Service of Holy Communion Palm Sunday April 10, 2022 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" - Johann Pachelbel
Prelude on "Salem" - Tom Birchwood
"Ride On, Ride On In Majesty" - Jean Drahmann

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 Luke 19:28-40

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 19th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Entrance into the final days.

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully

with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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 (next page)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor



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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:

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the children's message, children are blessed to attend children's church. Children will return to the sanctuary at the sharing of the peace.

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.

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; 8he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

9aIt is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

consumed.

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

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.

¹²Like 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.

¹⁴But 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.

¹⁶Let 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,

She humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
to that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and 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.

The congregation may stand.

HYMN

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" sts. 1-2

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The congregation may be seated.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO LUKE

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. After worship, please place your copy of the passion reading in the collection box in the back of the sanctuary so that they can be reused.

The congregation may stand.

HYMN

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" sts. 3-4

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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,

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

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

The congregation may kneel or sit.

We pray for the church around the world, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross: Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer, for victims of war and torture in Cameroon, Yemen, and Ukraine; for political prisoners throughout the world, and for all who are falsely accused of crime and wrongfully imprisoned. Give them mercy, consolation, justice, and hope. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who gleefully wield violence. Restrain their wickedness, frustrate their plans, convert their hearts, and heal their souls, so that all people will enjoy the peace you intend. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We pray for those who sit in the shadow of despair: those who despair of their health, or of relationships, or of forgiveness. Through the cross of your Son, find them in the shadows and illumine their hearts with the love from which nothing separates us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

We remember those who have died, especially Jean, whom we commend to your hands. Remember us when you come into your kingdom, and prepare a place for each of us with you in paradise. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The congregation may stand.

THE MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

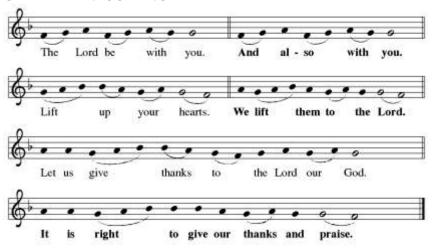
CHOIR ANTHEM

"Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love" Linda Mathias, soprano Kevin Mathias, tenor - Everett Titcomb

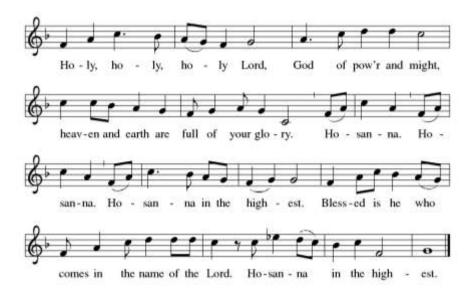
OFFERING PRAYER

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



It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy that we should at all times and in all places...(*The presiding minister continues giving thanks, concluding*)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God... (*The presiding minister continues giving thanks, concluding*...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

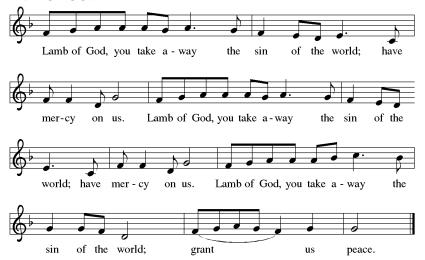
Remembering, therefore, his salutary command...(*the thanksgiving concludes*)...To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
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,

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

All are welcome to Holy Communion today. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. The ushers will invite you forward to receive. Gluten free wafers are available; please let the pastor know if you wish to receive them. If you are able to receive either bread or wine (but not both), please know that you still receive the full communion.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *led by the assisting minister* Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body,

the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

Amen.

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.

SENDING HYMN "Were You There" Red Book #353

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"

- Paul Manz, arr.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Sue Morrow	Assisting Minister
Jeanne Graff	Reader
Emily Stein	Crucifer
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Senior Choir Director
Marlin Boltz	AV Assisting Minister
Melody Kamerer	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Sharon Heist Miller	Children's Church
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Susan Farrell and Dan Morrow	Ushers
Jack and Amy Beiler	Counters

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Sandy Lefebvre in memory of loved ones.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 4/11	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting
Tuesday, 4/12	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, 4/13	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday, 4/14	6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting
Friday, 4/15	7:30 PM	Good Friday Service
	8:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 4/16	12:00 PM	NA Meeting
	8:00 PM	The Great Vigil of Easter at Lutherlyn
Sunday, 4/17	10:00 AM	Worship at First English

ZOOM MEETING INFO:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We mourn with the family of Jean Morrow, who died in resurrection hope on April 7th. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

Thank you to our readers!

Narrator: Sue Morrow Witness: Pastor Ryan Fitch Jesus: Fred Miller Centurion: Pastor Kimberly van

Pilate: Marj Rogner Driel

Peter: Sydney Cline Criminals: Marlin & Karen Boltz

Servant: Merry Miller

PRAYERS

The family of Jean Morrow; Jim Petsinger & family; Jamie McPoyle & family; Andrea Dubler; Keith Morgan; Jan Nieto; family of Marlyn Dempsey; Michelle; baby Mac & family; family of Megan Gibson; Chrissy; family of Charlie Stitt; Jennifer Hartle Fink; family of Rob Huey; the people of Ukraine & others affected by the conflict; Tracy Steadman & family; Kassidy; continued healing for John Negley; Tom Walker; Roberta; Cindy Regis & family; continued healing for Graham Cannon; Tad Sellers; Anne Ferguson; Pam Patterson; Tom Olson; Judy; Claudia; Karen; Anita

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 15:19-26

Christ raised from the dead, the first fruits

Luke 24:1-12

The women proclaim the resurrection

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Holy Week at First English

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10 - 10 AM

In-Person and Zoom

With Palm Procession and the Passion According to Luke

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14 - 7:30 PM

In-Person and Zoom

Service of Holy Communion with Prayer Stations and Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15 - 7:30 PM

In-Person and Zoom

Good Friday Liturgy with the Passion According to John and Prayers Around the Cross

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER AT LUTHERLYN SATURDAY, APRIL 16 - 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 minute service.

Please bring a flashlight, dress for the weather, and wear clothes that can get smoky.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17 - 10 AM

In-Person and Zoom

Worship with Holy Communion at First English

Celebratory coffee hour to follow

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