

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022
PALM SUNDAY
ST/JOHN'S



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Sunday, April 10, 2022
9:30 am

INTRODUCTION

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. Today, Jesus and his disciples engage in holy street theater, enacting Psalm 118. Their peasant-led, nature-embracing procession into Jerusalem stands in stark contrast and defiant opposition to the imperial procession of Pontius Pilate into the city that same week. In reenacting this procession ourselves, we join Jesus and his disciples in their commitment to live in a way that opposes the way of empire.

+ Gathering +

The congregation assembles in the Fellowship Hall.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PALM SUNDAY LITANY

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

Hosanna in the highest!

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BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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 the grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that joined to his death and resurrection, we may enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Let us go forth in peace,

In the name of Christ!

The congregation follows the cross outside and into the sanctuary, waving their palm branches and singing the processional hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (ELW 344)



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

LITANY REPRISE

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Hosanna in the highest!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Humble King Jesus, you teach us through your living, that love takes sides with the marginalized. By riding into Jerusalem on a donkey rather than a steed, you align yourself with the meek and the lowly. By telling the disciples how they will abandon you, you acknowledge our fears. Open our hearts to understand the absurdity of objectivity and give us the courage to stand with you. Amen.

+ Word +

READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

A reading from the Psalms.

The congregation reads the portions in bold.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever!"

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;

here the righteous may enter.

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me

and you have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵**Hosanna! O LORD, save us!**

We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

²⁶**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;**

we bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God and has given us light.

Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will thank you;

you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation may stand.



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for God is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Having said this, Jesus went ahead with the ascent to Jerusalem. ²⁹ Approaching Bethphage and Bethany, near what is called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of the disciples with these instructions: ³⁰ “Go into the village ahead of you. Upon entering it, you’ll find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and lead it back. ³¹ If anyone should ask you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Rabbi needs it.’” ³² They departed on their errand and found things just as Jesus had said. ³³ As they untied the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you doing that?” ³⁴ They explained that the Rabbi needed it. ³⁵ Then the disciples led the animal to Jesus and, laying their cloaks on it, helped him mount. ³⁶ People spread their cloaks on the roadway as Jesus rode along. ³⁷ As they reached the descent from the Mount of Olives, the entire crowd of disciples joined them and began to rejoice and praise God loudly for the display of power they had seen, saying, ³⁸ “Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” ⁴⁰ Jesus replied, “I tell you, if they were to keep silent, the very stones would cry out!”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (p. 2265). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.

SERMON

Bishop Yehiel Curry,
Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the ELCA

HYMN OF THE DAY

Chorus of Our Faith

“Hosanna!” Loud hosannas resounded through the streets.
“All glory in the highest to him who comes in peace!”
The beautiful cacophony of children’s laughs and songs
Accompanied the grand parade all through the gathered throng.

The Pharisees along the way took notice of the crowd
Rebuking Jesus, they proclaimed this gathered mob too loud.
But some truths cannot be contained, they spill out from the earth.
“No, even if you silence them the stones will still be heard.”

Be loud and be courageous, tell truths that must be told.
The world may try to silence you, but Christ helps us be bold.
In voices and in bodies, in art for protest made,
our truths take many shapes and forms, a chorus of our faith

Text: Anna Strickland, 2021. Commissioned by A Sanctified Art, LLC.

Tune: Ellacombe

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

I invite you to assume a posture of prayer. You may sit, stand, or kneel; fold your hands or turn them upward; close your eyes or lift them to the altar.

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make us unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the earth and all its inhabitants, created in love: Train us to recognize your divine goodness in the world around us. Rouse in us a reverence for creation, that we take greater care of its resources. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For those in positions of authority called to lead with integrity and compassion: Supply them with courage and vulnerability when challenged with new ideas. Deliver them from fear that limits imagination and impedes justice. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For those who suffer, waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Heal those who are ill. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For Christians around the world, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross: Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

People of God, for what else shall we pray this day? Your prayers are invited now, either silently or aloud. (*Pause for prayers.*)

Merciful God, *or* Lord, we praise you,
receive our prayer. **Thanks be to God.**

We remember those who have died, who were commended into your hands. Remember us when you come into your kin-dom, and prepare a place for each of us with you in paradise. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (wave, handshake, hug, etc.), honoring the personal boundaries of all. Those online may unmute and verbally share the peace.

+ Meal +

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Our ancestors in faith gathered together long ago to remember, to be restored, to be renewed. They shared their story, prayed together, and made an offering to God as they prepared to set out on the long journey to freedom in the Promised Land. Today we gather to remember and to pray together, to be restored and renewed, and we bring our own offerings so the ministry of this church will continue to participate in the saving works of God. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

OFFERING

We give thanks for your ongoing support of the ministry of St. John's!

Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, made in the Vanco Mobile app, or given online at stjohnswilmette.org/give. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY SOLO

“Ride On, King Jesus!”

