



St. John's Lutheran Church

Passion Sunday

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Special Service

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“Experiencing and sharing the love of Jesus Christ”

Thoughts for Today's Worship

The service of Passion Sunday, beginning with the procession of palms, reflects the contrasting attitudes toward Jesus that were on display during the days leading up to His crucifixion. "Palm Sunday" is named after the palms that were spread before Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. Palms are an ancient symbol of victory. The acclamation of the people, "Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord," clearly reveals that they hailed Jesus as the messianic king. Yet only days later, our Lord would hear the cry "Crucify!" This contrast is reflected on this day as the joy of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem gives way to the somber remembrance of His passion. Thus is the Church prepared to enter Holy Week - the most important week of the entire Church Year.

Announcements & Opening Prayer

Please Rise

The Procession of the Palms

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen

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

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

Collect

P Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him 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.

C Amen.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

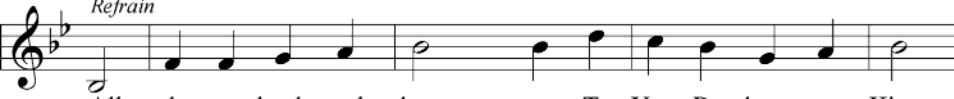
The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" 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. 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. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. 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.**
P Let us go forth in peace.
C **In the name of the Lord.**


We follow the movement of the cross from the back of the church to the chancel. The cross represents the movement of Jesus through the crowds and in our case; it represents Jesus coming into our midst to give us His gifts of forgiveness, healing, and salvation.

Processional Hymn - "All Glory, Laud and Honor" LSB 442


Refrain



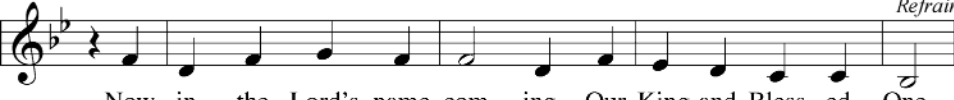
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem - er, King,



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 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Refrain

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
 And we with all cre - a - tion 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.
 O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
C **Hosanna in the highest.**

The cross is veiled to denote the transition to a remembrance of Jesus' suffering.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.
C **Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross.**

Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please Be Seated

Old Testament Reading - Zechariah 9:9-12 (p. 797)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

[A] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] **Thanks be to God.**

Verse



[C] 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.

Holy Gospel - Mark 14:1-15:47

During the responsive reading of the Gospel for the Passion there will be several instances where the congregation will respond by reading a portion. A large "C" will be held up and the congregation responds by reading the next line listed below.

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the fourteenth and fifteenth chapters.

[C] **Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.**

[C] **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."**

[C] **Prophecy!**

[C] **Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.**

[C] **Crucify Him.**

[C] **Crucify Him.**


- C** Hail, King of the Jews!
C And they led Him out to crucify Him.
C And it was the third hour when they crucified Him.
C Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!
C And Jesus uttered a loud and breathed His last.
P This is the Gospel of our Lord.
C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Children's Message


Sermon Hymn - "Lamb of God" LSB 550



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and




sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Sermon

Please Rise

OUR RESPONSE - "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" LSB 427



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, Light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

Please Be Seated

Offering and Choir Anthem

Please Rise

PRAYERS

Collect of the Cross

P We pray together the Collect of the Cross

C Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us a new and contrite heart that, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we will lay our sins at the foot of Christ's cross and receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Scattering Hymn - "Jesus Refuge of the Weary" LSB 423



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
 pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
 love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
 thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
 hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
 Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
 From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
 grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.



This Week at St. John's March 24 - 30, 2024

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Elfreida Wolford.

Monday (25th)	7p	Bible Study
Tuesday (26th)	10a	HS Strings
Thursday (28th)	7p	Holy Thursday Worship
Friday (29th)	9:30a	HS Classes
	4p	Feeding Farmville Packing
	7p	Good Friday Worship
Saturday (30th)	7:30a	FACES
	10a	Choir Practice
	10a	Feeding Farmville Delivery
	7:40p	Easter Vigil
Sunday (31st)	7a	Easter Sunrise****
	8a	Easter Breakfast
	10:30a	Easter Worship

*** This service will be outside unless it is raining or the temperature is below 40F. Please dress accordingly.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Blessed Holy Week. Hear a live Maundy Thursday service on 3/28 at 12:30 p.m., hear special Good Friday programming on 3/29 (including a Tre Ore service from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.), study Isaiah 50-52 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9:00 a.m.), and study Deuteronomy 31-33 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12:00 noon). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or the KFUO Radio app!

Feeding Farmville - To be good stewards of the gifts that God has entrusted to us to feed our neighbors Feeding Farmville will be delivering 250 meals this week. There are three opportunities to be a part of that effort. 1) Join us Friday at 4 pm to package rolls and cake and stuff the bags for delivery. This should take less than an hour. 2) We need teams of two to deliver meals. Driving teams will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday at 10 am. This should take less than two hours. 3) Pray for our volunteers and the recipients of the meals.

Easter Breakfast - Join us for Easter breakfast on Sunday from 8 to 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. This is a GREAT way to enjoy some fellowship and get a spectacular breakfast. Thank you to Randy Kyner and his team for putting this together. If you'd like to help please speak to Randy.