

THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

11:00 AM

PALM SUNDAY

The red EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP service book and hymnal is used for the liturgy.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING

The assembly gathers at the fellowship hall and walks to the portico and process in with palm branches. Members and friends that are unable to process may silently pray during the processional.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

ELW#264

Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 assembly is seated.

Order of Welcome for the Interim Pastor

At the first service in which an Interim Pastor leads worship, the following may be used after the prelude and prior to the beginning of worship.

President of the Congregation Council:

People of God, the Rev. Leroy Cannon has been appointed by the Office of the Bishop of the South Carolina Synod to serve Reformation Lutheran Church as our Interim Pastor.

***Duties:** Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Interim Pastor shall preach the Word, administer the sacraments, conduct public worship, provide pastoral care, and shall speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world. Within the congregation, Pastor Cannon shall offer instruction, confirm, marry, visit the sick and distressed, and bury the dead; lend counsel to all church schools and organizations of the congregation. Impart knowledge of this church and its wider ministry. Endeavor to increase the support given by the congregation by the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and of the synod of the ELCA. The Interim Pastor shall be supported in the above activities by the congregation and its standing committees.*

We welcome him into our midst as a shepherd and guide for our ministry and thank him for his willingness to be with us during our time of transition. Let us together ask God's blessings on Pastor Cannon and upon the work that we will do together in Christ's name.

The President or an Assisting Minister may offer the following prayer:

A: Loving God, we thank you for sending this faithful pastor to be among us during this special time in the life of our church. And we ask that you would empower him with your Holy Spirit that his preaching and teaching may show forth your living presence, that his counsel might be blessed with wisdom and insight, and that all our work together may witness to the love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

C: Amen

A: Pastor Leroy Cannon,

C: We welcome you into our family and pray God's blessing be upon you.

The Interim Pastor may wish to respond with a few informal remarks.

The service begins as is customary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and psalm.

FIRST READING: First Kings 1: 28-35, 38-40

A reading from First Kings.

²⁸King David answered, "Summon Bathsheba to me." So she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. ²⁹The king swore, saying, "As the LORD lives, who has saved my life from every adversity, ³⁰as I swore to you by the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne in my place,' so will I do this day." ³¹Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the ground, and did obeisance to the king, and said, "May my lord King David live forever!"

³²King David said, "Summon to me the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada." When they came before the king, ³³the king said to them,

"Take with you the servants of your lord, and have my son Solomon ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon. ³⁴There let the priest Zadok and the prophet Nathan anoint him king over Israel; then blow the trumpet, and say, 'Long live King Solomon!' ³⁵You shall go up following him. Let him enter and sit on my throne; he shall be king in my place; for I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah."

³⁸So the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, went down and had Solomon ride on King David's mule, and led him to Gihon. ³⁹There the priest Zadok took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Solomon. Then they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!" ⁴⁰And all the people went up following him, playing on pipes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth quaked at their noise.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:12-17

The gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹²Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers."

¹⁴The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry ¹⁶and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?'" ¹⁷He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

TFF #147

I Shall Not Be Moved

Refrain

I shall not be, I shall not be moved. I shall not be, I shall not be moved;

like a tree plant-ed by the wa - ter, I shall not be moved.

1 When my cross is heav - y, I shall not be moved,
 2 The church of God is march - ing, I shall not be moved, the
 3 Je - sus is our cap - tain, I shall not be moved,
 4 Fight - ing sin and Sa - tan, I shall not be moved,

when my cross is heav - y, I shall not be moved;
 church of God is march - ing, I shall not be moved;
 Je - sus is our cap - tain, I shall not be moved;
 fight - ing sin and Sa - tan, I shall not be moved;

Refrain

like a tree plant-ed by the wa - ter, I shall not be moved.

The assembly stands as together we confess our faith.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

The service then continues with the prayers of intercession.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND RESPONSE

(Sung response)

The image shows a musical score for a church response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The first system has a vocal line with the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. or The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God." The second system has a vocal line with the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life." The bass lines provide harmonic support with chords and single notes.

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep
Merciful God,

O Lord, hear my prayer...

Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of our new interim pastor, church musicians, choir, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they serve during this Holy Week. Merciful God,

O Lord, hear my prayer...

Command your angels concerning all who are sick, especially those we remember silently in our hearts and with voice upon our lips (*pause*) *Tracy Hamiter, Connie Pool, Emmy Reeves, Bobbie Prosser, Sarah Trani, H.B. Eleazer and Jamie Mansperger.* God of grace,

O Lord, hear my prayer...

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

PEACE

ELW pg. 106

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you!

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, or say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.
The assembly is seated.*

The OFFERING & OFFERTORY

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Choir

TFF 152

DOXOLOGY

Praise God for Love We All May Share

Hymns of the Spirit, 1937

Louis Bourgeois, 1551

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Praise God for love we all may share. Praise God for beau-ty ev - 'ry - where. Praise God for hope of good to be. Praise God for truth that makes us free. A - men." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Leroy Cannon

ELW pg. 107 (spoken)

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.

