

Spirit of Grace

ELCA UMC



April 10th , 2022

Palm Sunday

– service begins gathered out front, weather permitting –

Welcome

Call to Worship

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

Hosanna in the highest!

Praise the prophet, Jesus, who rides not a warhorse, but a colt of peace.

Praise to our teacher who comes our way with the gospel of solidarity.

Hosanna in the highest!

Save us from the ways of destruction, Living Christ!

Save our spirits from being sunk by war, loss, and evil!

Hosanna in the highest!

Praise the Holy who comes in the name of Righteous Peace!

Praise the Holy who comes in the name of Radical Love!

Hosanna in the highest!

Processional Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

The Holy Gospel According to Luke the 19th chapter:

Jesus went ahead with the ascent to Jerusalem.

Approaching Bethpage and Bethany, near what is called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of the disciples with these instructions: “Go into the village ahead of you.

Upon entering it, you’ll find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and

lead it back. If anyone should ask you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Rabbi needs it.’”

They departed on their errand and found things just as Jesus had said. As they untied the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you doing that?”

They explained that the Rabbi needed it. Then the disciples led the animal to Jesus and, laying their cloaks on it, helped him to mount.

People spread their cloaks on the roadway as Jesus rode along. As they reached the descent from the Mount of Olives, the entire crowd of disciples joined them and began to rejoice and praise God loudly for the display of power they had seen, saying,

**“Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!”**

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” Jesus replied, “I tell you, if they were to keep silent, the very stones would cry out!”

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Blessing of the Palms

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

Processional Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

280 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

Fine

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da-vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com-pa - ny of an - gels are prais-ing thee on high,
3. The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms be-fore thee went;
4. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

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who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless-ed One.
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho-rus make re - ply.
our prayer and praise and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King.

WORDS: Theodulph of Orleans, 8-9th cent.; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1851

(Mt. 21:8-9; Mk. 11:8-10; Lk. 19:36-38; Jn. 12:12-13)

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– service continues once all are inside and have found their seats –

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

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

Hosanna in the highest!

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.

As we now enter 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.

Silence is kept for contemplation.

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Exalted YHWH has given me
a skilled and well-trained tongue,
so that I can sustain the weary
with a timely word.

God awakens me morning after morning –
wakens my ear, to listen like a student.

Exalted YHWH has opened my ears
and I have obeyed, I did not turn away.

I offered my back to those beating me,
offered my cheeks to those who would humiliate me.

I did not hide my face from insults
or spitting.

Because Exalted YHWH helps me,
insults cannot wound me,
for I have set my face like flint,
because I know I will not be put to shame.

My vindicator
is at my side.

Who would dare accuse me?

Let us confront each other!
Who are my adversaries?
Let them accuse me!
It is Exalted YHWH who helps me.
Who will judge me guilty?

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31

Be a comfort to me, Beloved, for I am
in distress;
my eyes are dim from weeping,
my soul is deep with grief.
**For my life is worn away with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
My body has weakened and my bones
waste away with misery.**

All my fears rise up to mock me,
my neighbors turn away,
**My friends dread to see me and
flee from my sickness of soul.**
My mind too, has left me
like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.
**Yes, I hear the voices around me
whispering my plight – fears rise up on every side!
Isolation, rejection, fear surround me
and conspire to overwhelm me.**

Still, I trust in You, O Beloved,
I repeat, “You are my Life.”
**My life is in your hands;
deliver me from the fears which
separate me!**
Let your face shine on me;
hold me in your steadfast love!
**Let me know your forgiveness,
O Love,
for I call upon You;**
let my fears be cast out,
let them be transformed.

**Let me speak only truth, Beloved,
that I might live with integrity,
offering my work and praise to You.**

Gospel: Luke 23:1-49

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 23rd chapter.

Then the whole assembly arose and led Jesus to Pilate. They began to accuse Jesus by saying,

“We found this one subverting our nation, opposing the payment of taxes to Caesar, and even claiming to be Messiah, a king.”

Then Pilate questioned Jesus: “Are you the King of the Jews?”

“You have said it.” Jesus answered.

Then Pilate reported to the chief priests and the crowds: “I find no guilt in him!”

But they insisted,

“He stirs up the people wherever he teaches, through the whole of Judea, from Galilee to Jerusalem.”

On hearing this, Pilate asked whether Jesus was a Galilean, and learning that Jesus was from Herod’s jurisdiction, sent Jesus off to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at this time.

488 Jesus, Remember Me

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has four measures with lyrics: "Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom." The second system starts at measure 5 and also has four measures with the same lyrics. The score includes a treble clef and a bass clef, with various chords and melodic lines indicated by notes and rests.

Now, at the sight of Jesus, Herod was very pleased. From the reports he has heard about Jesus, he had wanted for a long time to see him. Herod hoped to see Jesus perform some miracle.

Herod questioned him at great length, but Jesus wouldn’t answer. The chief priests and religious scholars stood there, accusing Jesus vehemently. So Herod and the soldiers treated Jesus with contempt and ridicule, put a magnificent robe upon him, and sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate, who had previously been set against each other, became friends that day.

Jesus, Remember Me

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jesus, Remember Me". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system has four measures with chords Eb, Fm/Eb, Bb, and Eb. The second system starts at measure 5 and has four measures with chords Cm, Fm/Ab, Bb, and Eb. The lyrics are: "Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom."

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the ruling class, and the people, and said to them, "You have brought this person before me as someone who incites people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for any charge against him arising from your allegations. Neither has Herod, for Jesus has been sent back to us. Obviously, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish Jesus, but then I will release him."

Pilate was obligated to release one prisoner to the people at festival time. The whole crowd cried out as one,

"Take him away! We want Barabbas!"

Barabbas had been imprisoned for starting a riot in the city, and for murder.

Pilate wanted to release Jesus, so he addressed them again. But they shouted back, **"Crucify him, crucify him!"**

Yet a third time, Pilate spoke to the crowd, "What wrong has this Jesus done? I've found nothing that calls for death! Therefore, I'll have him flogged, and then I'll release him."

But they demanded that Jesus be crucified, and their shouts increased in volume.

Pilate decided that their demands should be met. So he released Barabbas, the one who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and Jesus was handed over to the crowd.

488 Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.

5 Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the hymn 'Jesus, Remember Me'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor), and the time signature is 3/4. The first system starts with a treble clef and a bass clef. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B-flat4. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, and a quarter note B-flat3. The second system begins with a measure rest in the vocal line, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B-flat4. The piano accompaniment continues with a half note G3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note B-flat3. The score ends with a double bar line.

As they led Jesus away, they seized Simon – a Cyrenean who was just coming in from the fields – and forced him to carry the cross behind Jesus. A large crowd was following, many of them women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. At one point, Jesus turned to these women and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, don’t weep for me! Weep rather for yourselves and for your children! The time is coming when it will be said, ‘Blessed are the childless, the wombs that have never given birth and the breasts that have never nursed.’ Then people will say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us up!’ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Two others were also led off with Jesus, criminals who were to be put to death. When they had reached the place called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there – together with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, “Abba forgive them. They don’t know what they are doing.” Then they divided his garments, rolling dice for them.

488 Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.

5 Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.

Detailed description: This is a duplicate of the musical score for 'Jesus, Remember Me' described above. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line in 3/4 time, with a key signature of three flats. The lyrics are 'Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.' and the score is divided into two systems, with the second system starting at measure 5.

The people stood there watching. The rulers, however, jeered him and said,

“He saved others, let him save himself – if he really is the Messiah of God, the Chosen One!”

The soldiers also mocked him. They served Jesus sour wine and said,

“If you really are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

There was an inscription above Jesus that read, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who hung there beside him insulted Jesus, too, saying, “Are you really the Messiah? Then save yourself – save us!”

But the other answered the first with a rebuke: “Don’t you even fear God? We are only paying the price for what we have done, but this one has done nothing wrong!”

Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your glory.”

Jesus replied, “The truth is, today you’ll be with me in paradise!”

488 Jesus, Remember Me

The musical score is for the hymn 'Jesus, Remember Me'. It is written in 3/4 time and the key of E-flat major (three flats). The score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' The first system has four measures with chords Eb, Fm/Eb, Bb, and Eb. The second system starts at measure 5 and has four measures with chords Cm, Fm/Ab, Bb, and Eb.

It was about noon, and darkness fell on the whole land until three in the afternoon, because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the curtain in the sanctuary was torn in two, and Jesus uttered a loud cry and said, “Abba, into your hands I commit my spirit.” Saying this, Jesus breathed for the last time.

The centurion who saw this glorified God, saying, “Surely this one was innocent.” When the crowds that had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts and weeping. All the acquaintances of Jesus and the women who had come with him from Galilee stood at a distance, looking on.

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Jesus, Remember Me

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Jesus, Remember Me'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system starts with a treble clef and a bass clef. The vocal line has lyrics: 'Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.' The piano accompaniment features chords: Eb, Fm/Eb, Bb, and Eb. The second system starts with a treble clef and a bass clef. The vocal line has lyrics: 'Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.' The piano accompaniment features chords: Cm, Fm/Ab, Bb, and Eb. The score is numbered 5 at the beginning of the second system.

Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Miranda Bermes-Goller

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now – ELW 345
verses 1, 2, 3

Confession of Faith

Please stand as you are able as we confess our faith in God together using the words of the 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.**

Joys & Concerns

If you have any joys, concerns, or prayer requests to share, please type them into the comment section of the livestream so that we may lift them up together as a community.

Prayers of the People

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place,
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

We pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make us unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the earth and all its inhabitants, created in love: Train us to recognize your divine goodness in the world around us. Rouse in us a reverence for creation, that we take greater care of its resources.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For those in positions of authority called to lead with integrity and compassion: Supply them with courage and vulnerability when challenged with new ideas. Deliver them from fear that limits imagination and impedes justice.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For those who suffer, waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Heal those who are ill, and send them your comfort and peace.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place,
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Offering & Offertory Music

“My Song is Love Unknown”
Spirit of Grace Choir

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Blessed is the One
by Jan Richardson

Blessed is the One
who comes to us
by the way of love
poured out with abandon.

Blessed is the One
who walks toward us
by the way of grace
that holds us fast.

Blessed is the One
who calls us to follow
in the way of blessing,
in the path of joy.

Silence is kept for contemplation.

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language you are most familiar with - the language of your heart.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Announcements (see end of worship bulletin)

Sending Song:

Go to Dark Gethsemane – ELW 347
verses 1, 2, 3

Blessing

You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.
Almighty God,
motherly, majestic, and mighty,
✠ bless you this day and always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
Thanks be to God.

Our story continues on Maundy Thursday at 6:00pm

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Announcements

++ Our **April Newsletter** was sent out last week. There are printed copies available in the Narthex, and it will be posted on our website later this week.

++**GEM will be hosting a second Community Prayer Vigil for Ukraine**, this time across the river in White Salmon. We will gather by the gazebo at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 13th. All are welcome at this interfaith peace vigil in Rheingarten Park [282 N. Main Ave, White Salmon, WA].

++**Directory photos are happening!** Gordon Leigh will be available in the FISH Community Room to take photos for the directory following worship this Sunday (April 10th) and the Sunday after Easter (April 24th). For those unable to make either date, they can contact Gordon to set up another time to have their photo taken.

++**The Easter resurrection will be here before we know it!**

- For **Maundy Thursday** (April 14th), we will host a Dinner Church Service at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. The service will begin with the washing of feet and hands for those who choose to participate. Worship will continue at the dinner table, as we share a simple meal of soup and bread before receiving Communion from one another, remembering the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples. The service will conclude with the traditional stripping of the altar.

- There will not be a formal **Good Friday** service, but the church will be open and Pastor Miranda will be available from 11am-1pm for anyone who wants to come for prayer and contemplation.

- For **Easter Sunday** (April 17th), we will have our usual service at 10am. There will be a special time of fellowship on Easter Sunday at 9am.

++It's time to start **planting and preparing our beds in the Spirit of Grace/ FISH food bank garden!** Our work parties in the garden will begin again on April 7th at 9 a.m. For now, our work party schedule will be Tuesday nights from 5-6 and Thursday mornings from 9-10. Please stop by during these times if it works for your schedule! If this does not work with your schedule, but you would still like to volunteer, send Amelia an email and we can find a time that works for you. [*fishgardenvc@gmail.com*](mailto:fishgardenvc@gmail.com)