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P.M.- James Hallman

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Greeter: Fran Bouknight

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Nursery Attendants: Grace Roof,

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Communion Assistant: Trudy Bouknight

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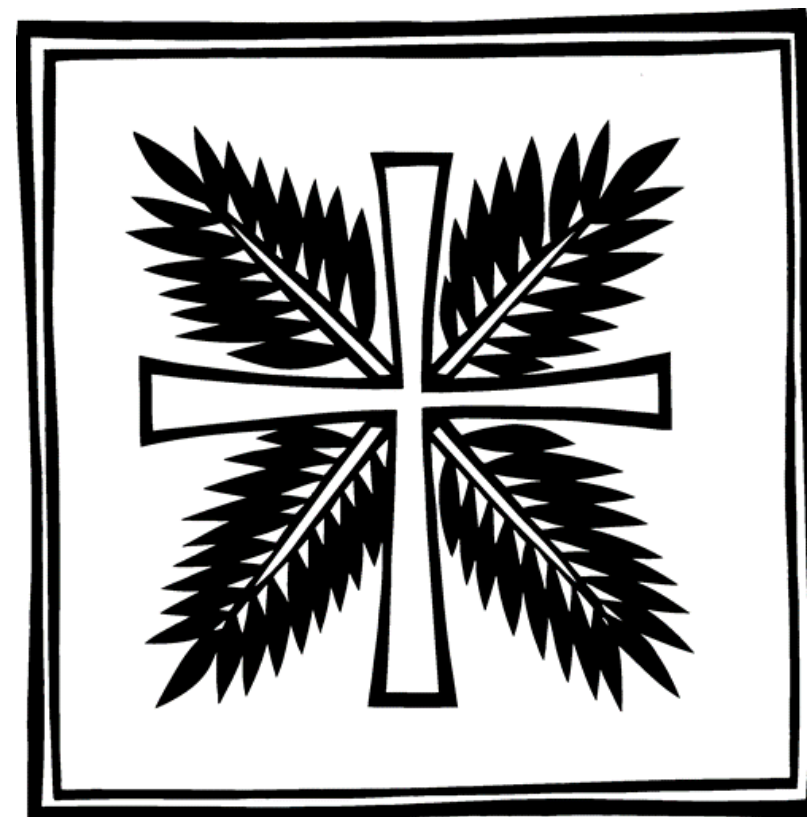
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Palm Sunday + Sunday of the Passion

March 25, 2018

Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church

West Columbia.SC

Introduction

Today begins the high holy days of the Christian year. This Holy Week begins now with the Procession of Palms and will end on Easter evening. Our worship this week is filled with drama. The church is in continuous worship all week long. The various services are designed as if they are one long service with many parts. Not all elements of worship are contained in each day's service, such as the confession and forgiveness, the sermon, or communion. Some elements of worship only occur during these days such as the foot-washing, the procession with the Cross, or the words at the Vigil.

There will be no benediction or postlude between Palm Sunday and Easter as we take time to go home, eat, sleep, work, go to school and then resume our worship each day. Welcome, to this Holy Week! There will be no spoken announcements this week or Easter morning. Please be attentive to notes in the bulletins.

Today, the first and second readings and psalm are the same as they are every year: Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but we expect God's final vindication. Mark's passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing his head, perhaps to proclaim him Messiah, and Jesus saying she has anointed him beforehand for burial. Mark's Easter story will begin with women going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God's living Anointed One.

We welcome all to worship today. If you are a newcomer, we invite you to sign our guest book so we can greet you more fully. If you have questions about the service, please ask one of the ushers or those sitting around you.

This is Christ's Church + There is a place for you here.

+Gathering +

We gather for our Palm Sunday procession outside the entrance to the Fellowship Hall on Methodist Park Road. Those who wish to gather in the sanctuary are welcome to do so. All will need a bulletin, a palm branch, and a prayer band for the week.

Acclamation

The pastor begins (repeated one or more times):

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the



Nursery Volunteers Are GREATLY NEEDED!!!

