

ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY



SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022

10 A.M.

INTRODUCTION

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

PRELUDE



+ GATHERING +

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

Congregation Hosanna in the highest!

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Luke 19:28-40

Entrance into the final days

P The holy gospel according to Luke, the nineteenth chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] 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.”

⁴¹Then 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.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF PALMS

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

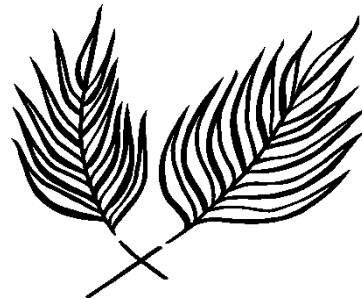
P Let us pray.

Almighty and Loving God, it is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through Christ Jesus our Savior. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as the Messiah and King with palm branches in their hands, carrying them forth from the place and crying out “Hosanna in the Highest” and “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” God, help us acclaim Jesus as our Messiah and King and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life.

C **Amen.**

P Let us go forth in peace.

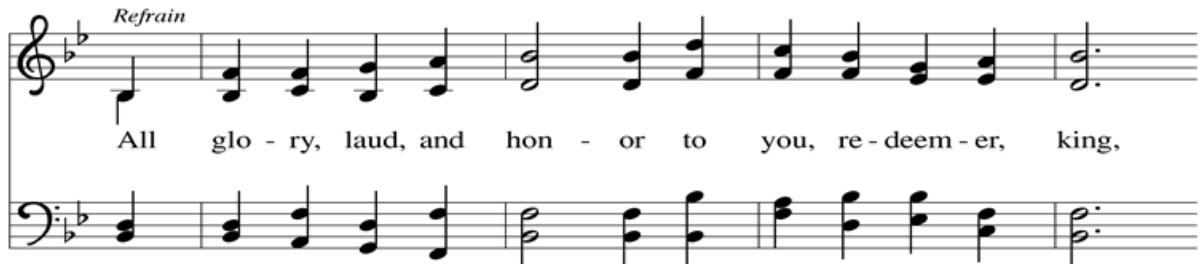
C **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



PROCESSIONAL HYMN (verses 1, 3-5)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor


Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

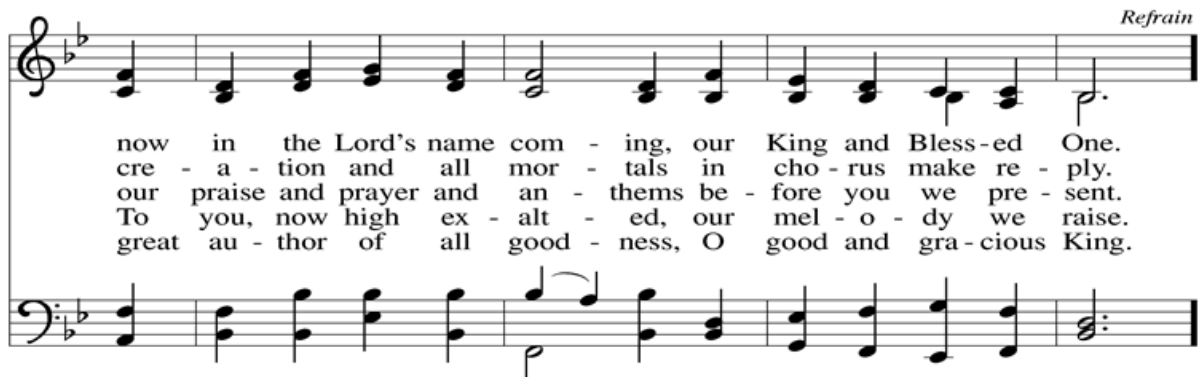


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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

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.

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

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

C Hosanna in the highest!



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON



+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

⁴The 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?

Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

⁵Let 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your
God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to
an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO LUKE

Readers:

*Narrator - Jen Reece; Jesus - Chris Reece; Peter - Graham Reece; 1st Criminal - Elliot Reece;
2nd Criminal - Mark Greeley; Servant - Ceilia Greeley; Centurion - Violet Greeley;
Pilate - Jennifer Buchanan; Witness - Ron Hartung; and People - Congregation*

The assembly stands.

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring:
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it,
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty,
 self - hood feed on its life - blood,
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it,
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

NICENE CREED

P Let us confess our faith.

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends: Merciful God,

Congregational response: receive our prayer.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

ANTHEM

OFFERING HYMN

The assembly stands to sing the offering hymn as the collection and gifts are brought forward.



C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

C 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.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING *We receive the blessings of the triune God.*

P You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ✠ bless you this day and always.

C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands.

SENDING HYMN 348 *Stay with Me*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Stay with Me". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the lyrics: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and". The second system contains the lyrics: "pray. Watch and pray." The music is written in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. There are some ties and slurs in the melody line.

