

PALM SUNDAY

April 2, 2023

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM



Gathering Hymn.....All Glory, Laud, and Honor (344)
Hymn of Day.....Jesus is the Rock in a Weary Land (333)
Communion.....Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken
Eat this Bread (472)
Sending Hymn.....There in God's Garden (342) Verses 1,2,5,

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Prelude **“A Meditation on ‘Brother James Air’”**
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Announcements

Responsive Reading Matthew 21

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. **If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.**”

This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying,

“This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth

Gathering Hymn **All Glory, Laud, and Honor (344)**

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

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

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.

Special Music “Sonata for Clarinet” by Camille Saint-Saens
Lauren Johnson, clarinet

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,
so 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16

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

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

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

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

*For 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.*

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

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

**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”**

+ Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel Reading

Matthew 27:11-26

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus said, ‘You say so.’ But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not

answer. Then Pilate said to him, ‘Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?’ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, ‘Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, ‘Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.’ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, ‘Which of the two do you want me to release for you?’ And they said, ‘Barabbas.’ Pilate said to them, ‘Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ All of them said, ‘Let him be crucified!’ Then he asked, ‘Why, what evil has he done?’ But they shouted all the more, ‘Let him be crucified!’ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.’ Then the people as a whole answered, ‘His blood be on us and on our children!’ So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Dan Holt

Hymn of the Day

Jesus is the Rock in a Weary Land (333)

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

+Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

(a brief silence)

After each petition:

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Those remembered in prayer this week ...

Marilyn Benson, Mary Ann Bond, Brad Buhler, George Candea, Bob Dillow, Michael Foret, Elaine Glover, Eileen Hedstrom, Stewart Hellem, Bob Kelly, Karalee Kleehammer, Pam Landry, Carol Passon, Cerne Rieves, Rick Rogers, Fran Schumacher, Jeff Sebben, Cassie Shaffer, Cathy Stanley, Ron Stoneback, Bruce Thompson, Carol Thompson, all our men and women serving overseas, especially Anthony Calderon and all others we lift up to you at this time.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering “We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit” J. S. Bach

Offering Song

1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.

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Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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Offering prayer

God of goodness and growth,
all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, the source of our life. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has two measures: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The melody is simple and uses quarter and eighth notes.

The Preface to the Sanctus

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

The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

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Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying:
Your mercy endures forever.

Your mercy endures forever.

By your promise you bound yourself to the earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of your rainbow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness.

Your mercy endures forever.

By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old, blessing them with family and calling them to be a blessing to others.

Your mercy endures forever.

By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

Your mercy endures forever. Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed ...

With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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 from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

For those worshipping in the sanctuary, come forward to the altar to receive the bread and wine. Gluten free bread and white grape juice are available.

God's love and this meal are for all, including children. If your child is not ready to receive, they may receive a simple blessing such as "May the Lord bless you and keep you."

For those worshipping at home, when invited by the pastor we encourage you to eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



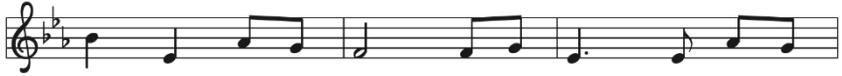
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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+Blessing Amen

Prayer after Communion

Tender and merciful one,
you fed us at your feast, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled
with your abundant grace, send us now to mend broken hearts,
work for justice, and strive for peace among all people, in the
name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending Hymn

**There in God's Garden (342)
Verses 1,2,5,6**

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Benediction

Amen

*Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

Postlude “Now Thank We All Our God” Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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10:30: John & Kathy Hayes, Rollan Yocum

Worship Deacon: 8:00- Ingrid Daniel **10:30-**Alice DeLoughry

Lector: 8:00- Russ Johnson **10:30-**Phil Erlander

Communion Assistant: 8:00-Russ Johnson **10:30-** Sue Trinko

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