Currently, we have a total of 5 people volunteering for the Sunday nursery rotation. The Mt. Hermon Safety Policy requires that 2 adults be present to supervise children in the Nursery. It is important that our Nursery always be properly staffed. Our infant & toddler population is beginning to grow requiring that more volunteers are available.

Anyone willing to volunteer please contact the church office or let Pastor Anderson know of your interest.



Sunday, April 15, 9:00 a.m.
LCY Sunday & Grace Café

Sunday, April 22, 11:30 a.m.
Communications Team Meeting

Saturday, April 28
All Daughters Event

Week of July 8–12

2018 V.B.S.- "God's Good Creation"

+OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER+

Homebound and Care Facilities

Pearl Dennis, Margie Hook, Lib Swygert, William & Lois Watson,
Lena Wessinger

Members in Special Need of Prayer...

Haley Addy	Connie Bucknam
Alberta Berry	Lynwood Crout
Hazel Bockus	The Family of Betty Lindler
The Family of Tommy Bouknight	Wynne Price

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers...

<u>Jim</u> & Vickie Burcham (Thurman)	W.A. "Buddy" Keller (Marion & Cyndi)
Scott Coleman (Thurman)	Ben Nicholson (Karen Nicholson)
Jason Thurman (Thurman)	Rose Little (Marie Kleckley)
Sue Reeves (Thurman)	Tressa Oswalt (Angie Hydrick)
Brian Thompson (Joel Price, Jr.)	Matthew Price (Angie Hydrick)
Megan Sease (Earl & Mary Frances)	Barbara Price (Angie Hydrick)
Mike Merck (Jerry & Becky Ellisor)	Robert Payton (Buddy Hydrick)
Kathryn & Don Bergeron (Bucknam)	Janice Daley (Emily Morris)
Nellie Gantt (Mary Price)	Jimmy Mills (Tommy Mills)
Bob Eastwood (Marie Kleckley)	Linda Rea (Marion & Cyndi)

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 the Palms

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

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

The assisting minister addresses the assembly.

Let us go forth in peace,

in the name of Christ. Amen.

The assembly follows the Cross, Pastor and Choir into the church. Children are invited to scatter confetti and palm branches along the center aisle as we enter the church.

When we enter the sanctuary we sing together:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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*

4 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

5 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS (all funds)

In honor of Jack Price Allen's Baptism by Mary Duffie, Terry & Allison Swygert, Linda Waters-Hamilton

In memory of Stephen Price by Dad & Mom

In memory of Tommy Bouknight by Jeff & Alyson Price, Annette Price, Lynn Bouknight, Herb & Connie Bucknam, Bob & Doris Carver, Fran & Ricky Bouknight, Terry & Allison Swygert, Barbara Corley, Linda Water-Hamilton, Gene & Jane Sexton, Jean Shealy & James Hallman, Ed R. Bouknight, Charles & Gail Bouknight, Paul & Faye Risinger, Clarence & Ikuko Bouknight

In memory of Betty Lindler by Annette Price, Lynn Bouknight, Herb & Connie Bucknam, Bob & Doris Carver, Fran & Ricky Bouknight, Terry & Allison Swygert, Barbara Corley, Linda Water-Hamilton, Gene & Jane Sexton, Jean Shealy & James Hallman, Faye Sox, Ann Bouknight, Lila Catt, Eldon Eargle, David & Debra Butts, Barr-Price Funeral Home

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Worship, 9:00 a.m. — 145

Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. — 44

Jesus Dollars for Toby's House

Brayden Rutherford, an elementary-school student and member of Mt. Hermon, has Council's approval to raise money for Toby's Place in a fun and engaging way. Brayden will be sharing more about this project on some Sunday mornings in February and March. Toby's Place is a new homeless shelter in Columbia serving women and children. It is sponsored by Oliver Gospel Mission, an agency that has been serving homeless men in Columbia for over 127 years. The number of homeless women, with and without children, is silently growing. ***Thanks to Brayden for this great idea to support the hidden homeless in our community.***

The Current Total (as of March 18, 2018): \$989.31

Calendar for Week of March 25 – 31

Today	11:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
Monday	2:30 p.m.	MH Homework Center
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Chair Exercise Class
	2:00 p.m.	Mat/Pilates Class
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Chair Exercise Class
	2:00 p.m.	Mat/Pilates Class
	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Holy Saturday Children's Activities
	6:30 p.m.	The Vigil of Easter

Please Note:

The church office will be closed on Good Friday.

