

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday



RINGING OF BELL

PRELUDE *And He Set His Face Toward Jerusalem
Triumphal Entry*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: On Palm Sunday so many years ago, the people saw Jesus and asked,
C: Who is this?
L: In worship, we respond. In worship, we declare:
C: Jesus is a miracle worker and healer.
L: Jesus is a teacher and preacher.
C: Jesus is our light in the darkness.
L: Jesus is our source of love.
C: Jesus is our path in the wilderness.
L: So may we lay down our hearts like they laid down their coats.
C: Let us worship Holy God.

READING: Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "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." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The 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!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

OPENING LITANY: *Who Is This?*

- L: And this is where our story begins.
C: Who is this?
V1: I heard he was a carpenter's son.
V2: I heard he was from Nazareth.
V4: Can anything good come from Nazareth?

C: Who is this?

V4: I heard he knew John the Baptist.

V5: I heard he was related to John the Baptist.

V2: I heard he can heal people.

V3: Do you think he can heal me?

C: Who is he?

V5: I heard he talks to gentiles.

V2: I heard he talks to children!

V3: And women!

C: Seriously, who is this?

V5: I heard he's the Son of David.

V2: I heard he's the Son of Man.

V3: I heard he's the one we've been waiting for.

V1: I heard he was born of a Virgin.

V2: I heard he was born in a stable.

C: Who is this?

V2: Why is he riding a donkey?

V3: How does he have so many followers?

V1: Do you think Caesar knows that a man from Nazareth has been welcomed with such a large parade?

C: Who is this?

V3: I don't know who he is, but I've heard he's gracious and kind.

V1: I heard he fed five thousand people.

V5: I heard he survived the wilderness.

V4: I heard he helped the blind man see.

V3: I heard he can save all of us.

V2: Who is this?

C: Who is this?

PROCESSIONAL HYMN WITH PALMS: ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR, V.1-3

ELW #344

Pre-Recorded

*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*

2 The company of angels are praising you on high;
Creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *REFRAIN*

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

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 of Christ, 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.

READING: *Tables Turned* - Matthew 21:12-13

Then 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. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers."

MONDAY REFLECTION: *The woman in the temple*

READING: *Authority Questioned* - Matthew 21:23

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

TUESDAY REFLECTION: *A Pharisee*

READING: *Anointed* - Matthew 26:6-13

Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor." But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

WEDNESDAY REFLECTION: *The woman with the alabaster jar*

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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 & LORD'S PRAYER

READING: *Betrayal* - Matthew 26:14-16

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

WEDNESDAY REFLECTION: *Judas*

READING: *The Garden* - Matthew 26:36-47

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found

them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand." While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

THURSDAY NIGHT REFLECTION: *A disciple in the garden of Gethsemane*

CLOSING LITANY – Who Is He?

- L: On Sunday he was everything – the center of the parade, the center of our attention. His arrival was holy and unexpected and beautiful.
- C: Who is he?**
- V1: On Monday he turned the world upside down. He flipped the tables while he flipped the script. I've never seen anything like it before.
- C: Who is he?**
- V2: On Tuesday he was a teacher. But he wasn't like the other teachers. He sat and they sat. He spoke and they listened. What they don't know is he hasn't earned his place.
- C: Who is he?**
- V3: On Wednesday he pulled me from the wilderness. He gave me the gift of new life, so I gave him all that I had. People may have stared and talked, but newness does that to people.
- C: Who is he?**
- V4: On Wednesday he was nothing more than a man worth thirty pieces of silver.
- C: Who is he?**
- V5: On Thursday he was betrayed. He was arrested. He was treated like a convict. On Thursday he was alone, and I was asleep.
- C: Who is he?**
- L: This is the question of holy week, and it's the question of our entire lives. In order to answer this question, we have to walk through all of holy week, through the wilderness of betrayal and death, the wilderness of the tomb and surprise ending. As we continue to walk through the wilderness of faith – the good days, the bad days, the everyday – step by step – the rest of the story....

HYMN: JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS, v.1-3 ELW #335 *Pre-Recorded*

- 1 *Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain.*
 REFRAIN: *In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
 'Til my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.*
- 2 *Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
 There the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. REFRAIN*
- 3 *Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring it's scenes before me;
 Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. REFRAIN*

BENEDICTION: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace.
Amen.

RINGING OF BELL

SENDING: Marked with the cross of Christ,
Go forth to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *What Wondrous Love is This*

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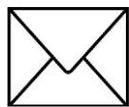
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HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

Sat/Mar 27	afternoon	~Palms will be available outside the church doors beginning Saturday~
Sun/Mar 28	9 am	PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP - In-Person** & Live-Streamed
Thu/Apr 1	6:30 pm	MAUNDY THURS WORSHIP- Fifth Grade First Communion
Fri/Apr 2	9 am	GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP - <i>Prayers Around the Cross</i> -- Church Sanctuary
Fri/Apr 2	6 pm	GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP - <i>Stations of the Cross</i> – Church Parking Lot (held Inside in the event of bad weather)
Sun/Apr 4	9 am	EASTER WORSHIP – In-Person & Live-Streamed
Sun/Apr 4	9:45-10:15	Drive-By Communion & FLCW Breakfast Bag
Sun/Apr 4	10:15	EASTER WORSHIP – In-Person



Stewardship Committee encourages the congregation over the next few weeks to send out 5-10 written (cards or notes) – messages of Hope &/or Easter – to others who may need to hear encouragement or may be struggling to find meaning during these times.

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