

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**March 25, 2018**

**Preparation for Worship – We bow before You, O Lord!**

Prelude  
Announcements  
Invocation.....Inside cover of hymnal  
Confession of Sins/Absolution.....Inside cover of hymnal  
The Ten Commandments

**Adoration in Worship – We Praise You, O Lord!**

Opening Hymn....."All Glory, Laud and Honor".....#173  
Liturgical Reading....."Psalm 24".....#696  
Hymn Response....."This Is the Day".....#590  
Prayer of the Day .....Bulletin  
Passing of the Peace

**Instruction in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!**

Scripture Readings  
Special Music  
The Gospel. ....John 12:20-43  
The Chorus: "Into My Heart"  
The Sermon: .....Pastor Nate

**Dedication in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!**

Offering Hymn:....."I Love to Tell the Story".....#297  
Offertory Hymn:....."We Give Thee But Thine Own".....#620  
Apostles' Creed .....Inside cover of hymnal  
The Lord's Prayer  
Closing Hymn....."Victory in Jesus".....#473  
Benediction

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**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: March 25<sup>th</sup> thru April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Today:	March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	Worship at Lands
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School at Trinity
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School at Lands
	10:30 a.m.	Worship at Trinity
	Lands Choir meets	
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Parsonage
Wed:	6:00 p.m.	Sunday School at Lands
	7:30 p.m.	Trinity/Romsdal Choir meets at Romsdal
Thurs:	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship at Trinity
Fri:	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Worship at Lands
Sun:	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Happy Easter!
	7:00 a.m.	Sunrise Worship at Lands
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Worship at Romsdal

Following the Sunrise Worship next Sunday, the Lands Ladies will be serving Easter Brunch consisting of egg bake, muffins, juice and coffee. There will also be an Easter egg hunt for children ages 1-12.

Anyone wishing to purchase Easter flowers for the Lands Sunrise Service, please contact Lola Twedt or Kim Sogn.

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily for the Easter Worship at Romsdal, please contact Altie Rasmussen at 605-957-4290. The cost is \$15.98 each.

**Today's Readings**

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**Prayer of the Day**

Dear Lord, Our hearts are glad and our tongues rejoice, because You have not abandoned us. You have made known to us the paths of life, and will fill us with joy in Your presence.  
In Jesus' Name, Amen.  
(Acts 2:26-28)

**First Reading: Psalm 31:9-16**

- 9** Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress;  
my eyes grow weak with sorrow,  
my soul and body with grief.
- 10** My life is consumed by anguish  
and my years by groaning;  
my strength fails because of my affliction,  
and my bones grow weak.
- 11** Because of all my enemies,  
I am the utter contempt of my neighbors  
and an object of dread to my closest friends—  
those who see me on the street flee from me.
- 12** I am forgotten as though I were dead;  
I have become like broken pottery.
- 13** For I hear many whispering,  
"Terror on every side!"  
They conspire against me  
and plot to take my life.
- 14** But I trust in you, Lord;  
I say, "You are my God."
- 15** My times are in your hands;  
deliver me from the hands of my enemies,  
from those who pursue me.
- 16** Let your face shine on your servant;  
save me in your unfailing love.

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

- 6 Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used  
to his own advantage;  
7 rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
8 And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!  
9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel Lesson: John 12:20-43**

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” 22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. 23 Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. 27 “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.”

29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. 30 Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. 31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” 33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. 34 The crowd spoke up, “We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this ‘Son of Man’?” 35 Then Jesus told them, “You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. 36 Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.” When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them. 37 Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. 38 This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet:

“Lord, who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”  
39 For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:

40 “He has blinded their eyes  
and hardened their hearts,  
so they can neither see with their eyes,  
nor understand with their hearts,  
nor turn—and I would heal them.”

41 Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about him. 42 Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved human praise more than praise from God.

This is the day  
that the LORD  
has made.  
Let us rejoice,  
and be glad in it  
Palm Sunday Psalm 118:24

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Next Week's Texts:	Psalm 118:15-29 Colossians 3:7-15 John 20:1-18
Memory Verse:	Philippians 2:10-11 "...at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."