Tabulators will meet on Tuesday, April 3 and not Monday due to bank holiday.

MH Homework Center will not be held on Monday, April 2 due to Spring Break Holiday.

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.

Be seated.

+WORD+

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.
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?

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Response Hymn

You Are My Hiding Place

W&P 160
Purple Book

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,

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

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to greet the Gospel saying together:

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised, we will trust your word.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Saturday, March 31

6:30 pm The Vigil of Easter

Traditionally this service begins at 10 or 11pm and concludes well after midnight. It includes an extended time of waiting in the dark for the resurrection around many readings and baptism. The forty days of Lent were a time for those who were preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil to prepare themselves to join the Christian community. After the baptisms, Easter would be announced, bells would ring and then the congregation would celebrate the first eucharist of Easter. A festive reception would follow worship to break the Lenten fast. That's the tradition and you can find congregations in the Columbia area who will be doing this full Vigil.

However, we will be doing our own local version of this special service.

We will gather at 6:30 around the new fire of Easter near the church graveyard. We will process with the Paschal Candle into the darken church (which represents the tomb of Christ.) There we will wait as the Easter proclamation is chanted, as we hear several readings from the Old Testament and as we affirm our baptism. Our service will end with this affirmation and will conclude on Easter morning with the announcement of Easter and the singing of a Hymn of Praise.

Easter Day April 1

On Easter morning, please bring: a few flowers to place in the Easter cross outside the church and a bell to ring during worship.

7:30 am Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

9:00 am The Festival Worship of the Resurrection

10:30 am Sunday School Classes

Note: We are not including the Sunrise Service this year. We hope this Holy Week and Easter will be a meaningful time of contemplation and celebration of Christ's acts of love for us.

+Holy Week and Easter 2018+

Schedule of Events

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday March 25 at 9:00 am

We will gather outside at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall, and then process into the sanctuary. We will read the Passion according to Mark.

No services will be held on Holy Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday.

Maundy Thursday / Holy Thursday March 29th at 6:30 pm

We will gather in the sanctuary for the Confession and Forgiveness, the Sharing of the Word and the Foot Washing. At the Sharing of the Peace we will process to the Fellowship Hall for our Communion Meal and for a Community Meal together. At the conclusion of the Meal, we will gather in a solemn procession back to the church for the Stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday March 30th at 6:30pm

As with all of these services, we will follow the Lutheran liturgy as found in Evangelical Lutheran Worship. For this service, we will center ourselves around the Reading of the Passion according to John, with the traditional Bidding Prayer and Procession of the Cross.

Holy Saturday, March 31

10:00 – 12:00 Holy Saturday Activities for Children

This time will include hearing the stories of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection, hands-on activities to reinforce the stories, an egg hunt, and the baking of the communion bread for Easter. All are invited!

The congregation is seated for the presentation of the passion.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Silence is kept as we meditate on the Passion.

Hymn of the Day

My Song is Love Unknown

ELW 343

Verses 1 – 3

Red Book

Prayers of Intercession

Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *[each petition ends Lord, in your mercy. We respond: hear our prayer.]*

The prayers conclude:

Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Please be seated following the prayers. The Sharing of the Peace is omitted in keeping with the solemnity of this Holy Week.

+MEAL+

The Offering

We give our monetary offerings to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude for God's amazing grace. You may make a contribution now by visiting www.mthlc.org and clicking on the "On-Line Giving." Thank you for your generous gifts.

Anthem

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

Negro Spiritual

Arr. Hal Hopson

Offertory Hymn

Create in Me a Clean Heart

W&P 34

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

+Holy Week and Easter 2018+

Special Worship Servers

The positions printed in **bold** have not been filled and are still in need of a volunteer.

Maundy Thursday Service – March 29, 6:30 p.m.

