

## March 28, 2021 – Palm Sunday

### Gathering

#### Prelude, Welcome & Announcements

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**C Hosanna in the highest!**

#### Processional Gospel

P The holy gospel according to Mark

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and 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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” <sup>11</sup>Then 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. (Mark 11:1-11)

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ**

#### Blessing of the Palms

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P 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.

### **Procession**

**P** Let us go forth in peace,  
**C** in the name of Christ. Amen.

### **Hymn #344** *“All Glory, Laud & Honor”*

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P** As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

### *A brief silence*

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.**

### **Sermon “A time of contrast”**

Today as on every Palm/Passion Sunday we begin with such joy and promise with the parade of palms and cheers of “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!!!” It is an even more riveting scene when we can all process together as a close nit company of believers singing and shouting for the hope and promise of our deliverer, Christ Jesus! But from here, as we know the story, we are plunged into pain – betrayal, suffering and death...

Such a marked contrast seeks to evoke from us a response... in life we have great joys and wonder: life from death – winter to spring; generations

giving birth to the next generation; ... life gives a great many opportunities for joy and sadness...

In today's liturgy we are invited yet again into the Passion of Jesus the Christ to reaffirm that God's whose presence continues with us even, and especially, in those moments of deep darkness and despair and says, "I am with you."

I am with you here in this place, the church, this "mouth house" as Luther says, to hear and proclaim the good news, LISTEN.

I am with you as you go from here, to your homes, and declares to us, I am with you, KNOW ME.

I am with you as you live today even more isolated in the midst of a global pandemic with face masks, frequent hand washing, and... fear and says, "you've got this" BE CHRIST TO YOUR NEIGHBOUR.

As we now enter into this time of story and contemplation, if you are able to hear worship today, listen deeply and attentively. If you are at home and reading this liturgy for today, read the Readings slowly and deliberately (especially the Passion – yes, it's long but it's yours to know.)

Know that God dwells here in this place with the company of the faithful and bids us to die with Christ that so doing we are resurrected with him.

God be with you during this Great and Holy Week as you meditate on the cross.

## **Word**

### **First Reading – Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>The 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. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I 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. <sup>7</sup>The 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; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31:9-16 Refrain: In you, O Lord, in you have I taken refuge.**

**(Not to be recited by the congregation)**

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

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

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

<sup>12</sup>Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;  
I am as useless as a broken pot.

<sup>13</sup>For 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.

<sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.  
I have said, "You are my God.

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who| persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love."

**Second Reading -- Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and

on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn #345 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now**

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MARK.**

**– DRAMATIC READING - Mark 14:1 – 15:47**

**Hymn Of The Day #349 Ah, Holy Jesus**

**Apostles' Creed**

**P** With the whole church we confess our faith.

**C** **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.

*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, Florence, Jason, Richard, Heather, Sheila, Albert, Addrienne, Robert, Dorian, 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.**

**Meal**

**Offering**

*Music accompanies the presenting of the gifts and the setting of the table for the Great Thanksgiving.*

**Prayer**

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

**The Great Thanksgiving** *Page 144*

*Preface for Sunday of the Passion. Prayer at the Table IV "Blessed are you, O God of the universe..." (with congregational responses.)"*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Music During Distribution**

**Lamb of God** *Page 146*

**Hymns: #351 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

**#342 There in God's Garden**

**Prayer after Communion**

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Blessing**

**Hymn #347 Go to Dark Gethsemane**

**Dismissal**

## Postlude

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## News and Announcements:

**Please Pray for Those Who are Ill, in Hospital, or Requested Special Prayers:** Florence Felske, Jason Godin, Richard Hubert, Heather Miller, Sheila Purdy, Albert Reiche, Addrienne Schroeder, Robert Schoof, Dorian Verch.

## SERVICE BROADCAST ON COGECO

Cogeco Community Channel is now broadcasting Zion's services at 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon on Sunday mornings a week later.

