

Service of the Word for the Home and for ZOOM

Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

10:00 a.m.

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| PRELUDE | "O Lamb of God, Most Holy" | - Johann Pachelbel |
| | "Song" | - David Paxton |
| | "All Glory, Laud and Honor" | - John Hebdens Schaffner |

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

WELCOME

ACCLAMATION *three times*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL **Mark 11:1-11**

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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

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

HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Refrain
now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

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ACCLAMATION

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

Hosanna in the highest.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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:

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE WORD

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 *read responsively*

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
¹⁰**For 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 all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
¹²**Like 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.
¹⁴**But 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.
¹⁶**Let 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *sung by choir*

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO MARK

For in person worshipers, the passion reading is found in the insert in this bulletin. The congregation is invited to read the speaking parts marked with a leaf. At home and zoom worshipers may follow along using a Bible—Mark 14:1-15:47.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

CHOIR ANTHEM “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” – Benedict Ducis, *arr.*, c. 1480-1544
AN WASSERFLUSSEN BABYLON, Strassburg, 1525

A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, the guilt of all men bearing.
And laden with the sins of earth, none else the burden sharing!
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, to slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer bears shame, and stripes, and wounds, and death,
Anguish and mockery and saith, “Willing all this I suffer.”

This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, the Lamb of God, our Savior.
Him God, the Father, chose to send to gain for us His favor.
“Go forth, my Son,” the Father saith,
“And free men from the fear of death, from guilt and condemnation.
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear, but by Thy Passion men shall share
The fruit of Thy salvation.”

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

On this Sunday of the Passion, we pray for all in need, responding to each petition with words from today's psalm, "save us in your steadfast love."

A brief silence.

O God of majesty, mercy and might, hear and heed our fervent prayers: for the church around the world, that the faithful be nourished by your presence in the word, for bishops, pastors, and deacons, that they be strengthened for their tasks of ministry; for those who are providing the necessary technology for our worship at this time, . . . O holy God, we pray to you:
save us in your steadfast love.

For peace throughout the world; for an end to terrorism and religious violence; for all elected leaders, that they serve the common good, . . . O holy God, we pray to you:
save us in your steadfast love.

For the countries hardest hit by the coronavirus; for the fearful and the sick and their families; for medical personnel and hospitals, . . . O holy God, we pray to you:
save us in your steadfast love.

For all who are facing the criminal justice system; for those wrongly accused of crime; for those who are incarcerated, that they be kept safe, . . . O holy God, we pray to you:

save us in your steadfast love.

For all persons who suffer violence, especially the community of Boulder, Colorado, that they may be consoled... O holy God, we pray to you.

save us in your steadfast love.

For those whose needs we know, for those whose needs are hidden; for all who are sick, for the hungry, for the dying; for those we name here, . . . O holy God, we pray to you:

save us in your steadfast love.

And finally we pray for all those needs that are on our hearts that have not been named aloud.... O holy God, we pray to you:

save us in your steadfast love.

With thanks for this Holy Week; with thanks for the support of our community of faith; with thanks for the saints who struggled through life and died in you, especially Frida Schoch, we praise your salvation now and unto our end. O holy God, we pray to you:

save us in your steadfast love.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people do give you thanks, saying:

Your mercy endures forever.

By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of your bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness. Your mercy endures forever.

Your mercy endures forever.

By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old, blessing them with family outnumbering the stars and calling them to be a blessing to others, showing them steadfast love in every generation and calling them to be a light to the nations. Your mercy endures forever.

Your mercy endures forever.

By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love. 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. With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness. Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love. With all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Finally, as Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy 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.

LAMB OF GOD *sung by choir*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts, with thanksgiving.

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, you feed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us through these forty days, that we may hunger for justice, make peace with our neighbors and the world you have made, and praise you with grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

May God, who has made from the dust of the earth, and who has redeemed you from the power of the evil one, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. 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.**

HYMN/RECESSION *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

- J.G. Walther

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Pastor Kimberly van Driel | Presiding Minister |
| Mollie Hibbs | Assisting Minister |
| Amy Beiler | Reader |
| Judy Wadding | Crucifer |
| Kevin Mathias | Organist |
| Harry Cunningham | Senior Choir Director |
| Josh Kamerer | AV Assisting Minister |
| Brandon Stein | PowerPoint Assisting Minister |
| Roxanne Glagola | Altar Guild |
| Bob and Karen Domanski | Ushers |
| Bob and Karen Domanski | Counters |

Flowers are given to the glory of God by the congregation of First English Lutheran Church.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