1 Acolyte

Ushers: *Ronnie Fulmer and Earl Sease*

Lector: *Mary Price*

Greeter: *Angie Hydrick*

Good Friday Service – March 30, 6:30 p.m.

2 Acolytes (wear black shirt and pants)

Assistant to carry the Cross in procession: *Tommy Mills*

Ushers: *Ronnie Fulmer and Earl Sease*

Lector: *Ronnie Fulmer*

Greeter:

The Easter Vigil – March 31, 6:30 p.m.

Ushers: *Angie Hydrick and Cindy Price*

Lectors: *Connor Eargle, Hayden Eargle, Wynne Price, Cyndi Thurman*

Paschal Candle: *Debbie Fulmer*

Greeter:

Easter Sunday, Festival Service – April 1, 9:00 a.m.

Crucifer: *Perry Bouknight*

Bible Bearer: *Bryce Addy*

Communion Assistant: *Trudy Bouknight*

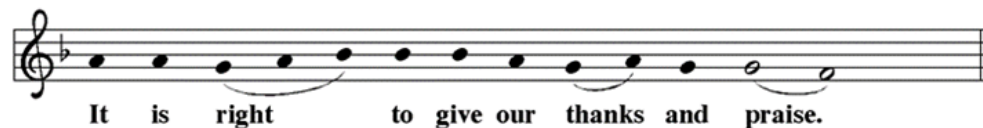
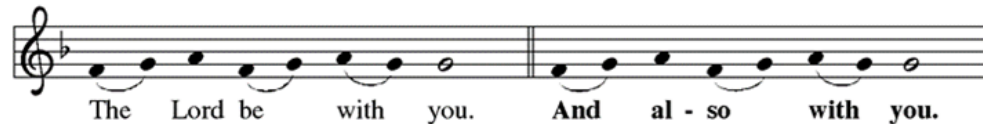
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Preface Dialogue



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Preface for Palm Sunday

+ ANNOUNCEMENTS +

Last Sunday was a full day of Word and Sacrament celebration with 145 people in attendance. Blessings to little Jack Allen who was baptized and surrounded by many family and friends. Jack's great-uncle Eddie who fell ill during the service, sends his thanks to everyone who helped him and prayed for him. After many tests at the hospital that day, the final diagnosis was a flu virus. We continue to pray that he'll have a speedy recovery.

A Word of Thanks....

Dear Church Family,

Thank you everyone for the calls, cards, and prayers during my recent hospital stay. They all were truly appreciated, I just ask for continued prayer during the next stage of my healing. Thank you again!

Love, Connie Bucknam

REMINDER: Easter Lily Orders are due today!

The cost is \$8.50 per plant. You can honor or remember a loved one by filling out the dedication on your Easter Lily Offering Envelope or you can email it to the church office – office@mthlc.org

Easter Candy Donations Needed!!!

We are in need of candy donations for our Holy Saturday Children's Event, March 31. A candy collection bin is set-up in the Narthex under the video board or you can drop off donation at the church office during business hours. **Candy will be collected through Wednesday, March 28.** Thank you!

Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,

and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will

and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

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,

his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,

and the promise of his coming again,

we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,

not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving

and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,

and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ

may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,

and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,

may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
Invitation to Communion

Return to God with all your heart.
Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.
Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to this Meal. Come down the center aisle to receive the bread from the Pastor (gluten free wafers are also available, just ask.) Then move to the chalice (cup) of wine on either side, dip the bread in the wine. Return to your pew by the side aisle. Those not communing, may cross their arms across their chests and come forward for a blessing. Those who desire communion but who are not able to come forward will be communed first in their pew. As we feast on the bread of forgiveness and the wine of grace, we sing:

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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My Song is Love Unknown, verses 4–6

ELW 343

Instrumental Solo

You Are Mine

W&P 158 / ELW 581

Instrumental Solo

Prayer After Communion

Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:
may our fasting be hunger for justice,
our alms, a making of peace,
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+ SENDING +

Sending Hymn

Ride on, Ride On in Majesty

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We depart at the conclusion of the hymn. There is no dismissal or postlude. We return to worship on Holy Thursday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m.