

# Palm Sunday

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020



Palm Sunday is unique in that it is the only Sunday in the Church Year with two appointed Gospels. The Processional Gospel, Jn 12:12–19, records the events of Palm Sunday and is preceded by a collect. Then, after the processional hymn, the Collect of the Day marks a transition in the service from Jesus' triumphal entry to His passion. By design, the Palm Sunday liturgy contrasts the joy of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the somber remembrance of His death. The appointed pericopes focus our attention on the Passion. The Old Testament Reading, Is 50:4–9a, is the third of four Servant Songs, all fulfilled in the Messiah. The Third Servant Song reveals that the Lord's chosen servant is the Suffering Servant, beaten and spit upon. The Suffering Servant is clearly revealed in the Fourth Servant Song, the Old Testament Reading for Good Friday (Is 52:13–53:12). The Palm Sunday Epistle confesses Christ's humiliation and subsequent exultation, introduced by an imperative: "Have this mind among yourselves" (Phil 2:5). The Collect of the Day asks that God would give us this mind of Christ, "that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience".

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*Equipping the family of God to joyfully and boldly make disciples of Christ as we*

**KNOW** Jesus and one another, **GROW** to be more like Him and

**SOW** His love in Word and deed.



# **LIVE Stream Worship Service**

**Dale Scheiderer – Organist**

**Susan Bunsold Wilson – Soloist**



## **“No Looking Back” - Isaiah 50:4-9a**

Falsely accused. Brutally beaten. Mocked and crucified. Jesus, the Ultimate Servant and the Son of God, didn't shy away from death to save us. With faithfulness to the Father, love for the sinner, and patient endurance, He carried out the Father's complete and perfect will. We will never know any love greater than the love of Jesus. His death marks the death of sin in us and gives us the great hope of eternal life.

## **WELCOME**

## **GREETING**

## **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

*John 12:12-19*

## **COLLECT**

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

## **HYMN OF INVOCATION**

**“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

*LSB 442*

## **INVOCATION**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Psalm 116:1-9; Ezekiel 37:13-14, adapted*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[Bible readings found on pages 9-11 of this worship program]

**FIRST READING:** *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

**SECOND READING:** *Philippians 2:5-11*

**HOLY GOSPEL:** *Matthew 27:11-66*

**WORSHIP PRESENTATION** by Susan Bunsold Wilson, **“There is a Balm in Gilead”**

## **APOSTLES CREED**

**SERMON MESSAGE:** **“No Looking Back” - Isaiah 50:4-9a**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Silence for reflection.*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES**

“Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord.

## **BENEDICTION**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**“Go to Dark Gethsemane”**

*LSB 436*

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# NOTES AND NEWS

**Current Notes & News Publication:** During this time of "social distancing" due to the current health crisis, we want to continue to try and provide the most accurate information we can regarding St. John's Church & School and Community events. Therefore we will continue to publish the Notes & News as normal. If you have information you would like to share, please email Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary, at [rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org) by Tuesday at noon. Printed Notes & News can be picked up in the front entryway of the school building (where the offices are located), or you can refer to our church website at [www.stjohnsmarysville.org](http://www.stjohnsmarysville.org).

**Worship Service Information:** Here at St. John's Marysville, we are cancelling all public worship services until the "all clear" is given from our state and local governments regarding the COVID - 19 virus. Please keep an eye out for our video online and audio opportunities for worship! Please phone your family and friends as well as those you work and play with for encouragement and wellness checks with the love of Christ in your voice. This Sunday we will post a 9am worship service through Facebook which will be viewable live or online at anytime after at: <https://www.facebook.com/jack.heino>

You can find a wonderful worship resource from our seminary in Ft. Wayne – this is the source of the DVD's we make for our local senior living centers: <https://worshipanew.org/>

The Lutheran Hour also has some great resources for devotions and small group: <https://www.lutheranhour.org/>

Our congregation also has a subscription to a wonderful resource – it is like Netflix for Bible Studies and Christian videos!! If you would like to have access to all this site has to offer please email Pastor Jack at [jheino@stjohnsmarysville.org](mailto:jheino@stjohnsmarysville.org) and he will send you an invite with a password to get full benefit: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Library/>

**Prayer Requests:** We will continue to update our prayer sheet and will post it on our website. If you have a prayer request, please let us know.