Sung by cantor.
arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Refrain: Ride on, King Jesus! No one can hinder me.

I was but young when I begun, No one can hinder me; But now my race is almost done, No one can hinder me. *Refrain*

King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, No one can hinder me. The river of Jordan He did cross, No one can hinder me. *Refrain*

OFFERTORY VERSE

Restore in Us, O God, verses 1 & 2



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Holy Provider, we thank you for the ways you have provided for us. Help us to know the difference between the things given to us by you and the things that come to us as a result of privilege. By your grace, develop in us a spirit of generosity with our talents, possessions, and energy, that we might bear witness to your abundance.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

God is here.

All is not lost.

May our hearts be open.

And able to receive.

Let us give thanks for grace unending.

That our world might one day be restored.

PREFACE

We lift up our praise to you, Holy God...praising you and singing:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Those worshipping online are invited to raise their bread and wine along with the pastor to be blessed.

God, our Creator...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

God our Mother, God our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

INVITATION

COMMUNION

All are welcome to commune at Christ's table! If you are online, serve yourself or those worshipping with you by saying, "The body of Christ, given for you," and "The blood of Christ, shed for you." If you are communing in person, please proceed down the center aisle at the direction of an usher, maintaining social distancing. You may receive bread or request a gluten-free wafer. Please step forward and then remove your mask to eat in front of the altar. A glass of wine (dark colored) will be placed on the table next to you, or you may request grape juice (light colored). You may drink and then place the empty glass in the basket. Please put your mask back on before returning to your seat. If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, you may cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please inform an usher, and the elements will be brought to you.

LAMB OF GOD

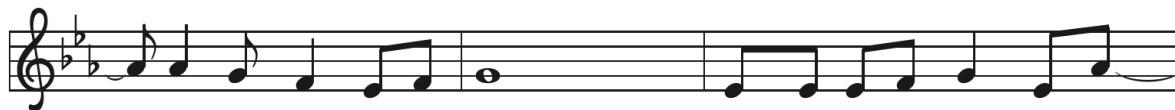
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Blessed Is the One



Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes



in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is the one who comes



in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Text: Psalm 118:26

Music: BLESSED IS THE ONE, Nathan Houge, b. 1977

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Ride On, Ride On, the Time Is Right

by John Bell

Ride on, ride on, the time is right:
The roadside crowds scream with delight;
Palm branches mark the pilgrim way
Where beggars squat and children play.

Ride on, ride on, your critics wait,
Intrigue and rumor circulate;
New lies abound in word and jest,
And truth becomes a suspect guest.

Ride on, ride on, while well aware,
That those who shout and wave and stare
Are mortals who, with common breath,
Can crave for life and lust for death.

Ride on, ride on, though blind with tears,
Though dumb to speak and deaf to jeers.
Your path is clear, though few can tell
Their garments pave the road to Hell.

Ride on, ride on, the room is let,
The wine matured, the saw is whet;
And dice your death-throes shall attend
Though faith, not fate, dictates your end.

Ride on, ride on, God's love demands.
Justice and peace lie in your hands.
Evil and angel voices rhyme:
This is the man and this the time.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**Holy One-in-Three, through your death,
we are fed with the bread of life.**

**Let us follow your way to the cross,
to be for others a sign of your compassion and life.**

As you have fed us, let us go out to be part of feeding the world.

Amen.

+ Sending +

BENEDICTION

May God lead you to openness that grants understanding.

May God guide you to accountability that begins restoration.

May God inspire you to transforming love
that celebrates all people and all creation.

In the name of ✠ the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit,

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Pave the Way with Branches



*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.



Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.



Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -



san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

**Additional verses ad lib.:*

Release for the captives . . .

Hope for the downtrod . . .

Land for the landless . . .

Debts are forgiven . . .

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Song of the Pilgrim”

Felix Mendelssohn

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SERVING TODAY

<i>Guest Minister:</i>	Bishop Yehiel Curry
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	Jason Shutters
<i>Crucifer:</i>	Student Pastor Derek Stienmetz
<i>Interim Music Director & Organist:</i>	Christine Kraemer
<i>Cantor:</i>	Stephanie Chee
<i>Bell Ringers:</i>	St. John's Handbell Choir
<i>Minister of the Word:</i>	Nick Danielsen
<i>Children's Church:</i>	Student Pastor Derek Stienmetz
<i>Usher:</i>	Bill Kaspar, Alan Swanson
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Susan Crist
<i>Livestream Camera Operator:</i>	Michel Hauser
<i>Zoom Host:</i>	Luke Rasmussen
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts:</i>	Alla & Richard Ruzs