DISMISSAL

P We believe out loud that God's mission for us is:

C to be an active community that welcomes all people to nurture and share their faith and gifts with everyone, according to God's call.

P Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C Thanks be to God.

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Calendar for April 10 - 17

April	10	Sun.	10:00 am	Worship, Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday
April	14	Thu.	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday service with communion
	15	Fri.	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
	17	Sun.	9:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt
			10:00 am	Worship with communion, Easter Sunday

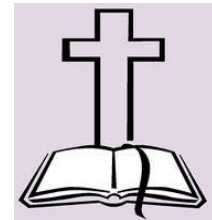
Next Sunday's Readings, Easter Sunday:

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:19-26](#)

[Luke 24:1-12](#)



SERVING TABLE		
Serving	April 10	April 17
Presiding	Pastor Tom	Pastor Tom
Preaching	Pastor Tom	Pastor Tom
Assisting Minister	Colleen Holdcraft	Jennifer Dritt
Cup Minister	N/A	Rob Schiffer
Lector	Ron Hartung	Chris Reece
Altar Guild	Judi Duffy Linda Eshleman	Beth Alexander Rita Ford
Counters	Margaret Bowers Patricia Handschy	Audrey Post Billie Reardon
Announcements	Pastor Tom	Pastor Tom

PRAYER REQUESTS

New concerns: Family of Bobbi Schiffer, grieving her passing; Kent Nichols, friend of Ron Hartung and Audrey Post, nearing the end from Stage 4 pancreatic cancer; Paul Rowell, Board treasurer for LSSNF, recovering from lung surgery and complications; Gordon Fleischer, diagnosed with throat cancer; Jon; Becky Button (cousin of Audrey Post), in critical condition after a car accident; Isaac (son of Terri Schmitt) for healing (both physical and emotional).

For the sick: Val Sullivan; Margarete Decker (mother of Caroline Collins); Don Dowd; Isabelle Taylor (granddaughter of Bill & Connie Taylor), being treated for rheumatoid arthritis and Primary Immunodeficiency; Theresa Martin (friend of Cheryl Stuart); Dan Graney (friend of Cheryl Stuart); Sarah (friend of Cassandra White).

In treatment for cancer: Stephanie Barber; Cathie Nitti (niece of Sharon Simmons); Jenny (niece of Laura Sullivan & Colin Hackley); Rosalinda Wright; Maggie Soff (friend of Sandy Sampson); James Sablan (brother of Donna Schiffer); Isabell Cintron (friend of Sharon Simmons); Sarah Lucas (friend of Cassandra White); Bruce Blubaum (cousin of Sharon Simmons); Chris Dickman (synod council member), child of Pr. Katrina Foster (friend of Cheryl).

For health and protection: For all affected by coronavirus: those experiencing mental health difficulties due to isolation; those with the disease struggling to recover; those on the front lines fighting, researching and treating the disease (doctors, nurses, medical personnel, EMTs, the millions of unemployed people, etc.); for the unaccompanied children entering the US, including those “unaccounted for”.

For prisoners: Femi and Eddie; all those on death row.

Other concerns: Karen Olson; Blanche White (Melissa Barton).

Church concerns: St. Stephen’s Congregational Council; The Florida-Bahamas Synod Council, all congregations searching for ways to stay connected and proclaim the Good News; Reconciling Works; Grace Lutheran Church; Bishop Pedro Suarez; Bishop Elizabeth Eaton; Our Savior Lutheran Church in Freeport, Bahamas; the ELCA Advocacy offices and ministry; St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pensacola.

World concerns: For all recovering in the Florida Panhandle from Hurricane Michael, including Messiah Lutheran Church; the people of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands continuing to recover from hurricanes; migrants fleeing violence in Central America; all those migrants and asylum seekers imprisoned by the US government; the people of Venezuela (birthplace of Bp. Suarez) and Hong Kong; for the Supreme Court as it considers cases involving the LGBTQ community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK:

April 14 - Maundy Thursday worship with communion at 7 p.m.

April 15 - Good Friday worship at 7 p.m.

April 17 - Easter Sunday: Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 a.m.; worship service with communion at 10 a.m.

OWLS: The next lunch will be at Café Martin on April 19 at 11:30 a.m. (2743 Capital Circle NE). RSVP to Margaret: ambowersfl@gmail.com or 407-921-8671.

FLOWER CHART FOR 2022: Do you have an anniversary, birthday or special memory you would like to honor? Celebrate the occasion by sponsoring the flowers for our service and signing up for the 2022 Flower Chart located in the narthex. The cost is \$35, and you can place that in the offering plate.



EASTER LILIES

We'll be using Easter lilies to adorn our chancel area for Easter. Would you like to dedicate one or more? The cost is \$10 each, and we'll have the dedication list in the Easter bulletin.

Fill out the form below and place it with your check in the offering plate and be sure to designate that it is for the Easter Lilies. The deadline is Sun., April 14.

Easter Lily Dedication

Name _____ How many _____

Dedication:
