

We Gather to Worship God

~ THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS ~

* GATHERING

This morning worship will begin in the courtyard.

* GREETING

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

* PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Hear from the Gospel according to Luke how our
Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem.

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples,³⁰saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’”³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”³⁴They said, “The Lord needs it.”³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,³⁸saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

* THE RESPONSE

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest!

* BLESSING OF 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.**

THE PROCESSION OF PALMS

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Worshippers are invited to carry palms raising them as the procession moves inside the sanctuary and remain standing until the end of the hymn.

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 280

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

St. Theodulph

Refrain:

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

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

Refrain

The company of angels are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.

Refrain

The people of the Hebrews with psalms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present.

Refrain

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise

Refrain

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

Refrain

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The 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 awakens—wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
I 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.

The 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;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

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.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Dave the Donkey

Rev. Kyle

Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE**

Evangelist: Then the whole company of them arose, and brought Jesus before Pilate. And they begin to accuse him, saying,

Crowd: “We found this man perverting our nation, and forbidding us to give us tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ a king.”

Evangelist: Pilate asked him,

Pilate: “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Jesus: “You say so.”

Evangelist: Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: “I find this man not guilty.”

Evangelist: But they were urgent, saying,

Crowd: “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.”

Evangelist: When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. So he questioned him at some length; but he made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. And Herod and his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him, then, arraying him in gorgeous apparel, he sent him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other. Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them.

Pilate: “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him; neither did Herod, for he sent him ack to us. Behold, nothing deserving death has been done by him; I will therefore chastise him and release him.”

Evangelist: But they all cried out together,

Crowd: “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”

Evangelist: a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city, and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they shouted out,

Crowd: “Crucify, crucify him!”

Evangelist: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: “Why, what evil has he done? I have found him guilty of no crime deserving death; I will therefore chastise him and release him.”

Evangelist: But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave sentence that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, whom they asked for; but Jesus he delivered up to their will. And as they led him away, they seized one Simon, of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country; and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of the people, and of women who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning to them said,

Jesus: “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never gave suck!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Evangelist: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. And Jesus said,

Jesus: “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”

Evangelist: And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching; but the rulers scoffed at him, saying

Scribes: “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his chosen one.”

Narrator: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar, and saying,

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

Narrator: There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying,

Criminal: “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

Narrator: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal: “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”

Narrator: And he said,

Criminal: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Narrator: And he said to him,

Jesus: “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Narrator: It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then, Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”

Narrator: And having said this, he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, and said,

Soldier: “Certainly, this man was innocent!”

Narrator: And all the multitudes who assembled to see the sight, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance and saw these things.
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM *Lift Up Your Heads* Lloyd Larson

~ WE RESPOND TO THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL ~

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In Jesus’ name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

* RESPONSE NO. 482 *Lord, Have Mercy* *Kriewald Kyrie*

Repeated phrases are sung first by leader and then my all

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Doxology No. 95*

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.

~ THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ~

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *See insert*

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 286 *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* *Passion Chorale*

* BENEDICTION

* THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* LEAVE IN SILENCE

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are to the glory of God
and in joyful celebration of
Ike and Linda Locklair’s 57th Anniversary.

VOICES OF THE PASSION

Evangelist: Wink Prince
Pilate: Mark Rollins
Jesus: Michael Merolle
Crowd: Congregation
Soldier/Scribes: Men of the choir
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Palm/Passion Sunday

April 10, 2022

10:30 a.m.



Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Today’s worship begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus’ passion and death. Because this story is so central to our faith, we gather to remember his offering for the life of the world, and to be fed by his life-giving mercy. This holy week will culminate in the celebration of the Three Days of Jesus’s suffering, death, and resurrection. Come and walk with Jesus this week as we worship.

This morning, worship will begin outside in the Courtyard. The congregation is asked to gather outside. Palm branches will be distributed to everyone. At the Procession of the Palms, all will process into the sanctuary.