



Passion/Palm Sunday

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Welcome! Words in **bold** are said together.

Children are always welcome - they worship God too! Cloth bags with quiet activities are by the stairs to keep them engaged during worship. Our nursery is at the bottom of the stairs, to the left.

Greeting

*Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Congregation: And also with you.***

The Lord's Prayer

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us return to God, confessing our sin the assurance of God's abiding love. (silence for reflection)

*L: Compassionate One, **C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.***

*L: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome home the wandering ones. In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **C: Amen.***

Gathering Song – How Great is Our God

1. The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty.
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

Refrain: How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see, how great, how great is our God

2. Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end

The Godhead, three-in-one: Father, Spirit, Son,
The lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb. *Refrain.*

3. Name above all names, you are worthy of all praise
My heart will sing, how great is our God.
Name above all names, You are worthy of all praise
My heart will sing, how great is our God. *Refrain x2.*

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, 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.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a p. 594

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? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 31:9-16 p. 439

⁹Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

¹⁰For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.

¹¹I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

¹²I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

¹³For I hear the whispering of many— terror all around!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

¹⁴But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

¹⁵My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Philippians 2:5-11 p. 954

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.

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Gospel Acclamation (sung) p. 102, setting 1

*Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

The holy Gospel according to *Luke*. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 19:28-40 p. 854

²⁸After he had said this, he 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." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon

David Ingram

Song of the Day – Your Love is Amazing

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet
Your love is a mystery, how you gently lift me
When I am surrounded, your love carries me

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me
Every time I see you, all your goodness shines through
I can feel this God song rising up in me

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing
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Apostle's 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 God's People

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

Sharing the Peace – L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

Offering

- ◇ Mail: Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705
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Offering Song – New Wine

1. In the crushing, in the pressing, You are making new wine
In the soil I now surrender. You are breaking new ground
So I yield to You and to Your careful hand
When I trust You I don't need to understand

Refrain: Make me Your vessel, make me an offering
Make me whatever You want me to be
I came here with nothing but all You have given me
Jesus, bring new wine out of me

2. In the crushing, in the pressing, You are making new wine
In the soil I now surrender. You are breaking new ground
You are breaking new ground. *Refrain.*

Bridge: 'Cause where there is new wine there is new power
There is new freedom and the Kingdom is here
I lay down my old flames to carry Your new fire today.

Repeat Bridge and Refrain.

Ending: Jesus, bring new wine out of me, Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

Offering Prayer – Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving p. 107

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 108

Christ's Words of Institution and Communion

Invitation to Communion

L: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Post Communion Prayer

L: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

Announcements

- To anyone: Could you take 2 copiers & paper to the recycling facility?
- Have you signed up to help with worship lately?
- Food drive all month!
- Tomorrow night: 7pm Church council meeting 😊
- Fairbanks Lutheran is hosting a public Easter dinner 3-5pm. RSVP to 907-378-0505 or 907-347-3924
- Next Sunday – Easter Breakfast with Easter Sunday worship following
- Coming up: Apr 25-27 Synod Assembly; Apr 30 Fbx Mission Fundraiser dinner

Closing Song – Blessed Be Your Name

1. Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where streams of abundance flow blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Refrain: Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

2. Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me.
When the world's all as it should be blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering.
Though there's pain in the offering blessed be Your name. *Refrain*

Bridge: You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name.

Refrain, repeat Bridge.

Blessing

L: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit + bless you now and forever. C: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. C: Thanks be to God!

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