In the days and weeks to come, we will continue to seek ways to serve one another in Christ safely and proactively. If you have any needs or would like to help, please let the church and school office know.

**Please feel free to contact:** Pastor Jack - direct phone number: 937-240-3002, cell phone: 937-537-6222 or email: [jhenio@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:jhenio@sjsmarysville.org). Regina - direct phone number: 937-240-3004 or email: [rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org). Rich Rausch - direct phone number: 937-240-3003 or email: [r-rausch@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:r-rausch@sjsmarysville.org)



Our Prayer Vigil will be held again this year, **praying in your own home**, starting at 8:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 10, and will go until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 11.

Please consider taking an hour of time to pray, perhaps with your entire household, for our current situation, our nation, our church, your own concerns, or whatever the Lord lays on your heart. The signup link is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040845a8aa22a2fb6-stjohns>

Prayer requests may be emailed to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary, at [rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org). Any questions, please contact Regina by email or call 937-644-5540.

## Holy Week & Easter Worship Services

Gathering together for upcoming Holy Week and Easter Worship Services and Easter activities have been cancelled. We will however provide online worship, so please tune in, as we give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior!

Podcast Services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be available on the St. John's Church website at [www.stjohnsmarysville.org](http://www.stjohnsmarysville.org).

Our "LIVE" Easter Worship Service can be viewed live or online at anytime after at <https://www.facebook.com/jack.heino>

**Please join us - HE IS RISEN!!!**

## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

**Welcome to St. John's.** Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray that you will encounter Christ, the Living Word, and in a new way experience His mercy and grace today. If you are a guest or visitor we hope we have the chance to say hello. If you would like to know more about our ministry, please speak with the person next to you, to the pastor, call the church office, or indicate when you sign the attendance form. **Sign in, please!** We ask all worshippers to sign in the attendance directory in order to let us know of your presence with us enabling us to take better care of you.

**The Church Nursery:** Parents are welcome to take children to the nursery and stay with them during any part of the worship services.

**The Lutheran Hour** is on the radio Sunday mornings at **7:00am on WLW (700 AM)**. Log on to [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) for more information and channels. Jim Vandre, LHM Ambassador.

**St. John's Radio Program** airs Sunday mornings at **8:30am** on local channel **WQTT (1270 AM & 98.7 FM)**.

**Altar Flowers:** The altar flowers are given in celebration of the **April Birthday's of the Eley Family - Maria, April 2; Phil, April 10; and Anna, April 12.**

### THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S APRIL 5 - 12, 2020

We are reviewing events on a week to week basis. At this time, ALL Church and School activities are Cancelled.

 **Palm Sunday**

 **Good Friday**

 **Maundy Thursday**

 **Easter Sunday**

# Save the Date



*St. John's L.E.A.P. Benefit Gala 2020*

*Hosted on Friday, July 10th at 6 pm*

*St. John's Gymnasium*

*12809 SR 736 Marysville, OH 43040*

*6-6:30 Doors Open / Silent Auction*

*6:30-7:30 Dinner*

*7:30 Presentation by L.E.A.P.*

*Annual Golf Outing*

*Saturday, July 11th*

*Registration at 8 am, shot gun start at 8:30 am*

*Located at The Ridge Golf and Gardens*

### ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 am

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Toddlers—School Preschool Room

3's - Kindergarten—Church Basement

1st - 6th Grades—Gathering together in the school open common area (near the school library) and split into classes from there.

7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class—School Modulars

High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"—Youth House

Women's Bible Study—School Loft

Adult Bible Study—Cafeteria: Topic, "We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms."

