

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

March 28, 2021

10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY



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

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE *Thee We Adore, O Savior* 17th c. plainsong *Adoro te devote*, arr. Anne Krentz Organ
prerecorded by Roberta Maughan, Suzanne Rauvola, Sarah Climis, handbells; Karen Sande, piano

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL *Mark 11:1-11*

BLESSING OF PALMS (*Lift palms high for the blessing*)

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

Hosanna in the highest. (*repeat*)

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,
that joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you;
through the same Jesus Christ, our victorious Lord. Amen.

PROCESSION

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #344 *All Glory, Laud and Honor*



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are 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,



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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in your endless love for humankind 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.

SOLO *Ride On, King Jesus*

African American spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh
Michael Fuchs, baritone; Karen Sande, piano

*Ride on, King Jesus! No one can-a hinder me.
I was but young when I begun, no one can-a hinder me;
But now my race is almost done, no one can-a hinder me.
King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, the river of Jordan he did cross.*

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

THE PASSION GOSPEL *Mark 15:1-47*

¹As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³They shouted back, “Crucify him!” ¹⁴Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

HYMN 637 *Holy God, Holy and Glorious (verse 1)*



Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous,



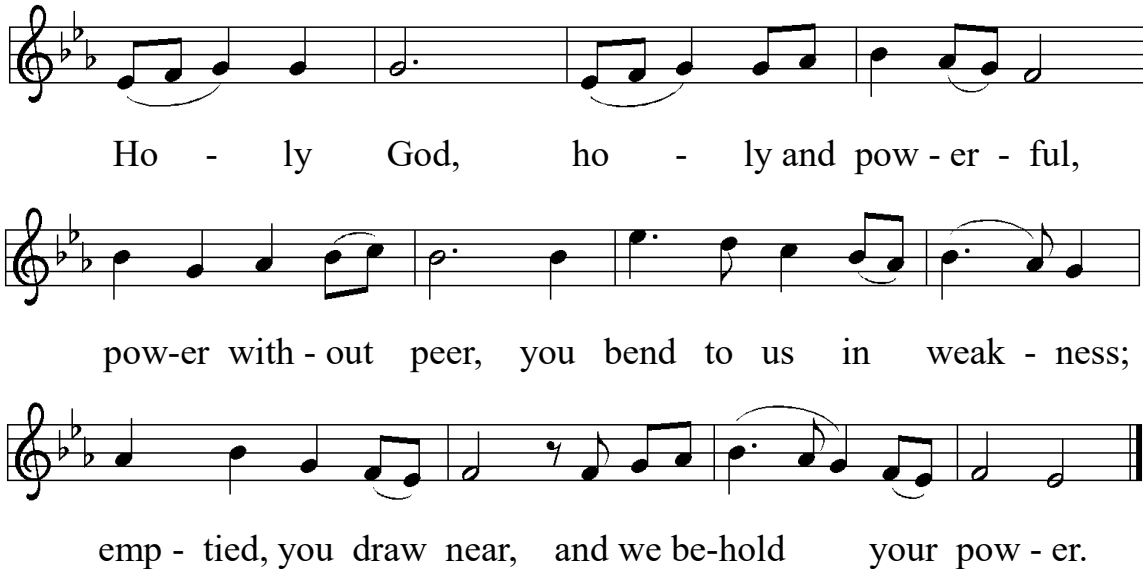
glo-ry most sub - lime, you come as one a - mong us



in - to hu - man time, and we be-hold your glo - ry.

¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

HYMN 637 *Holy God, Holy and Glorious (verse 2)*



Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,
pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in weak - ness;
emp - tied, you draw near, and we be - hold your pow - er.

²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹In 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. ³²Let 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.

HYMN 637 *Holy God, Holy and Glorious (verse 3)*



Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,



beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re - ject - ed;



scorned, you hold us fast, and we be - hold your beau - ty.

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At 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?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And 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." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now 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!"

HYMN 637 *Holy God, Holy and Glorious (verse 4)*



Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,



wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of fol - ly:



God the cru - ci - fied and we be - hold your wis - dom.