## COVID VACCINE

Have you made your appointment to have your covid vaccine? If not we are willing to help. Just call Susan Dupuis. 343-369-2057.... Jan Scheidt 519-752-9826...Ellen Vandersleen... 613-732-7649, and we will help

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation classes have resumed in the fellowship hall after Sunday Worship. The next class will be Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am.

## UPDATES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

Please remember that Pastor Leena is available to all for pastoral care during the next few months. This support may look different than we are accustomed to as she will be following all of the covid restrictions. She can be contacted at 613-631-1082

## REGISTERING FOR EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

At this past week's Worship & Music Committee meeting, it was decided that we will once again have 2 Easter Sunday services – at 8am and 10:30am. Those wishing to attend will need to contact the church office by



phone at 613-732-8792, or email at [zionoffice@nrtco.net](mailto:zionoffice@nrtco.net) to pre-register (similar to what was done for the Christmas Eve services). We will take pre-registrations until March 29<sup>th</sup>. The church office is open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9am until 12 noon to receive your phone calls.

## **EASTER DONATIONS**

Anyone wishing to make any Easter donations to the following funds (Building, Office, Good Shepherding, etc) is asked to contact the church office. The deadline for donations is Monday, March 29, 2021. Please note that due to the amount of donation requests received during this busy time, we request that bulletin announcements must be either e-mailed to the church office ([zionoffice@nrtco.net](mailto:zionoffice@nrtco.net)), or legibly printed on the donation forms located at the entrances to the sanctuary, and dropped off at the office, or placed on the offering plate or in the office correspondence mailbox. In this way, your announcement will be placed in the Easter bulletin exactly the way you wish.

## **HELP FOR ONE OF ZION'S FAMILIES**

It is with a caring and prayerful heart that the Social Ministry Committee is appealing to Zion's church family and friends to assist one of our young families.

Jason and Karen Godin, with their children Haley and Lucas are active members here at Zion. Jason is the son-in-law of Cheryl Sack and brother-in-law of Blaine Sack. Jason works as a Commissionaire Barrack Warden at Garrison Petawawa as well as a volunteer firefighter for Petawawa.

Jason recently received a Glioblastoma brain cancer diagnosis - the same type of cancer that Gord Downie battled. Jason will be needing radiation and chemotherapy treatment for this aggressive, incurable type of cancer. With the long road ahead; they could use some assistance as Jason's work benefits will not be enough to cover the many expenses that will be incurred in the foreseeable future. Therefore, we are asking for your help to soften the financial stress. Let us show them our love and support.

You can help with your contribution of cash, cheque or e- transfer.

- Make the cheque payable to Zion Lutheran Church, noting 'Karen and Jason Godin' on the envelope or the memo line. You can drop off the cheque at the church office or mail it to:

Zion Lutheran Church,  
454 Miller Street,  
Pembroke, ON K8A 5Z4.

**\*\*Please note that we will not be able to issue donation receipts for this appeal due to what the CRA refers to as “private benevolence”. The CRA does not permit a charitable donation receipt under these circumstances.**

- Use your online banking to send an e-transfer to:  
“[zionoffice@nrtco.net](mailto:zionoffice@nrtco.net)”. Passwords are not required as auto deposit is set up. Please indicate that it is for Karen and Jason in the message box.

We pray for God’s healing touch.

Thank You and blessings to each of you for your generosity!

**Today’s Video Has Been Brought To You By Zion Lutheran Church’s Production Crew:**

**Presider:** Captain the Rev. Michael Hackbusch, Padre

**Musician:** Blaine Sack

**Worship Assistant/Reader:** Susan Dupuis

**Projectionist:** Krista Grosskleg

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**Sound Board Operator:** Krista Hammel

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**Today’s Worship Volunteers**

**Counters:** Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier, David Lehman

**Sexton:** David Lehman

**Ushers:** Barry & Arlene Grosskleg

**This Week at Zion – March 29 – April 4**

**Tuesday 7p.m. Narcotics Anonymous**

**Wednesday 1pm Staff Mtg.**

**Thursday 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service**

**Friday 10am Good Friday Worship Service**

**Sunday 8am & 10:30am Easter Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion**