

Palm Sunday

“Have This Mind Among Yourselves”

April 2, 2023

As We Gather

Today is Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday, two celebrations in one service. We begin with a commemoration of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Then we look forward to the events of the coming week, and the Passion of our Lord, culminating with His atoning sacrifice on the cross.

In our reading from Philippians, Paul encourages his readers to have the mind of Christ among ourselves. What is this mind of Christ? Paul goes on to describe the complete humility and servanthood of Christ, culminating in the events we celebrate this week. May God work the mind of Christ in us and among us.

The service today begins in Faith Chapel.

Procession

Pastor: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Please repeat after me: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Pastor: Hosanna to the Son of David.

People: **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Holy Gospel *John 12:12-19*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet Him, shouting,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the king of Israel!”

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

“Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;

see, your king is coming,

seated on a donkey’s colt.”

At first His disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about Him and that these things had been done to Him.

Now the crowd that was with Him when He called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that He had performed this sign, went out to meet Him. So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after Him!”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace in the name of the Lord.

(We process into the Sanctuary)

“All Glory Laud and Honor” (LSB 442)

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer,
King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet
hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel and David’s royal
Son,
Now in the Lord’s name coming, our King
and Blessed One. (refrain)

The company of angels is praising You on
high;
And we with all creation in chorus make
reply. (refrain)

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before
You went,
Our praise and prayer and anthems before
You we present. (refrain)

To You, before Your Passion, they sang their
hymns of praise.
To You, now high exalted, our melody we
raise. (refrain)

As you received their praises, accept the
prayers we bring,
O Source of ev’ry blessing, our good and
gracious King. (refrain)

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Lord of heav’n, our King

“Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer,

O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice,
And ever in His presence
Eternally rejoice

Prayer

Children’s Church

+ Service of the Word +

Readings

First Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Have This Mind Among Yourselves”

Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:36-27:66 (Please refer to the Passion Booklet)

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Offering

Prayers

Please add your prayer requests to the live chat

Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

St. John's People and Families

Cindy Aspegren, Alex & Abigail Sneed
Scott, Suzzette, & Matthew Heathcote
Jeffery & Cynthia McFarland-Johnson
Mark, Yvette, Melissa & Tyler Morgenlaender
Steve & Christy Wood
Jonathan, Charisma, Amelia, Benjamin, & Connor Berry
Brian, Jennifer, & Benjamin Freeto
Alexander, Lauren, & Felix Hesser
Kevin, Sheree, Collyns, & Kinley Moorhead
Ryan, Nicole, & Lucius Sciandri

The Service of Holy Communion

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish by have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink his body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

The 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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Communion

Pastor: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

People: **Amen.** *(Take and eat)*

Pastor: Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

People: **Amen.** *(Take and drink)*

Communion Hymns

"My Song is Love Unknown" LSB 430

1 My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.

Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?

2 He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

3 Sometimes they strew His way
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!"

Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.

4 Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!

Yet they at these
Themselves displease
And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow” LSB 428

1 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,
Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect Man on thee did suffer,
Perfect God on thee has bled!

3 O mysterious condescending!
O abandonment sublime!
Very God Himself is bearing
All the sufferings of time!

2 Here the King of all the ages,
Throned in light ere worlds could be,
Robed in mortal flesh is dying,
Crucified by sin for me.

4 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,
Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect man on thee did suffer,
Perfect God on thee has bled!

Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. His peace be with you.

People: **Amen.**

Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Lift High the Cross” LSB 837

Chorus

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ
proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him Who
died. **Chorus**

Come, Christians, follow where our captain
trode,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou has promised, draw us all to Thee.
Chorus

Chorus

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks
combine. **Chorus**

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and
hell. **Chorus**

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Chorus**

Offering

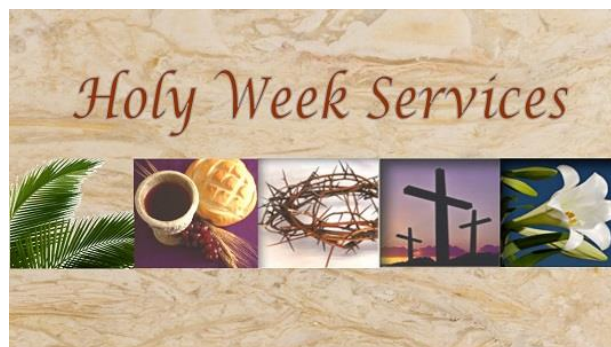
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Memory Verse for This Week

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

Philippians 2:5



April 6	Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM
April 7	Good Friday	7:00 PM
April 8	Easter Vigil	8:00 PM
April 9	Easter Sunday	8:30 AM – Indoor and Streaming 10:30 AM – Faith Chapel

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher	Rev. Michael A. Schmid
Lay Reader	Sharon Cornelius
Communion Assistants	Bob Perna, Kari Perna, Mike Newton, Rebecca Vitkus
Organist	Erin Blackwood
Sound Technician	Andy Schweiger
Streaming Technician	Martin Meissenhalter
Worship Preparation Team	Betsy Gewirz, Bob & Doris Klein
Ushers	Bev & Clint Holdsworth
Children's Church	Debbie Kirkpatrick, Pam Watkins
Projection Technician	Bob Klein