

PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH

Sunday of the Passion
April 5, 2020

HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID!

Matthew 21.9

Prelude

Welcome

The presiding minister begins

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Gospel: Luke 19.28 - 40

An assisting minister or the presiding minister reads the processional gospel.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

Lector: The gospel of the Lord. Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Gathering Hymn “All Glory Laud and Honor” Valet Will Ich Der Geben

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| 1. You are the king of Israel
And David’s royal Son,
Now in the Lord’s name coming,
Our King and Blessed One. | <i>Ref.</i> All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring. |
| 2 The company of angels
are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals
in chorus make reply. <i>Ref.</i> | 4 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went; our
praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. <i>Ref.</i> |
| 3 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. <i>Ref.</i> | 5 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. <i>Ref.</i> |

GREETING The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF 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.**

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 50. 4 - 9a

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 awakens— awakens 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. ⁶ I 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; ⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalms 31.9 -16

Spoken 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 consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of 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 up on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 2.5 -11

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, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

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GOSPEL: Matthew 27:11-54 *The gospel is announced.* The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew the twenty-seventh chapter.

In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God. ¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" ¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" ²⁴So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. ²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him

and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.' " ⁴⁴The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. ⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Beatrice Michals-Brown

Hymn of the Day "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

1. O sacred head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown,
O sacred head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, those despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.
2. How pale thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn;
how does this face now languish,
which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion
were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.
3. What language shall I borrow
to thank thee dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever,
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never,
never outlive my love to thee.
4. Lord, be my consolation;
shield me when I must die;
Remind me of thy passion
when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes new faith receiving,
from thee shall never move;
for all who die believing
die safely in thy love.

APOSTLES CREED

**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 of Intercession

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of mercy, awaken your church to new proclamations of your faithfulness. By your Spirit, give us bold and joyful words to speak, that we sustain the weary with the message of your redemption. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, quiet the earth where it trembles and shakes. Protect vulnerable ecosystems, threatened habitats, and endangered species. Prosper the work of scientists, engineers, and researchers who find ways to restore creation to health and wholeness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, drive away fear and anger that cause us to turn against one another. Give courage to leaders who seek liberation for the oppressed. Bring peace and hope to those who are in prison and those who face execution. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, send your saving help to all who suffer abuse, insult, discrimination, or contempt. Heal the wounded. Comfort the dying. Bring peace to those suffering chronic or terminal illness. Tend to all who cry out for relief (especially). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, we pray for all who will prepare and lead worship in this Holy Week. In all things, show us the ways that you call us to die to self, to live for you, and to give of ourselves for the sake of others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, when we breathe our last, you raise us to eternal life. With all your witnesses in heaven and on earth, let us boldly confess the name of Jesus Christ, our resurrection and our hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray,
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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

Sending Hymn “Were You There”

1. Were You there when they crucified my Lord? *Where you there?*
Were You there when they crucified my Lord? *Where you there?*
Refrain Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were You there when they crucified my Lord? *Where you there?*

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? *Where you there?*
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? *Where you there?*
Refrain Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? *Where you there?*

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? *Where you there?*

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? *Where you there?*

Refrain Were you there when they pierced him in the side? *Where you there?*

4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine? *Where you there?*

Were you there when the sun refused to shine? *Where you there?*

Refrain Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when the sun refused to shine? *Where you there?*

5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? *Where you there?*

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? *Where you there?*

Refrain Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? *Where you there?*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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April 9-Maundy Thursday- Find us on our [Facebook page](#) at 6 PM. We will remember that last night that Jesus spent with his friends by focusing on his command that night: "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13.34) with a Moravian Love Feast. What's that? Check it out [here](#). **Get together a favorite meal ready to eat at 6 PM on Thursday 4/9.** The key part of the Love Feast is sweet bread or bun and spiced tea served at the end. So even if your meal isn't ready on time, at your home get a favorite bread food and drink ready. It might be hot cross buns and tea, it might be jelly doughnuts and hot chocolate, it might be cake and coffee, it might be cookies and juice. It might be pancakes for the whole meal! **Join us at 6 PM and get ready to share the sweetness of God's love for each one of us that is poured out in Jesus.**

Good Friday--it's April 10- Once again find us on our [Facebook page](#) at 7 PM. Here's what you need to get ready at home: **Candles! At least one to light at the end, but if you can get together 7 more** (total of 8 candles!) you can join in putting out one candle after each reading. Right now we need pictures of crosses. One cross to a picture would be best. Look around, take a picture (you can be in it if you like) and send it in.