PREFACE and SANCTUS (spoken)

ELW pg. 108

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - low - ed be your
name, your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our
sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial and de -
liv - er us from e - vil, for the king - dom, the power and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

THE COMMUNION OF THE BELOVED

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR WORSHIP IS THIS SHARED MEAL,

All are welcome to join us as members of God's family, brothers and sisters in Christ, as we share in this powerful gift of God's love and grace for the human family. We gather around the altar, kneeling or standing, wherever there is a place. The presiding minister offers wheaten wafers but can provide a gluten free wafer by request at the altar rail. The assisting minister offers individual cups of wine as well as sealed cups of grape juice for those who do not drink wine. The church affirms our Lord's presence in, with, and under each element alone. If you prefer to commune in your pew with a prepackaged communion set, please alert an usher.

COMMUNION SONG

Fill My Cup, Lord

Richard Blanchard

Richard Blanchard

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord. Come and
quench this thirsting of my soul. Bread of heav-en, feed me till I
want no more; fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

COMMUNION SONG

Jesus, Lamb of God

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The guitar line includes chord diagrams and chord names: F, C/E, Dm, F/A, Bb, F/C, C, F, C/E, Dm, F/A, Bb, F/C, C, Bb/F, F, Bb/C, C. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name; Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name." The score includes various musical notations such as rests, slurs, and repeat signs.

The assembly stands and the presiding minister says a table blessing.

THE TABLE 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.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

ELW#759 (Red book)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WELCOME Pastor & Mrs. Cannon

We welcome and thank Pastor Leroy Cannon for accepting the appointment by Bishop Aebischer of the SC Synod as interim pastor at Reformation Lutheran Church. Pastor Cannon is a retired pastor of the SC Synod ELCA. Before retiring, from 2014-2022, he was mission developer and pastor of Christ Mission a congregation of the SC Synod. Pastor Cannon has forty-four years of experience in ministry. He is a graduate of Benedict College with a B.A. in 1966, SC State University with MED in 1969, and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary with a MDiv in 1979. He was a pastor in the African Methodist Episcopal Church for 35 years. Cannon is also a moderator and active participant in the SC Synod Inclusiveness Network. He currently serves as one of the elected members of the ELCA Church Council. As the interim, Pastor, Cannon will also lead our congregation through the transition to support our search for a called pastor. He will serve part time for 20-25 hours a week leading worship, working with the congregation council and executive committee, caring for emergencies and pastoral care. As interim he has all the rights and responsibilities of a full time called pastor. The Council is working out the details with Pastor Cannon and will keep you informed. As we begin a new chapter at Reformation, the Council would like to express our gratitude to the congregation for your patience, prayers, and words of support and encouragement through this transition process. Please extend a warm Reformation welcome to Pastor Cannon and his wife, Mrs. Helen Cannon.



CONTINUED PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for Reformation and the SC Synod during the transition time and call process for a pastor.

Holy Week worship

Sunday, April 2, 10 a.m. - Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m. - Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 7, 7 p.m. - Good Friday

Easter Celebration

Sunday, April 9, 10 a.m. - The Resurrection of Our Lord!

Potluck Brunch (Bring something to share)

and Easter Egg Hunt after!

3rd FRIDAY UNWIND



Our first in-person/hybrid 3rd Friday Unwind was a huge success, with seventeen people attending. There was a lot of warmth, smiles and great conversation shared, new friendships formed!

Regrettably, and I apologize, it wasn't so great an experience for those attending on Zoom; we have some work to do on that.

Thanks to the Reconciling Next Team comprising members from Washington Street United Methodist Church, St. Mark United Methodist Church and Reformation Lutheran Church for support in planning and publishing the event, and Thanks especially to all who supported this by your attendance!

We look forward to the next gathering!

-Gary Parish

REFORMATION LUTHERAN IS AN INCLUSIVE, LGBTQIA+ AFFIRMING



congregation that believes Christ calls us to serve others with joy. Safe Space Dinners, a ministry for homeless LGBTQIA+ youth, including people of color.

The ministry is simple. On the second Thursday of each month, these youth (14-23 years old) are offered a safe space and time to gather for a time to rest and recharge, a home-cooked meal, a haircut, and a backpack of items they will find helpful in their day-to-day life. There are always a number of games to play, including video games. Sometimes we have entertainment from the community. There is no preaching, no conversion therapy attempts; only support and comfort. This is a ministry of giving – nothing more.

OPPORTUNITIES of WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

In Person Sunday Worship Livestream - 10:00 am-11:00 am www.reformationcae.org
Coffee Hour is held after the worship service in the Reformation Fellowship Hall.

This week only, Choir Rehearsal will be Thursday at 5:30 pm.

Wired Word is held via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm.

The church office will be closed on Easter Monday in observance of Easter day.

ZOOM MONTHLY MEETINGS

Day	Time	Group	Meeting ID
Every Tuesday	7:30 - 8:45 PM	Wired Word	874 3216 1480
2nd Sundays	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Executive Committee	873 4122 4846
2nd Mondays	7:30 - 8:45 PM	Education Committee	885 2843 7568
2nd Thursdays	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Finance Committee	876 9845 4243
2nd Thursdays	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Safe Space Dinner	IN PERSON
3rd Sundays	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Council Meeting	814 7371 7070
3rd Tuesdays	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Worship & Music Committee	840 4892 9600
3rd Thursdays	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Servants Committee	TBA
3rd Fridays	6:00 - 7:00 PM	3rd Friday Unwind	827 5730 8224
4th Sundays	11:30 - 12:30 PM	Safe Space Dinners Committee	IN PERSON - Parlor

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