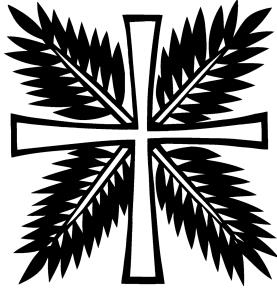


LARGE PRINT EDITION



HOLY COMMUNION

with procession of palms

Passion Sunday

March 24, 2015 + 9:30 am

Learn Live and Share God's Word

We find shelter under the tree of Christ

The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year: Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God's final vindication. Mark's passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing his 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.

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

GATHERING PROCESSION WITH PALMS

WELCOME AND BLESSING

The assembly raises their palm branches.

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

C **Hosanna in the highest!**

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PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

Mark records Jesus' triumphant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem to complete the work of our redemption by his suffering, death, and resurrection. In lives of faith and devotion we follow in his footsteps, taking up the cross of the one who has saved us.

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

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

When [Jesus and the disciples] 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.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

We praise you, O God,

for your redemption of the world through our Lord 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 all who carry palm branches in this city on this day. Grant us grace to follow him in the way of the cross, so that, dying and rising with him, we enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Let us go forth in peace,
C in the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

The hymn begins as the assembly enters the sanctuary.

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

- 1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.
[Refrain]**
- 2 The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. [Refrain]**
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.
[Refrain]**
- 4 To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. [Refrain]**
- 5 Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.
[Refrain]**

The assembly raises their palm branches.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

“The King of Glory”

stanza 1 & 2 - choir

arr. L Larson

stanza 3 -4 choir and congregation:

finally: choir

- 3 Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**
- 4 Hosanna in the highest! that ancient song we sing.
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FAITH FORMATION: BIBLE MILESTONE

Reading Mark during Lent

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant submits to suffering

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience in the midst of 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.

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.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
Who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Death on a cross* **Philippians 2:5-11**

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

Paul writes to the church at Philippi:

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every

tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL INTRODUCTION TO THE PASSION

GOSPEL *The passion and death of Jesus* Mark 14:1-15:47

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.

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

*Read in a dramatized style with the assembly taking the part of Jesus.
See insert. The assembly stands as Jesus' death is announced.*

The passion of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 336

"Lamb of God"

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

REFRAIN

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Crist, the Lamb of God.**

2 You gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned him as he died. The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. REFRAIN

3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

each petition concludes:

...let us pray to the Lord.

C Hear our prayer.

MEAL

PEACE

P In Jesus' passion God has made peace with us.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord's Supper an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Please leave your offerings in the baskets in the aisles or give online. During this time, the table is set. Stand as the offering procession reaches the chancel.

Thank you for your generosity.

"Stabat Mater"

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

C God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with the words of grace and life.

**Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding.

Lord's Prayer (1789)

C **Our Father who art 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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

Communion

"Lamb of God" (ELW setting 2; page 135)

**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.**

silence for reflection concludes the communion

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. Through this meal and by your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with

their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength. Keep these words in your heart as you walk the way of Holy Week.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

(hymn) **351**

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

stanzas 1 - 3

- 1 O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**
- 2 How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;
how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.**
- 3 What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.**

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

DISMISSAL

Please face the cross for the dismissal.

A Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

arr. Graham George

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*
Audrey Erickson, *assisting minister*
Stephenie Labandz, *reader*
Karen Moeller, Lory. Dubbels,
Al Erickson, Audrey Erickson,
Foy Christopherson, Stephenie Labandz,
Sinéad Carolan, *passion readers*
Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*
Chancel Choir
Eric Ruser, Myrna Flatland, *technology desk*
Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*
Steve Ristuben, Justin Fischer, *ushers*
Doug Jacobson, *bus ministry*
Youth & families, *brunch hosts*
Jim & Nancy Felicetta, *March serving team*

Palms this weekend are given by Bill & Kay McReavy.

Chancel flowers this weekend are given to the glory of God.

If you wish to donate flowers sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

WORSHIP LIFE

Holy Week – What three days?

Each and every Sunday in worship the church celebrates the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. On several key days at the center of the church year, however, worship takes a particular shape. These central days have come to be known as the Three Days, recalling Jesus’ own words to his disciples that we would be handed over to death, and that “after three days he will rise again” (Mark 10:34). The Three Days encompass the time from Maundy Thursday evening through the evening of Easter Day. The services – or more accurately, service – of these days unfolds as a single movement. The shape of this

single liturgy which continues over a period of days, parallels the passion events in Jerusalem, with significant periods of time spent in recess to attend to individual prayer and the tasks of daily life. With those tasks completed, the community reassembles to continue its Three Days celebration.

WELCOME



Everyone is welcome. We are a faith community participating in the life of God, a life that is a gift to us and in which we are actively engaged. That gift compels us to be actively engaged in the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis as well. We are a multigenerational community that proudly celebrates our history while joining together with younger generations to follow where God is leading. We build our community through faith practices like prayer, dwelling in the Word and hospitality.

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. If you would like more information about Mt. Carmel, please contact us at 612-781-2796, or email pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org

Children are welcome at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available outside the sanctuary.

Welcome to the Lord's Table. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to you where you are seated if you require accessibility accommodation. Please inform the ushers. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. White grape juice is available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

Welcome to the Holy Baptism. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. Our pastor will contact you.

Friends of Mt. Carmel...Stay connected

Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in their heart for Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church – people who feel a connection both to the history and the ongoing mission of this congregation. If you're one of them, we invite you to join a new network of Friends of Mt. Carmel. Email pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org for more information or to join.



Digital giving is available at Mt. Carmel. You can easily donate online through our website at mountcarmelmpls.org and click on **Give**. Mt. Carmel Lutheran is supported by generous people like you. Questions? Contact the church office at 612-781-2796.



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