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| Monday, 3/29 | 5:00 PM | Community Dinner |
| | 5:00 PM | NA Meeting |
| | 8:00 PM | NA Meeting |
| Tuesday, 3/30 | 5:00 PM | NA Meeting |
| Wednesday, 3/31 | 7:00 PM | Online Book Study (details below) |
| | 7:00 PM | AA Meeting (Social Hall) |
| Thursday, 4/1 | 5:00 PM | NA Meeting |
| | 7:30 PM | NA Meeting |
| | 7:30 PM | Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar |
| Friday, 4/2 | 7:30 PM | Good Friday Liturgy with the Passion According to John |
| Saturday, 4/3 | 9:00 AM | AA Meeting |
| | 12:00 PM | NA Meeting |
| | 8:00 PM | The Great Vigil of Easter at Lutherlyn |
| Sunday, 4/4 | 6:30 AM | Easter Sunrise Service at Starlight Drive-In with Trinity Lutheran Church |
| | 10:00 AM | Worship with Holy Communion at First English |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Judy Wadding for coordinating this year's reading of the Passion and to all readers:
 Pastor Kimberly van Driel (Jesus), Fred Miller (Peter), Victor Nieto (Pilate), Ed Wadding (Bystander and Centurion), Dan Morrow (Judas), Marilyn Shoup (Servant Girl), Susan Farrell (High Priest), and Judy Wadding (Narrator)

If you are planning to attend in-person worship on Easter Sunday, please RSVP by calling the church office or signing up on the google form: <https://forms.gle/MWnuBTGnQSWky4o99> We are trying to arrange enough seating! Thank you!

Lenten Observance with Butler Area Lutheran Ministries

Wednesday at 7 pm: Online book study via Zoom –

Samuel Wells' *The Power and the Passion: Six Characters in Search of Resurrection.*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83965238272?pwd=WVJDWDRiS2hUOS9pWENUakNYL0tRUT09>

Meeting ID: 839 6523 8272

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Holy Week at First English

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28 - 10 AM

In-Person and Zoom

With Palm Procession and the Passion According to Mark
The in-person palm procession (with singing) will happen
outside, weather permitting.
Please bring an umbrella if it is lightly raining.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1 - 7:30 PM

In-Person and Zoom

Service of Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar
Please bring a pair of children's new or gently used sneakers for
the Emily Brittain Comfort Closet.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2 - 7:30 PM

In-Person and Zoom

Good Friday Liturgy with the Passion According to John

**THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER AT CAMP LUTHERLYN
SATURDAY, APRIL 3 - 8 PM, DOGWOOD SHELTER**

In-Person Only

This ancient liturgy includes fire, Scripture reading, chanting,
and the first Eucharist of Easter. Worshipers should plan for at
least a 90 min. service with some singing (we will be outdoors
and physically distanced). Please bring a flashlight and a chair
and wear a mask. Please dress for the weather and wear clothes
that can get smoky.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

**Easter Sunrise Service with Trinity Lutheran Church
at Starlight Drive-In - 6:30 AM**

In-Person Only

Worship with Holy Communion at First English - 10 AM

Worshipers are invited to bring a small bouquet of flowers to
add to the large wooden cross in the sanctuary.

In-Person and Zoom



PRAYERS

The family of Frida Schoch, Jim Cunningham, Pastor John Cochran, Hunter, Graham Cannon, Rita Marzullo Wagner, Emma, Scott Hainley, the family of Edna Hartman, the family of Gina Ambrosio, Marc and family, Hazel Warheit, Eleanor Roth, the family of Gene Fozard, David and Michele, the Jones family, Jamie Goehring, Jason Beckwith, and Devin, Codi, Savannah, Alyssa & Ethan, Rachel Faulkner, the family of Pastor Christine and Mark Rotella, , Debbie Damiano, Frida Nelson, Pam and children, the family and friends of Jake, the family of Marian Boltz, the family of Zack, Sue Morrow, Joan, Joey Lash, Andrea Dubler, Janice Critchlow, Pastor Karl Schoch, Anne Ferguson, the family of Dan Hanczar, Jeanette Cunningham, Marsh Miller, Ida Miller, Helen Wagner, the Lawson family, the Bodnar family, Tyler Jacob Huey, Meredith, Mary and Eleanor, Larry,

Frederick Miller, Jim Buehler, Justin Buehler, Cyndy Halin, Cindy Regis & her daughter Angie, Josh, Aryl Bashline, Dave and Diana Braun, David and Gina & family, Tad & Shirley Sellers, Crystal, Gayle Wynn, Mary Maloney, the family of Ryan Warheit, the family of Scot Taylor, Claude, Audrey & Jonah Clark, Ed Beck, the family of Jim Templet, the family of Edgard Nieto, the family of Marjorie Ellis, Anita, Jamie and Kaitlin Sprague, Becky Wyckoff, Larry Hamil, Jan Nieto, David and Emma Lee Hartle, the family of Hailey Matheson, Ryan, Forest and Marietta White, Christine Pflugh, Asyiah, the family of Nancy, Joyce Hall, Bruni Bilowich, Karen Vavro, Doug Horner, Sandy, Lisa, Wendy, Rhonda, Judy M., Mary Ellen, Claudia, Karen, Kitty Walker, Elizabeth, Jena Wright, Ralph D'Antonio.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 10:34-43

God raised Jesus on the third day

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Witnesses to the risen Christ

Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.