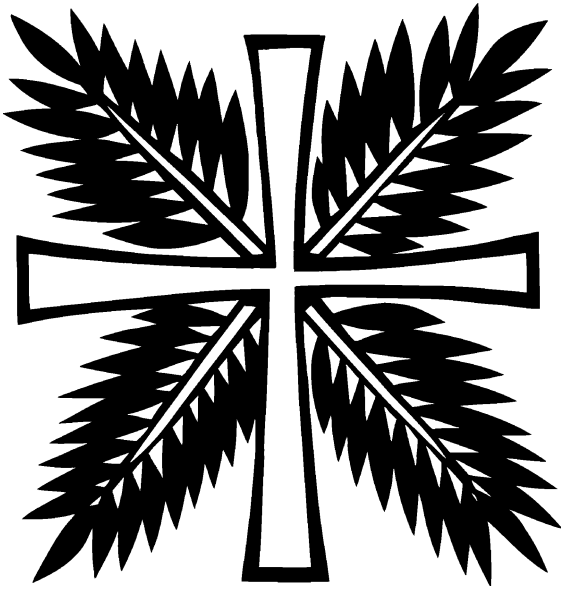


Sunday of the Passion



Palm Sunday

At St. Paul's, ALL are welcome:

As Lutherans we believe that we are saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. It is not something we earn but is freely given through God's love. That love is for all of us - created in God's image - and we respond by welcoming and including everyone, regardless of age, background, race, ethnicity, creed, socioeconomic class, marital status, physical or mental ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. Wherever you are on your faith journey, we invite you to join with us as we seek to promote racial equity, social and economic justice, and care for our environment. There is a place for you here.

Serving on Sunday, March 24

Pastor	The Rev. Laura M. Tancredi
Youth & Family Minister	The Rev. Timothy Ness
Music Director/Organist	Andrew K. Heller
Ushers	Laura Bickert-Ciarllo, Linda Bailey
Reader	Terry Hopkins
Acolyte	Ellie Krissinger
Communion Assistant	Paul Trombello
Coffee Hour	Property Committee
Camera Crew	Jason Baxter
Altar Care	
Set up	Helene Roth
Clean up	Linda Burns

*Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Ardmore, Pennsylvania*

March 24, 2024

10:00 am

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The Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

(Words in all capital letters indicate that the congregation should stand.)

Gathering

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

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

Entrance into the final days

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 11th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “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.’” 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, “What are you doing, untying the colt?”

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,

“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!”

¹¹Then he 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, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

(Raise palm branches during thanksgiving.)

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.**

(The cross will lead the congregation into the church.
 Please join in the singing of
 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" as we process.
 If necessary, the verses will be repeated until all are in place.)

ENTRANCE HYMN # 344 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

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

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,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 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.

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into 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.

O God of mercy and might,
in the mystery of the passion of your Son
you offer your infinite life to the world.
Gather us around the cross of Christ,
and preserve us until the resurrection,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

First Lesson

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

Reader/ A reading from Isaiah:

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Passion of Our Lord according to Mark
(See insert)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 343

My Song Is Love Unknown
(vs. 1-4, 6)

THE PRAYERS

(Each portion of the prayers concludes with the following:)

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Meal

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

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Anthem at Offering
Adult Choir

Hosana to the Son of David
Healey Willan

OFFERTORY HYMN # 325

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
(vs. 1)

*I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we
have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the
one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks and praise...
(Here the celebrant continues with the preface for the day, concluding)
... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth
and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

(During the Eucharistic Prayer, the congregation responds)

... for as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

... Come Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

... Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen

... Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion

*All the baptized are invited to receive
the body and blood of Jesus Christ.
After receiving the bread at the center aisle, dip the bread
into the intinction cup.
Those who do not wish to commune may come forward
for a blessing.*

Communion Anthem
Adult Choir

Said Judas to Mary
arr. David Sims

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray...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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sending

BLESSING

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so
that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, and
Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now
and forever.

Amen.

(Face the cross as it is carried out.)

SENDING SONG # 346

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

SENDING

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Mattheus-Final

Bach/Widor

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I/We would like to share in decorating Saint Paul's for Easter, as indicated below:

In loving memory of _____

In honor of _____

Name(s) of donor(s): _____

_____ Potted Easter lilies @ \$12.50 plant = \$_____ enclosed
Contribution toward decorations = \$_____ enclosed
Total = \$_____ enclosed



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In honor of _____

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Any funds received more than the actual cost of the brass ensemble will be used to support the music program at Saint Paul's. Names of all contributors will appear in the Easter bulletin.

The church office must receive your completed form and check payable to:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church **no later than Monday, March 24**, in order to include your information in the bulletin.



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