Adult Bible Study—Heritage House: **New Topic - Join us as we spend this Lenten and Easter season following Jesus to His ultimate act of obedience and sacrifice at the cross. We will be using a Ray Vander Laan resource titled, "The Path to the Cross."**

Adult Bible Study—Heritage House: **Week Study -**

**Mon: No School Tues: No School**

**Wed: No School Thurs: No School**

**Friday: No School**

### Plain City Food Bank is in Need of Food



The Plain City Food Bank was recently robbed and had most of their food and supplies taken. If anyone can help out, please contact Ray Meister at 614-214-6985.

## NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



### GOLDEN EAGLES NEWS: UPDATES TO UPCOMING EVENTS

We pray that you are staying well and doing all that you can to keep yourselves safe during this uncertain time as we deal with the Coronavirus. As closing and restrictions continue to increase, we're sorry to announce that two of our Golden Eagles events have been affected. Due to the area school closings, our tour of Tolles Career and Technical Center in April has been cancelled. We hope to be able to reschedule that in the future once schools are in session again.

On a similar note, we received word today from Ike Reynolds of Reynolds Travel regarding our planned trip to Holland, Michigan for the Tulip Festival in May. He forwarded an email from Tulip Festival officials which reads in part, "Due to the Center for Disease Control's most recent directive to cancel all events involving 50 or more people for the next eight weeks, we have made the extremely difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Tulip Festival." Mr. Reynolds has begun the process of requesting refunds from our tickets to the festival, along with contracts with hotel rooms and motor coach. He feels positive about the situation, but has been informed the process may take as much as 60 days to complete. We will keep you informed as we work through the process. If you have questions, you may contact Reynolds Travel at 866-880-0577.

Please continue to pray for our country and those affected as we deal with this very difficult situation. Those most at risk of being affected by this virus are, unfortunately, many of our own Golden Eagles friends and family. Let's do all we can to be proactive and keep our families and loved ones safe.



**VBS 2020: THE APRIL 5 VBS LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING IS CANCELLED. PLEASE LOOK TO FUTURE NOTES & NEWS FOR UPDATES.**

Contact Amanda Moore with questions at 937-243-7471.

**Comfort Quilts Workdays scheduled for April and May are cancelled.**



I received many nice birthday cards from the Sunday school children and St. John's members, and want to thank you so very much for thinking of me. They made my day.

Blessings, **Marvin Brown**

**Weekly Worship Bible Readings:** For those of you who would like to study the Word ahead of the next weekends worship services, we are listing here in the N&N the Bible readings that Pastor Jack will be using.  
**April 12 - Old Testament:** Jeremiah 31:1-6, **Epistle:** Colossians 3:1-4, **Gospel:** Matthew 28:1-10

**Mobile Version of Online Giving:** St. John's offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give by credit or debit card anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Quick Response (QR) code reader! You may also go to [stjohnsmarysville.org](http://stjohnsmarysville.org) and click on the "Electronic Giving" button and follow the easy directions.



**Worship attendance for 03/28 and 03/29: NONE AT THIS TIME**

**Congregational Tithes  
Fourth Quarter Mission  
Opportunities of Fiscal  
Year 2019-20**



Ohio District LCMS - 50%,  
Member Mission Outreach - 10%,  
Food Pantries - 10%, International Fellowship  
Center - 10%, Lutheran Women's Missionary  
League (LWML) - 10%, Clothes Closet - 10%

**'NOTES & NEWS' Items - Weekly Schedule:** Please submit articles and announcements to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary, by calling directly at 937-240-3004, dropping off articles to the office or emailing them to [rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org), by **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, AT NOON. Thank you.**

**Assisted Hearing Devices:**

Please speak to an usher to use one of these devices. If you would like to purchase one of your own, or contribute to the purchase of additional units, please see Pastor Jack.



## MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

### LYF NEWS



Ever considered joining LYF on a mission trip?! LYF is looking for adults to join us on our upcoming mission trip this summer to Imperial, Pennsylvania. In Imperial, our group will provide home repairs at no cost for elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged people, all while sharing the light of Christ to those we meet! As an adult chaperone, you will be encouraging leadership within our youth while on the worksites, as well as growing in our faith and fellowship together through daily devotions and worship programs. We will be in Imperial from June 21-27. If you are interested, please reach out to Laura Zeiler at [lauraezeiler@gmail.com](mailto:lauraezeiler@gmail.com) or 913-549-0057. It is guaranteed to be a fun-filled, fantastic week growing in Christ and our relationships with each other!



