

Order of Worship

Announcements

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

Processional Gospel: Matthew 21: 1 - 11

See Scriptures

Raise your palm branches.

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of the Lord.

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of the Day

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.

First Lesson: Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a

See Scriptures

Psalm 31: 9 - 16

See Scriptures

Second Lesson: Philippians 2: 5 - 11

See Scriptures

Gospel: Matthew 26: 14 - 27:66

Not printed

Sermon

The Offering

Prayers of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by they name,
thy kingdom come,
they will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Benediction and Dismissal

Join Us for Holy Week

Services by Pastor Helgren will be posted on Facebook, YouTube and our web page.

Maundy Thursday, April 9th, will be posted by 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 10th, will be posted by 7 p.m.

Live Easter Service 9:30 a.m.

Join us Easter Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on Facebook as
Pastor Helgren presents the Easter Service live.

If you are unable to join us at that time, the video will
be available anytime following the live service.



Today's Readings

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday
April 5, 2020

Proclamation Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

When 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 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."

Prayer of the Day

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First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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 awakens—
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.

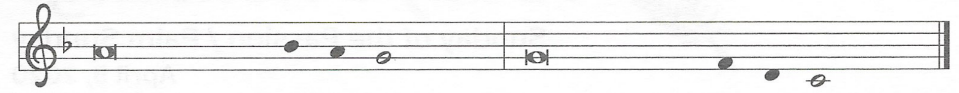
⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been
disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to
shame;

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?

Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16; tone 2



Have mercy on me, O LORD,
for I ¹am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat ¹and my belly.
¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief,
and my ¹years with sighing;
my strength fails me
because of affliction,
and my bones ¹are consumed.
¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies,
a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to ¹my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street
¹they avoid me.
¹²Like the dead I am forgotten,
¹out of mind;
I am as useless as a ¹broken pot.

¹³For I have heard
the whispering of the crowd;
fear is ¹all around;
they put their heads together
against me;
they plot to ¹take my life.
¹⁴But as for me,
I have trusted in ¹you, O LORD.
I have said, "You ¹are my God.
¹⁵My times are ¹in your hand;
rescue me
from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who ¹persecute me.
¹⁶Let your face shine
up- ¹on your servant;
save me in your ¹steadfast love."

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Let 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.

Gospel

Matthew 26:14—27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54 [not printed]

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Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18.

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