



PALM SUNDAY – April 2, 2023 – 10 am

Announcements

Holy Week Schedule for Worship

Maundy Thursday – April 6th 7pm Worship at St. Peter's of the Light on 8th St. and Central Ave.

Good Friday – April 7th - 12 Noon Worship at Zion – The Seven Last Words - the Prayers and the Veneration of the Cross.

Easter Sunday – April 9th – 7 am Easter Sunrise at the Inlet. 10 am Easter Sunday Communion Service at Zion.

On this sacred day, Palm Sunday we bring the Proclamation of the holy gospel to the very beginning of our worship. We listen to the account of that day when Jesus entered the Holy City of Jerusalem in the last week of his earthy life. We join those who hail Jesus as our Savior and King. We join the ancient crowd of those who cry out to the Lord "Hosanna, Hosanna to the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" Hosanna means save us! It is our cry to Our Lord today. We ask that his salvation will touch each of us here today as this Holy Week begins for us this 2023!

Let us pray...Lord God, bless our worship this day as we remember once again the saving events of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We humbly pray that you will bless our palm branches and bless our lives as well. Help us to turn once again to your mercy and love that you have revealed to us and to all the world through the life, death and resurrection of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit as God forever and ever. **Amen!**

Processional Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 11:1-11 – Glory to you, O Lord!

Narrator: 1When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples 2and said to them,

Jesus: "Go into the 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.'"

Narrator: 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,

Crowd: "What are you doing, untying the colt?"

Narrator: 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,

Crowd: "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!"

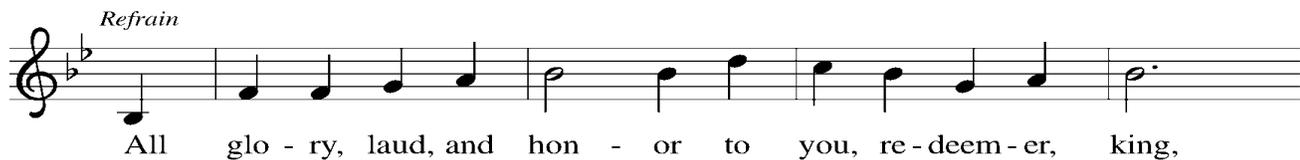
Narrator: 11Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

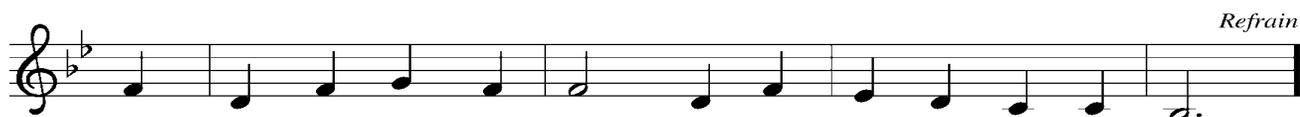
PROCESSION WITH PALMS TO THE SANCTUARY

OPENING HYMN: ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

All Glory, Laud, and Honor



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Prayer of the Day - 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.**

GOD'S HOLY WORD

First 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.
 The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God!**



Narrator: A reading from the Passion according to Luke 23:1-49 – **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Narrator: ¹Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying,

Congregation: "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

Narrator: Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus: "You say so."

Narrator: ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

Narrator: ⁵But they were insistent and said,

Congregation: "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

Narrator: ⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. ¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴and said to them,

Pilate: "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Narrator: ¹⁸Then they all shouted out together...

Congregation: "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

Narrator: ¹⁹This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting,

Narrator: ²²A third time he said to them,

Pilate: "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

Congregation: "Crucify, crucify him!"

Narrator: ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

²⁶As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Narrator: ³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said,

Jesus: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Narrator: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Congregation: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

Narrator: ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying,

Congregation: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

Narrator: ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Voice: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

Narrator: ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying,

Voice: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Narrator: ⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Voice: "Certainly this man was innocent."

Narrator: ⁴⁸And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Narrator: The Passion of the Lord...**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

SERMON

CHOIR ANTHEM – THE PALMS BY JEAN BAPTISTE FAURE

1. O'er all the way, green palms and blossoms gay, are strewn this day in festal preparation, where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away, e'en now the throng to welcome him prepare.

REFRAIN

Praise ye, praise ye the Lord! Let every voice resound in joyous acclamation! Hosanna! Praise ye the Lord! Bless him who cometh to bring us salvation.

2. Sing and Rejoice, O Blest Jerusalem; of all thy sons sing the emancipation! Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem brings forth and hope to thee for evermore. REFRAIN...

Prayers for the People

OFFERTORY

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

LORD'S PRAYER

**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, the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion - Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

*[Ushers will escort you to the Communion Rail to receive.
 After receiving the wafer, (GLUTEN FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE)
 you will be able to take a small cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from a
 tray. Deposit the empty cup in the basket. Then return to you seat.]*

Communion Hymn

HYMN: #471 - Let us Break Bread Together On our Knees

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*
- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

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.**

Blessing

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
and claimed us as children of the light,
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.**

CLOSING HYMN – ELW#880 – O God beyond All Praising

Benediction Hymn: May God's Blessing (back of hymnal)

Dismissal - Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth now to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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