

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sunday of the Passion

March 28, 2021

400 River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212

*In the order of service, congregational responses are printed in **bold**.
Please speak the responses **gently**. It is recommended that masks are worn during worship.*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Please Stand

GREETING

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

Gospel: Mark 11:1-11 *Pastor enters the Sanctuary*

Jesus enters Jerusalem

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then 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.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

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 grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we 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.**

GATHERING SONG

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW 344

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*

3 *The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. Refrain*

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Please Sit

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

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.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot. ¹³For 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. ¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God. ¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

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

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Pastor sings

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain; free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain. In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever; till my ransomed soul shall find no rest beyond the river.

Please be seated for the reading.

GOSPEL: Mark 14:1—15:47

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Pastor sings

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever; till my ransomed soul shall find no rest beyond the river.

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

ELW 351

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.*

3 ***What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?***

***Oh, make me thine forever,
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.***

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.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

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 especially...; 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 congregation'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.**

Please Sit

THANKSGIVING

We give in grateful response for all God's gifts; God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

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DIALOGUE

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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, he 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.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, trespass against us; and lead us not into
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, forever and ever.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive
us our trespasses, as we forgive those who**

Amen.

COMMUNION

The Pastor will instruct the congregation when to take communion from their pew. Wine, juice, and gluten-free wafers are labeled and available at each entrance on the first Sunday each month. Holy Communion is offered to all who believe in Jesus Christ, who confess their sins, and seek forgiveness. Please contact the pastor for home communion.

COMMUNION SONG *Sung by Pastor*

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

Please Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you **✠** that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Go to Dark Gethsemane

ELW 347

1 *Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.*

2 *Follow to the judgment hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall!*

*Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.*

3 *Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn from Jesus Christ to die.*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

INTERIM MUSICIAN: Harold Jefferies

LECTOR: Bo Harris

USHERS: Paul Nevergoll, Gerry Goegeline

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and with prayers of peace and health for all our church family by Myrna & Gerry Goegeline.



PLEASE ASK AN USHER if you need assistance or have a question before worship. Extra bulletins, offering envelopes, etc. are available if needed. They are not in the pews due to COVID.

HOLY COMMUNION takes place on the *first* Sunday of the month due to ongoing COVID precautions. You may select an individual, pre-filled wine, juice, or gluten-free wafer set at the entrance, which you may keep with you until communion. The pastor will direct the congregation when to partake from the pews or at home.

- **QUIET COMMUNION** takes place *immediately following* worship in the transept on all other Sundays for those who wish to stay. You may also stay in your pew. Please remember to maintain physical distance. The trays will be in the front pew. Pastor Frank will direct us when to partake.
- We will continue streaming so those at home can join us.
- Please remember to deposit empty cups, seals, and bulletins in the blue recycle bins as you exit.
- **HOME COMMUNION** available through Pastor Frank or the office. We can put several servings in a sealed bag and deliver curbside if you call in advance!

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL

TODAY, March 28

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday

Sunday School—FH

Worship—Also Streaming Online

Tuesday, March 30

12:00 noon AA Meeting—FH

Wednesday, March 31

10:00 a.m. Bible Study—FH *studying Books of Samuel*

Thursday, April 1

12:00 Noon

12:00 noon

7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 2

12:00 Noon

7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, April 4

7:00 a.m.

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

Worship—Also Streaming Online

AA Meeting—FH

Worship

Good Friday

Worship—Also Streaming Online

Worship

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Worship—East Parking Lot (bring chairs)

Coffee, breakfast snacks & fellowship

Worship with Holy Communion—Reservations please

NO Sunday School

Worship with Holy Communion—Reservations please

Also Streaming Online

EASTER LILIES— If you would like to purchase a lily for Easter, please complete a form in the narthex and submit \$15 per plant. Dedication forms must be received no later than TODAY. You can use the offering plates, or contact the office by phone or email for assistance. You may collect your lily on Easter, but please wait until the 10:30 service concludes. Thanks so much!



EASTER SCHEDULE—Our outdoor Sunrise Service begins at 7am followed by coffee, donuts, and breakfast pastries that can be enjoyed outside for fellowship and conversation. Please bring your foldup chairs.

We will be offering **TWO Easter** services with Holy Communion at 9 am and 10:30 am. These services will require advance reservations similar to Christmas Eve. This is to accommodate all who want to celebrate with extended family. ***Reservations will be required, please.*** Sign up in the narthex or contact the office.

Please note that the Congregation Council approved the continuation of our COVID protocols through next month. We continue to monitor DHEC and CDC recommendations and will evaluate our guidelines on a month-to-month basis. Let's keep doing our part; getting our vaccines, masking in public and large group settings, physically distancing from those not in our households, and washing hands frequently. We're all in this together! Please contact the office, Pastor Frank, or a Congregation Council member if you have any questions.

**LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS
FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND* OR ILL**

Roy Adams
John Martin Areheart
Dot Black
Joe Cooper
*Helen Derrick
*Virgie Dreher
Betty Flinsch
Diane Foster
June Fulmer



Lisa Gillespie
Jeanette Jacobs
Jill Lee
Mickey Lindler
Caroline McCauley
Scott McCauley
Linda Miller
Susan Norcutt
Ann Parris



Jane Potts
*Billie Schnabel
*Olene Sons
Richard Starnes
Ed Thomas
Dean Whitecotton
Bruce William
Crystal Wood

FOR A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE

The family and friends of Bob Adden
The family and friends of Marcie Frick
The family and friends of Ordeen Petersen

MEMBERS & FAMILIES OF THE US ARMED FORCES & MILITARY, INCLUDING:



Tyler Alexander, grandson of Sherri Spangler, USMC
Samantha Davis, niece of Gene & Diana Riley, US Army
Grant Frick, grandson of Ted & Linda Frick, SC National Guard
Victor Frick, grandson of Ted & Linda Frick, US Army
Phil Lake, husband of Bridgett (Sloan) Lake, US Naval Reserve
George McArthur, son of Judith Tolhurst, USMC In Japan
Griffin McLeod, son of Amanda McLeod, SC National Guard
Brian Pipkin, son-in-law of Louie & Imogene Conder, SC Natl. Guard
William Woodruff, son of Jeff And Libby Woodruff, US Army



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If you are a guest, welcome! Please ask an usher for a blue Connections Card and drop in the offering plate so that we can get to know you better. As you leave today, be sure to introduce yourself to the pastor. If you would like to learn about membership or have other questions, please call the church office. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

Tithe.ly online giving available in the app store or www.tithe.ly/give. Set up a secure profile, search “St. Michael Lutheran” and click on our church. One-time or recurring gifts can be scheduled, eliminating the need for carrying cash or check writing. The process is quick, safe, and funds are deposited immediately. Personal information is secure, and you can change your giving profile at any time. Designations for memorial or special gifts are available. An instant receipt is sent via email or text for your tax records, too.

Restrooms are located in both the Administrative and Christian Education Buildings.

Children are always welcome in our worship service, but for those who desire it, a nursery is located in the Administrative Building with the service available via audio.

Large Print bulletins available from an usher

The People of Saint Michael, Ministers

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