IN OUR PRAYERS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Stephanie Gonder, recovery from oral surgery 3/28/22 † Craig Gonder, recovery from hernia surgery on 3/23/22 † Mindy Davis, seeking permanent housing (2/23/22) † Tyler MacAvoy, daughter of Bill & Medwin Kaspar, in need of healing (2/22/22) † Laurel Malhotra, in need of healing (2/23/22) † Larry Wood, recovering from successful surgery 2/10/22 † Frank Ziegler, recovering from knee replacement † The family and friends of Sylvia Cushing, cousin of Olga Domchenko, who died 11/17/21 † The family and friends of Ed Price, friend of Sarah Rink, who died 11/21/21 † Carolyn Groves, mother of Mary Kastman, in need of healing † The family & friends of Joyce Rank, grandmother of Luke Rasmussen, who died 8/29/21 † Sarah Rink, for recovery from chronic pain | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † The family & friends of Ed Woltman, who died 4/2/21 † The family & friends of Gilbert & Eleanor Basnik, father and stepmother of Linda Basnik, who died on 8/5/21 & 8/6/21 † Amy Kohler, for safety and mental health (2/16/22) † Joanni Kric, recovering from hospitalization in Aug. 2021 † Mark Voosen † Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf Peddinghaus † Art Garcia, friend of Chad Johnson, recovering from a heart attack and pneumonia † Natalie Domchenko & Hilaire Sainson, sister of Olga Domchenko and sister's husband, in need of healing † Alan Williams, stepfather of Christi Wise, recovering from surgery † Karen Brunn, daughter of Dave & Lyn Brunn, recovering from spinal cord injury |
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HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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| Maundy Thursday Service | Thursday, April 14, 7 pm
In-person or Zoom |
| Good Friday Service | Friday, April 15, 7 pm
In-person or Zoom |
| Intergenerational Easter Vigil | Saturday, April 16, 5 pm
In-person only |
| Easter Sunday Worship | Sunday, April 17, 9:30 am
In-person or Zoom |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, Bishop Yehiel Curry!

We are thrilled to welcome Bishop Yehiel Curry (he/him) to preach and preside today. Bishop Curry was elected June 8, 2019, to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). From 2013-2019, Bishop Curry served as pastor of Shekinah Chapel Lutheran Church, where he also served as mission developer from 2007 to 2012. Bishop Curry received a Bachelor of Arts from Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois in 1995, and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in 2013. He and his wife, LaShonda, are the parents of three daughters.

First Communion/Thanksgiving for Communion Classes

Student Pastor Derek will be leading a three-week First Communion/Thanksgiving for Communion class with children and youth beginning after Easter. The class will meet during Children's Church time on April 24th, May 1st, and May 8th, in person only. We will celebrate and receive first communion on **May 15th** during the 9:30 am service. All children are welcome and encouraged to participate regardless of whether they've received communion previously. If you'd like to volunteer to assist or have questions, please email derek@stjohnswilmette.com.

Visitors for Sarah

Sarah Rink, a regular participant at the Saturday service and now a participant in Sunday morning services, is looking for folks who would be willing to visit her in her home (1900 Wilmette Ave. #2F). She is experiencing chronic pain, and having visitors would be a great blessing in her life. She is open to hosting visitors at 4 pm or 5 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Sarah is fully vaccinated and happy to wear a mask if that is preferred. Please give her a call at 847-251-2758 to let her know when you can stop by!

Mask Update

In light of new CDC and Metro Chicago Synod guidelines, masks are now optional for activities at St. John's with the important exceptions of worship and youth programming. Worship leaders, including cantors/song leaders, may now remove masks while leading, but the congregation will remain masked and socially distanced from leaders. If you have any questions or concerns about our current policy, please contact our Re-Entry Team (Pastor Allison, Michel Hauser, Al Swanson, Christi Wise).

Bible Study Remains Online Only

Weekly Bible Study will remain meeting online from 11:00 am-12:00 pm on Tuesdays. Bible Study can be accessed via our worship Zoom link.

From Holy Family Ministries: You are invited to A Hope and A Future 2022!

Each year, Holy Family Ministries raises funds to enable west side children to attend our programs through our Spring Benefit. Through the generosity of friends like you, we raise funds to support the more than 600 children who excel academically, grow spiritually, become effective leaders and expand their life experiences through Holy Family programs. You are invited to Holy Family Ministries' annual Spring Benefit in celebration and support of the children of Holy Family. Join us online from the comfort of your own home and share with us in a very special evening Saturday, April 30, 2022. "Virtual Doors" open at 6:45 pm. Program begins at 7:00 pm. Use the link in this week's eNews to register for free.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

9:30 AM

10:30 AM

PALM SUNDAY

Hybrid Worship with
Hybrid Children's Church
Coffee Hour

TUESDAY

11:00 AM

Zoom-only Bible Study

THURSDAY

12:00 PM

7:00 PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Zoom-only Men's Lunch
Hybrid Worship

FRIDAY

2:00 PM

7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Hybrid Worship

SATURDAY

5:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY

In-Person Intergenerational Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

9:30 AM

10:30 AM

10:30 AM

EASTER SUNDAY

Hybrid Worship with
Hybrid Children's Church
Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Coffee Hour

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