#### Do you want a WALK4LIFE T-Shirt?

Everyone who is registered by April 10th receives a free T-Shirt! (receipt of T-shirts might be delayed until a later date). Come join New Path Pregnancy Resource Centers in their Annual Walk4Life! We are coming TOGETHER FOR THE GOSPEL as two counties who love the message of LIFE! We will walk on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Richwood (*Richwood Lake Park – 4 Lynn St.*). Please visit our website ([www.newpathprc.com](http://www.newpathprc.com)) for more details and to register!



#### Encourage One Another . . .

In 1 Thessalonians 5 Paul writes, “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up . . . Encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.” God has call us all to build up and encourage one another. For those who are experiencing a really difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can provide the special encouragement, care, and support they need until they are past the crisis. If you would like more information on our Stephen Ministry, please call Doug Doellinger at 937-644-0576 or Linda Kosakowski at 614-506-6179.

**E-Giving:** Electronic giving provides you the opportunity to give every week of the year after setting it up just one time. Leave that checkbook at home! E-giving also provides a stable income for the church. In fact E-giving is so common no one will even look at you funny when you don’t drop into the plate!

E-Giving allows consistent tithing throughout the year since most of us do not attend 100% of the Sundays in the year. You can decrease your weekly tithe but increase your annual contributions just by simply starting E-giving and giving each week of the year!

Are you E-Giving only and no longer want to receive envelopes? Call Regina in the Church office and let her know. You may still drop a check or a generic envelope with your name on it for envelope credit.

Using an internet browser:

- Go to [stjohnsmarysville.org](http://stjohnsmarysville.org)
- On the top of the page click on the giving link
- From here choose the E-Giving provider - Vanco Solutions link
- Choose Create profile

Now you will be able to set up regular and one time donations.

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- Make one-time or recurring donations using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account
- Log in or donate as a guest
- Securely and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password

To give through the app, search your phone’s app store for “GivePlus Church”.

When setting up E-Giving please note that using a checking account is free and there is a 3% credit card fee that you can choose to pick up or not.

Please feel free to contact Adam or Joy with any questions, concerns or problems!

Adam Smith at [treasurer@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:treasurer@sjsmarysville.org) or 614-296-0091 or Joy Ballard at [joyrballard@gmail.com](mailto:joyrballard@gmail.com) or 937-644-4344

## NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



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### UCN2N Short Term Membership Program in Response to COVID-19

#### Friendly Neighbor Short Term Membership

Cost: \$35 for 3 months to cover April-June (Individuals can join in March)

- Cost covers coordination of services and background checks for volunteers to ensure we are keeping our members safe.

#### Short Term Membership Includes:

Potential Members do a modified home visit via phone interview in which Service Coordinator reviews member application. Application is mailed to individual with envelope and stamp to return signed and with check for \$35. Members have access to these services ONLY:

- o Well check phone calls done weekly by Service Coordinator or Volunteer.
- o Grocery delivery to doorstep by Volunteer.
- o Errands by Volunteer (prescription pickup-no narcotics, picking up carry out food, etc., non-grocery related errands).
- o Access to UCN2N informational newsletters, friendly cards.

\*\*\*If a member wants to fully join after their short-term membership is up in June, we will do a full home visit and they will need to pay the full \$15/month.

#### Costs and Fundraising:

- UCN2N is encouraging individuals to GIFT these memberships to family members and neighbors who might benefit. UCN2N is currently reaching out to funding partners to create a fund for those who cannot afford the \$35 cost.

