Palm Sunday March 24th, 2024 10:00 a.m. In person and streamed on Zoom



Gathering

As you are able, please gather in the Pavilion in front of the church.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Processional Gospel Mark 11:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Mark Glory to you, O Lord.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples and 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. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' "They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then 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.

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Blessing of the People and Palms

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace,

in the name of Christ. Amen.

Procession with Palms

As we walk we sing:

Jesus is coming
Pave the way with branches
Jesus is coming. Hosanna (2x)

Hosanna. Jesus is coming. Hosanna to the Prince of Peace (2x)

When all are in the sanctuary we say
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn All Glory, Laud and Honor ~ ELW 344

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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

And also with you

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. 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. Amen.

First Reading Philippians 2:5-11

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

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

<u>Psalm 31</u> In You Lord I Refuge Take ~ Wendell Kimbrough (Grace Notes)

Gospel Reading Mark 15: 25-40



The Holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you O Lord

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with

sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn Of the Day A Stable Lamp is Lighted ~ ACS 910 (choir sings vs. 1)

Creed

I believe in God, eternal, almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the Only Begotten One;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
lived and loved among us,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried,
who descended into hell,
and on the third day rose from the dead.

Jesus, our Savior, ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of the loving God, and will come again 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 dead, and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Each petition ends with the words: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always

And also with you

As you share a greeting of peace, some may wish to shake hands, bump elbows, or simply nod to one another with the greeting; please be sensitive to varying preferences as we share the peace of Christ in preparation for Holy Communion.

<u>Musical Offering</u> Into Jerusalem, Jesus Rode ~ arr. Alfred V. Fedak (All Saints Choir)

Offertory Hymn Now is the Time of Grace ~ ACS 918 (refrain 2x)

Offertory Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

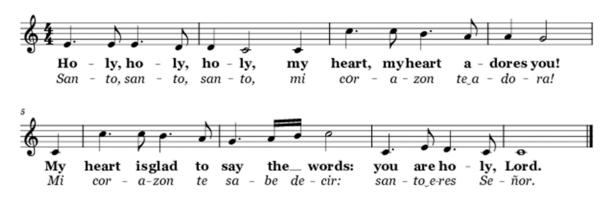
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:



It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn Blessed are you, O God of the universe...

... 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.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

You are beloved of God, and this meal is for you. Come forward to the altar rail and stand or kneel to receive communion. The bread is gluten-free and there is wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest.



Communion Hymn

My Song is Love Unknown ~ ELW 343

Blessing After Communion

Prayer

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

Blessing

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and \pm give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

There in God's Garden ~ ELW 342

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve God

Thanks be to God

Postlude

Meditaton on 'Pange Lingua Gloriosi' ~ arr. Nathan Cleaveland











Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday, March 28

7:00 PM

Good Friday, March 29 Classic Service

12:00 pm

This Good Friday service is from the ELW hymnal with reading of the Passion according to Mark, hymns and organ accompaniment.

Good Friday, March 29 Light In Deepest Night 7:00 pm This choral service is a meditation based on the writing of Julian of Norwich, with anthems, hymns and readings.

Easter Sunday, March 31 Easter Breakfast 8:30 am Easter Festival Worship 10:00 am

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