



OUR WORSHIP TODAY, PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2019

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements

The Triumphal Entry – Pastor Steve at the door of the church

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 154 All Glory Laud and Honor

Please take your bulletin and palm fronds outside with you when told to do so, and we will process into the church singing hymn 154 - All Glory Laud and Honor.

All glory, laud, and honor	2. The company of angels
To You, Redeemer, King,	Is praising You on high;
To Whom the lips of children	And we with all creation
Made sweet hosannas ring.	In chorus make reply.
You are the King of Israel	The people of the Hebrews
and David's royal Son,	With palms before You went;
Now in the Lord's name coming,	Our praise and prayer and anthems
The King and Blessed One.	Before You we present.

3. To You before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.
As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
For You delight in goodness,
O good and gracious King!

CONFESSSIONAL PRAYER – Congregation in BOLD

Pastor: As we celebrate Palm Sunday, we approach your altar with love for You and our concern for the price you paid for us on the cross. Lord, we realize the difficulties that we face, and we confess the poor job we have done with our response to your sacrifice. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: **As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of The Word, and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

INTROIT:

Be not far from me, O LORD, O my strength, hasten to help me. Save me from the lion's mouth and deliver me from the horns of the unicorns.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me why are you so far from helping me?

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who have sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the Cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility:

Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12

The Coming King of Zion

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

PSALM - Psalm 118 19-29 (ESV) *(Recited whole verse by whole verse, congregation in BOLD)*

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that 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.

*(The Alleluia is omitted during Lent. **Please remain seated** today for the Gospel Reading.)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Interactive Gospel Reading, Matthew 27:9-54 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 27th Chapter.

Glory to you Oh Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 27:11-54 *PS means Pastor Steve*

Jesus Before Pilate

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him,

PS "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus said,

PS "You have said so."

But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer.

Then Pilate said to him,

PS "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?"

But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

The Crowd Chooses Barabbas

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.

So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pr. Steve (PS) "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"

For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.

Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Peggie Sue "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream."

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

The governor again said to them,

PS "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

And they said, "**Barabbas.**" Pilate said to them,

PS "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"

They all said, "**Let him be crucified!**" And he said

PS , "Why? What evil has he done?"

Then they shouted all the more, "**Crucify him!**"

Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

PS "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

And all the people answered, "**His blood be on us and on our children!**"

Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

Jesus Is Mocked

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "**Hail, King of the Jews!**"

And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.

And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

The Crucifixion

As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there.

And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, **"This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."**

Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, **"You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."**

So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, **"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.**

He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

The Death of Jesus

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying,

PS "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, **"This man is calling Elijah."**

And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink.

But the others said, **"Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."**

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said,

"Truly this was the Son of God!"

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you Oh Christ.

SERMON "Truly This Was The Son Of God" **Pastor Steve Dygert + STS**

SERMON HYMN: 196 He is Lord

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed (C)

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 into hell. 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY: Do You See – Dean Carson

THE OFFERING: *As we bring the offering to the altar we will sing the Doxology.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF PRAISE, *Let us Pray: (Prayer Response) Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER; WORDS OF INSTITUTION; PREPARATION OF THE TABLE; THE DISTRIBUTION; THE COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: 57 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, vs 1,2,5,6

THE BENEDICTION & THE DISMISSAL

Congregational Song, Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth	Let peace begin with me
And let it begin with me	Let this be the moment now
Let there be peace on earth	With every step I take
The peace that was meant to be	Let this be my solemn vow
With God as our father	To take each moment
Brothers all are we	And live each moment
Let me walk with my brother	In peace eternally
In perfect harmony	Let there be peace on earth
	And let it begin with me

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God

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WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN! Thank you for joining us as we worship our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, **please place your cell phones on mute** for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

MAUNDY THURSDAY: We will be celebrating our Maundy Thursday Service with the Lord's Supper around 6 pm on April 18th We are going to celebrate this event with a modified Christian Seder using pork instead of Lamb. The meal will begin at 5:15 with Divine Worship included in the Seder. More information to follow as we get closer to Holy Week.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: We will be remembering the price our Lord and Savior paid for us with a special service commemorating the 7 Last words of Christ on the Cross. There will be no sermon during this service, but individual members of

our congregation will give a 5 minute talk about what these words mean to them and what feelings and memories these words lead their hearts as they speak for us.

TRIVIUM TIME OF REMEMBRANCE: On Good Friday the church will be open starting at 1 pm for prayer and a message at 1 pm, 2 pm, and 3 pm in remembrance of the 3 hours Jesus spent on the cross, a time called the Trivium in our church. Feel free to join Pastor Steve at any time during the 3 hours for prayer and a short message for each hour of the time of Jesus on the cross.

WE WELCOME ALL OF OUR VISITORS!: Welcome to our family today! We are so happy you chose to visit us today. If you are looking for a church home, feel free to call Pastor Steve and let us introduce ourselves to you. God Bless you and welcome to His church!

NEW BIBLE STUDY: We will be starting a new Bible Study on Wednesdays on 1st and 2nd Samuel in the Old Testament. Join us for an interesting hour's time on Wednesday's at 10:00 AM.

LAST OSLC AND EL JOBEAN COMMUNITY LEAGUE CONCERT: Friday night April 26th is our last performance of our concert series in the Community Building at 7:00 PM. The Lemon Bay Chord Company's Barbershop Chorus will perform that night at the church in a free concert. We will take a free will offering that night. Please talk this up with your friends because it will be a fantastic experience in our El Jobean community!

IN OUR PRAYERS: We have a tradition at Our Savior to ask for the prayers at the start of the service, before we begin our worship to our Lord and Savior. We will then pray these prayers when we get to the Great Thanksgiving in the service. Feel free to ask for prayers for those who are in need of this grace.

We Serve Today:

Reader: Nancy Nordell

Communion: Tony and Priscilla Alonzo, Sheryl Sinico

Greeter: Bubbles Burress

Offering: Dean Carson, Jeanne Keyser

We Serve Next Sunday:

Reader: Bev Cisco

Communion: Tony and Priscilla Alonzo, Sheryl Sinico

Greeter: Bubbles Burress

Offering: Dean Carson, Jeanne Keyser

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