To Join Call 877-354-8262 or email [ucn2nohio@gmail.com](mailto:ucn2nohio@gmail.com)



## MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



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### UCN2N Short Term Volunteer Program in Response to COVID -19

#### Short Term Volunteer Program

In order to accommodate new members and to ensure we can still meet our current members needs we will need additional volunteers. UCN2N wants to tap into churches who want to assist and individuals who may have more availability over the next few months with businesses shut down. Short Term Volunteers will receive a modified virtual orientation and be sent paperwork to be signed via email. They will scan and send back along with a picture of their driver's license, references and car insurance. Volunteers will complete a back ground check or show proof of a background check done within the past year.

Short Term Volunteers will ONLY PROVIDE the following:

- o Well Check Calls.
- o Grocery Delivery to Doorstep.
- o Non-Grocery Related Errands done by Volunteer.

\*\*\* If a Volunteer wants to remain on with UCN2N past June, they will need to do full Volunteer orientation to be eligible to do additional services.

ALL Short-Term Members and Volunteers will need to follow precautions (taking temperature prior to service request) and canceling request if ill.

To Volunteer please email [volunteers@ucn2n.org](mailto:volunteers@ucn2n.org) or call 877-354-8262



## NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



In this rapidly changing environment we find ourselves in, the White House Coronavirus Task Force announced today that people should not meet together in groups of 10 or more. In order to protect you, our dear GriefShare members, we have made the decision to put “on hold” our future GriefShare gatherings, starting Thursday, March 19.

### Today’s Bible Readings

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

***The servant Messiah listens and is faithful to the Sovereign Lord who protects, helps, and speaks to his servant.***

The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.<sup>5</sup> The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.<sup>6</sup> I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.<sup>7</sup> Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.<sup>8</sup> He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!<sup>9</sup> It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** *Philippians 2:5-11*

***Although fully God, Jesus humbled Himself as a servant and became obedient to a lowly death for the sake of our salvation. Because of this, no name is more powerful than the name of Jesus.***

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel:** *Matthew 27:11-66*

***Falsely accused. Brutally beaten. Mocked and crucified. Jesus, the Ultimate Servant and the Son of God, didn’t shy away from death to save us. With faithfulness to the Father, love for the sinner, and patient endurance, He carried out the Father’s will. We will never know any love greater than the love of Jesus. His death marks the death of sin in us and gives us the great hope of eternal life.***

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” “You have said so,” Jesus replied. <sup>12</sup> When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?” <sup>14</sup> But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor. <sup>15</sup> Now it was the governor’s custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. <sup>16</sup> At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” <sup>18</sup> For

he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.<sup>19</sup> While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."<sup>20</sup> But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.<sup>21</sup> "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor. "Barabbas," they answered.<sup>22</sup> "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!"<sup>23</sup> "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"<sup>24</sup> When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"<sup>25</sup> All the people answered, "His blood is on us and on our children!"<sup>26</sup> Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.<sup>27</sup> Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him.<sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,<sup>29</sup> and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said.<sup>30</sup> They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again.<sup>31</sup> After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.<sup>32</sup> As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross.<sup>33</sup> They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull").<sup>34</sup> There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it.<sup>35</sup> When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots.<sup>36</sup> And sitting down, they kept watch over him there.<sup>37</sup> Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS.<sup>38</sup> Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.<sup>39</sup> Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads<sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"<sup>41</sup> In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him.<sup>42</sup> "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him."<sup>43</sup> He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"<sup>44</sup> In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.<sup>45</sup> From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.<sup>46</sup> About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").<sup>47</sup> When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."<sup>48</sup> Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink.<sup>49</sup> The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."<sup>50</sup> And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.<sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split<sup>52</sup> and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life.<sup>53</sup> They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.<sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"<sup>55</sup> Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs.<sup>56</sup> Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.<sup>57</sup> As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus.<sup>58</sup> Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him.<sup>59</sup> Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,<sup>60</sup> and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.<sup>61</sup> Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.<sup>62</sup> The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate.<sup>63</sup> "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.'"<sup>64</sup> So give the order for the

tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.”<sup>65</sup> “Take a guard,” Pilate answered. “Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.”<sup>66</sup> So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.



Over his head they put  
the charge against him, which read,

“**This is Jesus,**  
the **King** of the **Jews.**”  
MATTHEW 27:37

