



Sunday of the Palms and Christ's Passion April 13, 2025

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GATHERING

Gathering Music: *The Palms*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Festal Fanfare*

(the congregation stands)

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

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

P: Processional Gospel is according to Luke 19:28-40 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus had finished saying all this, he went on toward Jerusalem. As he was getting near Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples on ahead. He told them, "Go into the next village, where you will find a young donkey that has never been ridden. Untie the donkey and bring it here. If anyone asks why you are doing this, just say, 'The Lord needs it.' "

They went off and found everything just as Jesus had said. While they were untying the donkey, its owners asked, "Why are you doing that?" They answered, "The Lord needs it." Then they led the donkey to Jesus. They put some of their clothes on its back and helped Jesus get on. And as he rode along, the people spread clothes on the road in front of him. When Jesus started down the Mount of Olives, his large crowd of disciples were happy and praised God because of all the miracles they had seen. They shouted, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory to God."

Some Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, make your disciples stop shouting!" But Jesus answered, "If they keep quiet, these stones will start shouting."

L: The gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn: Surely God Is My Salvation

ACS #926

1. Sure-ly God is my salvation, I... will trust and shall not fear.

God... the Lord is strong and mighty, my sal-va-tion true.

Refrain: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O daughter Zi-on!

Great... in your midst... is the Lord, the Holy One!

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O daughter Zi-on!

Great... in your midst... is the Lord, the Holy One!

2. Thus... with... joy you shall draw water from... sal-va-tion's wells and springs.

Sing... your... thanks to God Almighty for these won-drous deeds. (refrain)

3. Tell... the nations of God's glory, make... this known in all the earth.

Praise... the Lord, the God of Israel, call up-on... God's name. (refrain)

L: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savion, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

L: We pray together... **C: 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. Amen.** *(the congregation is seated)*

Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Libby Loney

ELW p. 227

WORD

L: The Gospel for the Sunday of Palms and Christ's Passion is according to Luke, chapters 22 & 23 (CEV) **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Passover with the Disciples

Pastor Tammy

Children's Message (Spark Story Bible p. 462-467)

... And all of the other disciples said the same thing. Peter said, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to jail and even to die with you." Jesus replied, "Peter, I tell you that before a rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will say three times that you don't know me."

Hymn: Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (v. 2 & 4 only) ACS #966

2. Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.

In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.

Refrain: By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

4. By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care. (ref)

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane/Jesus is Arrested

[After supper,] Jesus went out to the Mount of Olives, as he often did, and his disciples went with him. When they got there, he told them, "Pray that you won't be tested."

Jesus walked on a little way before he knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you will, please don't make me suffer by drinking from this cup. But do what you want, and not what I want." Then an angel from heaven came to help him. Jesus was in great pain and prayed so sincerely that his sweat fell to the ground like drops of blood.

Jesus got up from praying and went over to his disciples. They were asleep and worn out from being so sad. He said to them, "Why are you asleep? Wake up and pray that you won't be tested." While Jesus was still speaking, a crowd came up. It was led by Judas, one of the twelve apostles. He went over to Jesus and greeted him with a kiss. Jesus asked Judas, "Are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

When Jesus' disciples saw what was about to happen, they asked, "Lord, should we attack them with a sword?" One of the disciples even struck at the high priest's servant with his sword and cut off the servant's right ear. "Enough of that!" Jesus said. Then he touched the servant's ear and healed it.

Jesus spoke to the chief priests, the temple police, and the leaders who had come to arrest him. He said, "Why do you come out with swords and clubs and treat me like a criminal? I was with you every day in the temple, and you didn't arrest me. But this is your time, and darkness is in control."

1. Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
2. Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, pain, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

Peter Denies Jesus/Jesus is Questioned

Jesus was arrested and led away to the house of the high priest, while Peter followed at a distance. Some people built a fire in the middle of the courtyard and were sitting around it. Peter sat there with them, and a servant girl saw him. Then after she had looked at him carefully, she said, "This man was with Jesus!" Peter said, "Woman, I don't even know that man!"

A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You are one of them!" "No, I'm not!" Peter replied. About an hour later another man insisted, "This man must have been with Jesus. They both come from Galilee." Peter replied, "I don't know what you are talking about!"

Right then, while Peter was still speaking, a rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered that the Lord had said, "Before a rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will say three times that you don't know me." Then Peter went out and cried bitterly.

The men who were guarding Jesus made fun of him and beat him. They put a blindfold on him and said, "Tell us who struck you!" They kept on insulting Jesus in many other ways. At daybreak the nation's leaders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law of Moses got together and brought Jesus before their council. They said, "Tell us! Are you the Messiah?"

Jesus replied, "If I said so, you wouldn't believe me. And if I asked you a question, you wouldn't answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right side of God All-Powerful." Then they asked, "Are you the Son of God?" Jesus answered, "You say I am!" They replied, "Why do we need more witnesses? He said it himself!"

Everyone in the council got up and led Jesus off to Pilate. They started accusing him and said, "We caught this man trying to get our people to riot and to stop paying taxes to the Emperor. He also claims that he is the Messiah, our king." Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Those are your words," Jesus answered.

Pilate told the chief priests and the crowd, "I don't find him guilty of anything." But they all kept on saying, "He has been teaching and causing trouble all over Judea. He started in Galilee and has now come all the way here." When Pilate heard this, he asked, "Is this man from Galilee?" After Pilate learned that Jesus came from the region ruled by Herod, he sent him to Herod, who was in Jerusalem at that time.

For a long time Herod had wanted to see Jesus and was very happy because he finally had this chance. He had heard many things about Jesus and hoped to see him work a miracle. Herod asked him a lot of questions, but Jesus did not answer. Then the chief priests and the teachers of the Law of Moses stood up and accused him of all kinds of bad things. Herod and his soldiers made fun of Jesus and insulted him. They put a fine robe on him and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends, even though they had been enemies before this.

Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW #349 (v. 1 & 2)

1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.
2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

The Death Sentence

Pilate called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people. He told them, "You brought Jesus to me and said he was a troublemaker. But I have questioned him here in front of you, and I have not found him guilty of anything that you say he has done. Herod didn't find him guilty either and sent him back.

“This man doesn't deserve to be put to death! I will just have him beaten with a whip and set free.”

But the whole crowd shouted, “Kill Jesus! Give us Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was in jail because he had started a riot in the city and had murdered someone.

Pilate wanted to set Jesus free, so he spoke again to the crowds. But they kept shouting, “Nail him to a cross! Nail him to a cross!”

Pilate spoke to them a third time, “But what crime has he done? I have not found him guilty of anything for which he should be put to death. I will have him beaten with a whip and set free.” The people kept on shouting as loud as they could for Jesus to be put to death. Finally, Pilate gave in. He freed the man who was in jail for rioting and murder, because he was the one the crowd wanted to be set free. Then Pilate handed Jesus over for them to do what they wanted with him.

Hymn: Lamb of God

ELW #336 (v. 1 & 2)

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 Christ, the Lamb of God.

2. Your 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)

Jesus is Crucified and Dies

As Jesus was being led away, some soldiers grabbed hold of a man named Simon who was from Cyrene. He was coming in from the fields, but they put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd was following Jesus, and in the crowd a lot of women were crying and weeping for him. Jesus turned to the women and said: Women of Jerusalem, don't cry for me! Cry for yourselves and for your children.

Two criminals were led out to be put to death with Jesus. When the soldiers came to the place called “The Skull,” they nailed Jesus to a cross. They also nailed the two criminals to crosses, one on each side of Jesus. Jesus said, “Father, forgive these people! They don't know what they're doing.”

While the crowd stood there watching Jesus, the soldiers gambled for his clothes. The leaders insulted him by saying, "He saved others. Now he should save himself, if he really is God's chosen Messiah!" The soldiers made fun of Jesus and brought him some wine. They said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself!"

Above him was a sign that said, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals hanging there also insulted Jesus by saying, "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and save us!" But the other criminal told the first one off, "Don't you fear God? Aren't you getting the same punishment as this man? We got what was coming to us, but he didn't do anything wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Remember me when you come into power!" Jesus replied, "I promise that today you will be with me in paradise."

Around noon the sky turned dark and stayed that way until the middle of the afternoon. The sun stopped shining, and the curtain in the temple split down the middle. Jesus shouted, "Father, I put myself in your hands!" Then he died.

When the Roman officer saw what had happened, he praised God and said, "Jesus must really have been a good man!" A crowd had gathered to see the terrible sight. Then after they had seen it, they felt brokenhearted and went home. All of Jesus' close friends and the women who had come with him from Galilee stood at a distance and watched.

L: The gospel of our Lord. **C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus *(please rise in body/spirit)*

ELW #338

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.
2. Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
The very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:
The wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

3. I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

Prayers of the People

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering: *(At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy. In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We do this, in part, by joining with other Christians in our community to bear witness to God's radical love and mercy. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers for this work! If you are our guest today – either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)*

Offertory: *Ah, Holy Jesus*

Offering Response: Spirit, Open My Heart (refrain only)

ACS #1043

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

Offertory Prayer: **C: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW p. 190

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Lamb of God

ELW p.191

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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Hymn during Communion: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

ELW #488

1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded;
Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
2. Hasten as a bride to meet him, eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking; quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
Open wide the fast-closed portal, saying to the Lord immortal:
"Come, and leave your loved one never; Dwell within my heart forever."
3. Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless;
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.
4. Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you;
Worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.

L: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you, comfort you, and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

L: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Hymn: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

ELW #337

1. Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?
2. Was it for sins that I had done he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut its glories in
when God, the mighty maker, died for his own creatures' sin.
4. Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears,
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears.
5. But tears of grief cannot repay the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away: 'tis all that I can do.

L: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Victoria Bull

Acolyte:

Reader: Becky Timmons

Communion Asst: Vicki Evans

Fellowship:

Altar Care: Vicki Morgan & Victoria Bull



ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of April 13:

- TODAY: Exec. Team meets following worship
GF Community Band Concert – 3 pm in the sanctuary
- Tues. 4/15: Church Council meets at 7 pm in the Library
- Thu. 4/17: R.O.M.E.O. men’s lunch group – 11:30 am in the Fireside Room
Maundy Thursday/Good Friday combined worship – 7 pm
- Fri. 4/18: Good Friday Vigil of readings, prayers, music, and silence from
Noon to 3 pm in the sanctuary
- Sun. 4/20: Resurrection of Our Lord – festival worship at 10 am

Keeping in Prayer... Steve & family; Pat; Bruce & family; Larry; Jeff & family; Tommi; Pam; Christina; Mari; Beth; Connor; Kameron & family; Carol; Bud & Linda; Susan; Jane; Barbara & Jerry; Sumner; Dee; Triston; MaryAnn; Carl & Harley; Ann; Arvin; Beth; Arnie; Peggy & Larry; Sandy; Dorothy; Toni; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta; Elaine.

April Special Offering: Great Falls Children’s Receiving Home

32nd St. from 5th Ave. S. to Central Ave. will remain closed through April 30.

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