mark 14:1-31

Hymn, **ELW No. 353** (verse 2) Were You There

Mark 14:32-65

Hymn, **ELW No. 353** (verse 3) Were You There

Mark 14:66-15:20

Were You There Hymn, **ELW No. 353** (verse 4)

Mark 15:21-47

Hymn, ELW No. 353 (verse 5) Were You There

Meditation Pastor Bonnie Parker

*Sermon Hymn, ELW No. 351

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*Apostles' Creed p.105

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried: he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

*Prayers of Intercession

Pastor: "Lord, in your mercy,"

Your response is: "hear our prayer."

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Sharing of the Lord's Supper

*Great Thanksgiving p. 144

Pastor and Congregation shall sing:

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.

Pastor shall speak:

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; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life.

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:

Congregation shall sing:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(right side)

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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.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Usher will dismiss each pew to come forward to receive communion.

Communion Music Organ

"Selection"

Composer

^{*}Words of Institution

^{*}Our Lord's Prayer, "Our Father, who art..."

Everyone shall sing:

ALL: 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.

*Post-Communion Prayer

*Benediction "The Lord bless you ..."

*Sending Hymn, ELW No. 338

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God; and we will.

Postlude Organ

Worship Leaders

Pastor Bonnie Parker Michael Harnan Brynn Fuller Paul Van Ryswyk Brian Kinnan

Chancel Choir Director Chancel Choir Student Director Organist Video Producer

Karen Heathcote Cohen Fuller Adam Fuller Roger Claxton, Olivia Hilton, Larry Jacobus, Stephanie Fuller Fred Fuller & Todd Jacobus

Acolyte
Lector
Readers
Communion Assistants

Pastor

Greeters

Usher

Attendance (in-person): Saturday— 12; Sunday— 49 (online) Sunday— 25

Weekly Calendar

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Sunday	7:30	Brass Rehearsal
•	9:15	Holy Communion
		Passion/Palm Sunday
	10:00	Fellowship Coffee Hour
	10:15	Sunday School
Monday		Church Office Closed
Wednesday	12:30	Stitchers
	No	Family Dinner
	6:30	Choir
Thursday	7:00	Maundy Thursday Worship (in-person & online)
Friday	7:00	Good Friday Worship (in-person & online)
Saturday	5:00	Evening Worship
-		Easter Vigil (in-person)
Sunday	7:30	Brass Rehearsal
	9:15	Holy Communion
		Easter Sunday
	10:30	Easter Breakfast
		Easter Egg Hunt
	No	Sunday School

PALM BRANCHES - are given to the Glory of God this Passion/Palm Weekend. If you so desire you may take your palm branch with you as you leave worship today.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE – Maundy Thursday March 28th **7:00 pm** (in-person and online service); Good Friday March 29th **7:00 pm** (in-person and online service); Saturday March 30th **5:00 pm** Easter Vigil (in-person); Easter Sunday March 31st **9:15 am** (in-person and online service).

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS - A request to make available Children's bulletins for our young people who come to worship with us. In the Narthex on the rectangular table you will find those bulletins. Pre-Reader (Pre-K thru Grade 1); Reader (Grade 2 thru 5); Celebrate (All Age Levels). Please feel free to take them when your family enters the Sanctuary for worship.

NEXT WEEKEND - Pastor Bonnie will lead worship for the final weekend before she officially retires as our Pastor on March 31st.

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION UPDATE - Larry Jacobus (Congregational Council President) will be providing the Congregation our plan of addressing the transition period (April thru July) until Pastor Keith Lingwall begins serving our Congregation as Pastor.

ALTAR FLOWERS - Please note during Lent thru Easter we suspend Altar Flowers (February 18th thru March 31st). We will resume having each weekend after Easter Altar Flowers. Open sponsor dates are: (April 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th). Opportunities are available for 2024 see chart by elevator.

COMMUNION ELEMENTS are given to the Glory of God this Passion/Palm Weekend. Open sponsor dates are: (March 31st, April 7th, 14th and 21st). Opportunities are available in 2024 see chart by elevator.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Janet Belcher, Brian Dugan, Arnold Erickson, Virginia Jacobsen, Britney Johnson, Jackie Johnson, Mike Kirk, Betty Manley, Debbie Neustadt, Jodie Sacco, Bob Tollakson, Grace Van Ryswyk.

GOD HAS CALLED SUSAN BLOUNT HOME! - we are saddened with the passing of a sister in Christ, Susan Blount on Tuesday March 12th. Please remember Tracy, Aaron and Zefram Dugan, along with Susan's extended family members during this time of loss.

FAMILY DINNERS – Family Dinners will resume on Wednesday April 3rd at 5:30 pm.

EASTER LILY – You can take your lily home following the 9:15 am worship service on Sunday March 31st.

EASTER BREAKFAST TICKETS (Final Chance) - Sunday March 31st following the church service will be our traditional Easter breakfast at 10:30 am. The menu will consist of Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit, and Beverages (Coffee, Juice, Milk - White or Chocolate). Ticket prices: This year the Council decided to make the breakfast a free-will offering. Tickets are available - see Larry Jacobus to get your free tickets. We encourage you to pick up your tickets if you plan to attend; this will allow for proper preparation of food for this breakfast. Thank you!

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE please contact Pastor Bonnie Parker at (713) 419-9329 or the Church Office at (515) 266-8074.

SNOW REMOVAL SPONSORSHIP – You can designate contributions to the Mowing or Snow removal fund for future usage.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS the next quarterly devotional booklets (April thru June 2024) are available in the Narthex. The Word In Season (Regular print only); Christ In Our Home (Regular and Large print).

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR – You will find sign-up sheets located on bulletin board outside kitchen area of the Fellowship Hall. Open Host Dates: March thru May 2024.

CATTELL ELEMENTARY REQUEST (Suspended) - we had an overwhelming response to this request; focused on some items that they need: Boxes of Kleenex; Boys clothes (especially pants)- sizes 5,6,7,8; various clothing items; and hangers. At this time we are temporarily suspending any further collection of items. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our neighbor.

EGG CARTONS – We met our goal (200) of egg cartons. Many have continued to save and bring them and leave in the Narthex coat rack. We have suspended collecting any further cartons at this time; but do appreciate your efforts. When we resume collecting them we will make an announcement; the Nebraska officials state we can only furnish the cardboard ones (Styrofoam and clear plastic carton are prohibited).

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

