

We Warmly Welcome You to



Milton Lutheran Parish

Serving God through faith formation, worship,
service, evangelism, and fellowship.

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

Traditional Service

In Person & LIVE Streamed from the Sanctuary at Trinity Lutheran at 9:30 a.m.
on the Milton Lutheran Parish YouTube Channel

Visit <https://miltonlutheranparish.faith/> to link to the LIVE worship

*Thank you for being here. Whether this is your first time here, or you have been with us for a while, please
know this . . . we are glad you have chosen to worship with us.*

(Bold italic items to be spoken)

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

Prelude

John Warfel

Blessing of the Palms

Pastor Gary Schaeffer



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the Highest

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. On this day, our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, not knowing what lay ahead as Jesus prepared himself for sacrifice. Today we greet Jesus as our King, a King like no other. We follow Him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of sacrifice and finally the glory of resurrection.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we pray blessing on these palms as we remember the love of Christ so freely given. As we raise our palms in the air we lay them at the feet of Jesus, remembering his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Today we celebrate Jesus as the King of sacrificial love, acceptance, forgiveness, and hope. We give you thanks this day and each day as we remember your gift of grace. **Amen. Hosanna in the Highest**

John 12:12-16

¹²[Five days before the Passover] the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

Opening Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

John Warfel

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.**

**1) You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. Refrain**

**5) Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. Refrain**

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

Pastor Gary Schaeffer



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.

Amen.

The Passion Narrative *(Summarized from Luke 22-23)*

Ellie Schaeffer, Claire Weisner, Lynnette Weisner, Kellie Brouse, Sue Warfel, Nancy Walters, John Warfel & Cindy Coup

Hymn: "Were You There" *(Sung as part of the Passion Narrative)*

Cindy Coup

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 to the dead.*
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 of Intercession

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

In Jesus you came among us as a suffering servant. Give your church humility. Redeem your people from pride and the certainty that we always know your will. Heal us and empower us to confess Christ crucified. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In creation, life springs from death. Redeem your creation awaiting resurrection: restore lost habitats and endangered species. Create new possibilities for areas affected by climate change, grant relief from natural disasters, and nurture new growth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.



Jesus was handed over to the powers of this world. In all nations, instruct the powerful, that they would not exploit their power but maintain justice. Sustain soldiers, and guide those who command them, that they serve those in greatest need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Abide with those who are condemned to death. Defend those who are falsely accused. Console and strengthen those who are mocked or bullied. Accompany all who suffer and grant respite and renewal. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You called followers to tend Jesus' body in death. Sustain hospice workers and funeral directors. Bless this parish's ministries at times of death: those who plan and lead funerals, those who prepare meals, all who offer support in grief. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You inspired the centurion to confess Jesus as your Son. We praise you for the faith you have given to people of all places and times. Give us also such faith to trust the promises of baptism and, with them, to look for the resurrection of the dead. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

O God most mighty,

O God most merciful,

O God our rock and our salvation,

hear us as we praise,

call us to your table,

grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void,
you formed order and beauty.

When Abraham and Sarah were barren,
you sent them a child;

When the Israelites were enslaved,
you led them to freedom.



Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.
You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**
O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.
O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.



Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

Amen.

Closing Hymn: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

John Warfel

*1) O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine*

*4) Lord, be my consolation;
shield me when I must die;
remind me of thy passion
when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving,
from thee shall never move;
for all who die believing
die safely in thy love.*

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

News and Announcements from the Parish

A Note from Pastor Gary . . .

Following worship, we will be working together to pack eggs and stuff bags full of candy in preparation for our Egg-tastic Easter. Thank you to everyone who generously donated candy and have signed up to help. We are still in need of volunteers to help egg peoples' houses on Saturday, April 3rd. If you could help, please let the office know so we can plan accordingly. In addition to the 35 households that have signed up, we hope to take bags to more people in our community. The volunteer team will gather at 9am on Saturday April 3rd to get their bags and start delivering

This Week at Milton Lutheran Parish . . .

Sun., Mar. 28

Happy Birthday Pete Ishler!

Adult Sunday School at 8 AM & Worship at 9:30 AM. Live stream available.



Wed., Mar. 31 **Happy Birthday Rachel Spear! Happy Birthday Joe Solomon! Happy Birthday Matt Spangler!**
 Bible Study posted to social media & website.

Thu., Apr. 1 **Happy Anniversary Jim & Joanne Seidel- 65 years!**
 Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 PM. Live stream available.

Fri., Apr. 2 Good Friday Worship at 7 PM. Live stream available.

Sat., Apr. 3 **Happy Birthday Jack Aunkst!**
 Eggastic Easter Egg delivery 9 AM

Sun., Apr. 4 **Happy Easter! Happy Birthday Charles Mitch and Stephanie Strawser! Happy Anniversary Tim & Sally Shrawder- 51 years!**
 Adult Sunday School at 8 AM & Worship at 9:30 AM. Live stream available.

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