⁴⁰There 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. ⁴¹These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴²When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

MEDITATION

Logan McLean Strike, Pastoral Intern

HYMN OF THE DAY #349 *Ah, Holy Jesus*



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We are created for community. .
Jesus shows us the way.

OFFERING

You are invited to use our digital offering plate. Simply send a text to **218-325-9525** with amount you would like to contribute. Enter a simple number (with no decimal). You'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your card information. Thank you for supporting God's mission through FLC.

OFFERTORY MUSIC *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

arr. Brian Childers

prerecorded by Jeanette Paulson, oboe; Sarah Climis, handbells; Karen Sande, piano

OFFERING PRAYER

God's time is fulfilled and the reign of God has come near.

We are humbled by your generosity, we seek to respond by walking in your ways.

Receive these offerings that they may be used

to glorify you and serve those in need. Through Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

But I trust in you, O Lord: I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand.

Psalms 31:14-15b

We come to the table with the cries of "Hosanna" and "Crucify" still echoing in our ears, hungry for the Word that will sustain us in this anxious time of regret and fear, hope and longing, disappointment and despair.

Hold bread in your hands, giving thanks for the nourishing life within it -- remembering the seed that has fallen into the earth. As you tear off a piece to eat, remember the broken hearts and lives around us. Remember the life of Jesus, given over in love in the midst of violence, that we might know the Way of healing and wholeness. Pray that we may be nourished and strengthened to stand with those who are suffering, and to serve in love as Jesus taught us.

HYMN #616 *Jesus, Remember Me*

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. It contains four measures of music with lyrics underneath. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing four measures of accompaniment.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats and a 3/4 time signature, containing four measures of music with lyrics underneath. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing four measures of accompaniment.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we ask Jesus to remember us, we pray:

**Our Father, who art in 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.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

SENDING HYMN #350 *They Crucified My Lord*



1 They cru - ci - fied my Lord, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
2 They nailed him to a tree, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
3 They pierced him in the side, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
4 The blood came stream - in' down, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
5 He hung his head and died, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;



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he hung his head and died, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;



not a word, not a word, not a word.

POSTLUDE *Elegy*

James Biery (b. 1956)
prerecorded by Kristin Sande, violin; Karen Sande, organ

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*The Sanctuary is open for quiet prayer and reflection each Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Use the Superior St. entrance door leading directly into the Sanctuary.*

Holy Week 2021

Created for Beloved Community

Palm/Passion Sunday- March 28

LIVE 10am Radio 610AM/103.9FM & YouTube
 Palm car procession from church 10am
 palm pick up 9am-9:45am

Maundy Thursday- April 1

Video Premiere 6pm YouTube
 Participate in the holy acts of this night

Good Friday- April 2

Video Premiere 12pm & 6pm YouTube
 Contemplate the crucifixion of Christ through the music of Heinrich Schütz and Christ's Seven Last Words of the Cross

Walk the Stations of the Cross
 Gather at 2pm in the Superior St lot
 Masked and physically distanced
 Also available online as a virtual walk

Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 3

Video Premiere 6pm YouTube
 Join us as we gather around fire, word, water, and meal

Festival of the Resurrection- Sunday, April 4

LIVE 10am Radio & YouTube
 Gather by the Superior St. Entrance at 11:30am for "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"
 Bring colorful ribbons to adorn the outside cross and World Hunger offerings

Order Lilies or Tulips for Easter

Help beautify the sanctuary with Lilies or Tulips for the Easter Season.

If you are interested, please fill out this form and attach a check (made out to FLC).

Please note that we have a limited number of plants available due to COVID-19.

Return to church office by Mon., March 29th.

Name _____ Phone # _____

of Lilies _____ at \$13 each = \$ _____

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Given in memory of / in honor of (circle one):



First Lutheran Church, dedicated to the mission of Jesus Christ, welcomes YOU into this community of faith, where we share life in its entirety, with all its joys and sorrows. We believe all people are created in the image of God and are offered God's love, grace, and forgiveness, regardless of religious tradition, age, gender identity, race, education, economic status, sexual orientation, family structure, mental or physical abilities. We acknowledge the indigenous culture of this land.

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