

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010
9:00 A.M. Procession with Palms and Holy Communion
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting 6
The Rev. A. Elisabeth Aurand preaching and presiding



Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us. If this your first visit here, please fill out the large white welcome card on the pew and drop it in the offering plate.

All baptized Christians are invited to Holy Communion. Those not yet baptized are also welcomed for a blessing (cross arms when approaching).

This morning we commune by intinction, dipping the bread into the cup. The second cup contains grape juice.

Please join us after church for coffee downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

Gathering

All who wish to process gather outdoors, where they receive palms.

☞ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

☞ **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

THE PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

☞ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

☞ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE BLESSING OF 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, one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen

THE PROCESSION

☩ Let us go forth in peace,

☩ in the name of Christ.

The people follow the ministers into the church singing the following hymn.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals 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.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

When all are in their places:

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

☩ Hosanna in the highest.

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

☩ 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.

Sit

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial and resurrection, let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the Prayer of the Day.

☞ **O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Word

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4–9a

☞ A reading from Isaiah:

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.

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.

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

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BELL CHOIR

Lift High the Cross

Nicholson, arr. Kerr

THE PSALM 31

Read responsively

L Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;*
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat | and my belly.

C ¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with
sighing;***
**my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones | are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies and a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to | my acquaintances;*
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;***
I am as useless as a | broken pot. **Ⓢ**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;*
they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.***
I have said, “You | are my God.

¹⁵My times are | in your hand;*
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who | persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine up- | on your servant,***
save me in your | steadfast love.” **Ⓢ**

We gather participants for CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

A A reading from Philippians:

Let 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.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Refrain: Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

<p>Choir:</p>	<p>Repeat Refrain</p>
<p>Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death -- even death on a cross.*</p>	<p>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above ev - 'ry name.</p>

THE INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL

P The Passion Gospel according to St. Luke beginning at the twenty-second chapter.

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

THE STORY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Luke 22:14–23:56

Several readers will take part in the proclamation of the Passion Gospel this morning. The congregation is invited to take part by reading together the sections in **large bold print**.

NARRATOR: When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them,

JESUS: I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

NARRATOR: ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

JESUS: Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

NARRATOR: ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

NARRATOR: ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

JESUS: This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

NARRATOR: ²³Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

²⁴A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them,

JESUS: The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

²⁸You are those who have stood by me in my trials; ²⁹and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, ³⁰so that you may

eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, ³²but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

PETER: ³³ "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"

JESUS: ³⁴I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

NARRATOR: Jesus said to them,

JESUS: ³⁵When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

No, not a thing.

JESUS: ³⁶But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, "And he was counted among the lawless"; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

³⁸Lord, look, here are two swords.

JESUS: It is enough.

NARRATOR: ³⁹He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he said to them,

JESUS: Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

NARRATOR: ⁴¹Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

JESUS: ⁴²Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

NARRATOR: [⁴³Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. ⁴⁴In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.] ⁴⁵When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶and he said to them,

JESUS: Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come

into the time of trial.

NARRATOR: ⁴⁷While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him,

JESUS: Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

NARRATOR: ⁴⁹When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

Lord, should we strike with the sword?

NARRATOR: ⁵⁰Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said,

JESUS: No more of this!

NARRATOR: And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

JESUS: Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

NARRATOR: ⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

SERVANT: This man also was with him.

NARRATOR: ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying,

PETER: Woman, I do not know him.

NARRATOR: ⁵⁸A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

WITNESS: You also are one of them.

PETER: Man, I am not!

NARRATOR: ⁵⁹Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

WITNESS: Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

PETER: ⁶⁰Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

NARRATOR: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

⁶³Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; ⁶⁴they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?

NARRATOR: ⁶⁵They kept heaping many other insults on him.

⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. ⁶⁷They said,

If you are the Messiah, tell us.

JESUS: If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸and if I question you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

NARRATOR: ⁷⁰All of them asked,

Are you, then, the Son of God?

JESUS: You say that I am.

⁷¹What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!

NARRATOR: ^{23:1}Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying,

We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

NARRATOR: ³Then Pilate asked him,

PILATE: Are you the king of the Jews?

JESUS: You say so.

NARRATOR: ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

PILATE: I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

NARRATOR: ⁵But they were insistent and said,

He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.

NARRATOR: ⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴and said to them,

PILATE: You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

NARRATOR: ¹⁸Then they all shouted out together,

Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!

NARRATOR: ¹⁹(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting,

Crucify, crucify him!

NARRATOR: ²²A third time he said to them,

PILATE: Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

NARRATOR: ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

²⁶As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said,

JESUS: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." ³¹For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

NARRATOR: ³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [³⁴Then Jesus said,

JESUS: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.]

NARRATOR: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

LEADER: He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

NARRATOR: ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying,

SOLDIER: If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

NARRATOR: ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

THIEF 1: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

NARRATOR: ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying,

THIEF 2: Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of

condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong. ⁴²Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

JESUS: ⁴³Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

NARRATOR: ⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

JESUS: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

NARRATOR: Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

CENTURION: Certainly this man was innocent.

NARRATOR: ⁴⁸And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁵⁰Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, ⁵¹had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Stand

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Were You There?

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THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS

▲ Lord, in your mercy, ☑ **hear our prayer.**

THE OFFERING is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

*Stand***Meal**

Stand

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful,
B you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE INITIAL DIALOG

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

THE INITIAL THANKSGIVING

THE HOLY

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION MUSIC

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

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SOLO: I Walked Today where Jesus Walked

Geoffrey O'Hara

Margaret Tyler, contralto

They Crucified My Lord

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Sending*Stand*

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

☑ **Amen**

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now, Lord

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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☐ Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen**

THE PEACE

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you.

☒ Peace be with you.

THE BENEDICTION

☐ The Lord bless and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

☑ **Amen**

THE DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace. Remember the poor.

☑ **Thanks be to God!**

SOPRANO SAXOPHONE AND ORGAN

Herzlich thut mich verlangen

Johannes Brahms

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Note: Named in parentheses are those who submitted the names they follow.

Karen, Donald, Maria P. (Pat Brown), Jamie Botteon & her family, C.J. Farr, all affected by the Chile earthquake, Crystal & Shawn Dubois (Pat Brown), the Johnson Family (Pat Brown), Irene Lukasiewski (Pat Brown), Carter Elder, Barbara Miano (Tameka Kelley), Charlotte Wunsch (Tameka Kelley), Johnson Family grieving the loss of Cornell (E.J. Morehead), Laura Dion (Pat Brown), Lola, Clark Family (Pat Brown), Dubois Family (Pat Brown), Jasmine Santiago (Louis Sacco), James Foley, Cindy S., Flourine Macintosh (Lola Tucker), Latisha Francis Tucker (Lola Tucker), Wayne Lord (Pat Brown), Dean Lord (Pat Brown), Penny Kinney (Pat Brown), Joe Pavano (Cindy Pavano), Rose Huie (Pat Brown), Rita & Keenen Black (Pat Brown), Louis & Kaitlyn Sacco & Laura Hull Mourning the death of Connor Reynolds, Kathy G. (Pat Brown), Lori (Pat Brown), Pat Hamilton (Gail Bates), Gale Anderson (Pat Brown).

EASTER FLOWERS

Today is the last day to dedicate Easter flowers. Please use the envelopes in your pew.

OUR VISION

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for opportunities in worship and weekday life empowering programs

***FIRST* by reaching out** to new members of our community

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