

Palm Sunday

April 2nd 2023 9:30am



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Pray



Bless

Preparation For Worship: Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!
Psalm 31:16

Opening Song

Revelation Song

Worthy is the - Lamb who was slain - Holy holy is He
Sing a new song - to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat

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Holy holy holy - is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You

Clothed with rainbows - of living color
Flashes of lightning - rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

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Filled with wonder - awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power - breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery - yeah

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Invocation

Pastor: We gather today in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: We remember in Lent that because of sin entering the world, we are dust, and to dust we shall return. Genesis 3

People: But Jesus loved us so much that He has become the way for us, that we may not perish, but have eternal life.

Pastor: Jesus tells us, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." John 11

People: God is good!

Pastor: All the time!

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People: Like spring after winter is the faithful renewal of Jesus' love.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: As David wrote in Psalm 32 "Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the one against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

People: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin."

Pastor: Acknowledging the promise and call of God to confess, repent and receive forgiveness, we join the Apostle John's words:

People: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned we make God a liar, and His Word is not in us.

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

Forgive me of my sins, I pray. (Reflection for confession)

Pastor: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called servant of Jesus our Christ, and by His authority, I announce God's grace to all of you, and the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the

Son and of the Holy Spirit. To all who believe on His Name, He gives power to become children of God, and gives His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

People: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Daily Text

I will turn their mourning into joy.

Jeremiah 31:13

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4

Let us pray:

People: Gentle Savior, we mourn as we remember that Your triumphal entry into Jerusalem ended at the cross. And then as a result, JOY comes in the morning. What a time for rejoicing! Thank You for the comfort You bring into our lives this day. May we bring You to soothe those who mourn today. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

Scripture Lessons Read

First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷ But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ^{9a} Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ 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.

Reader: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel. God has given us Good News.

People: Return to the Lord, your God. For He is gracious and merciful.

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion,
 'Behold, your king is coming to you,
 humble, and mounted on a donkey,
 on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Sermon Song

You Are My All In All

You are my strength when I am weak
 You are the treasure that I seek
 You are my all in all
 Seeking You as a precious jewel
 Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
 You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God - Worthy is Your name
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Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

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Sermon/Watchword Talk --- New, Knew, Next Pr Knoll
And being found in human form, Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient to the point
of death – even death on a cross.

Offering Song Just as I Am

Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown, has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Prayers of the Church Pray

The congregation is invited to join in prayers that include whole Church,
the nation, those in need, the parish, additional petitions and special concerns.

Pastor: Let's join together to pray with Jesus for all that He loves right here, and to the
ends of the earth. Father, our Father in heaven, You are the present active,
Creator, and Redeemer of our heart, soul, mind and body.

People: Thank You Lord, that in You we are made a part of Your great salvation of
all that You have created. You have made us Your redeemed children. We
join today with all those throughout the world who follow You, and pray
that Your kingdom would come, and Your will would be done among us as
it is in heaven.

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with these *words...*

Pastor: You are our God, and we are Your people... Thank You that You hear our prayers, and work in all things for the good of those who love You. To You be all glory, honor, and praise.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remembering Your love and Your life we pray as You taught us to pray:
People: 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

Benediction Bless

Pastor: Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you.
May He make His face shine on you, and be gracious unto you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you His peace.

People:(Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Blessing: Child of God, Jesus comforts those who mourn, and turns mourning into joy!

Pastor: Our worship continues,
People: our service begins!

Closing Song

Shout To The Lord

My Jesus, my Savior - Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, - Tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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SHARING OF PEACE AS WE GO IN GOD'S PEACE

Welcome To Worship At Zion. We are pleased to have you join us. If you are a visitor please check the shelf outside the office for our newsletter and brochure.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God. Flowers represent the life, color and beauty that Jesus has blessed us with as we celebrate 40 years of marriage. From Dr. Tim and Cindy McGinnis

There is still time to order Easter lilies which will again decorate the church and the Easter cross. Please let us know by Wednesday if you plan to order one.

Please check your April newsletter for a handout regarding the newsletter mailing.

The 2023 Altar Flower Chart is up in the hallway. Sign up for one (\$22.50) or two (\$45.00) vases. Please indicate whether it is in honor or memory of an individual or special event.

The Mission of the Month for April continues to be Community Development in Rwanda through Faith in Action, Int'l. Use Mission of the Month envelopes to support this ministry and read the article in the newsletter about what Pr John is doing in Rwanda and also in other countries in Africa. Lenten Coin Folders & Coin Cans will go to Step By Step Learning Center, supported by Accessible Hope, Int'l.

Bible Studies/Small Groups

Wednesday 6:00pm G.I.F.T.

Worship at Zion

Thursday 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion

Friday 2:00pm Good Friday Worship with Communion

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Saturday NO Chapel Service

Sunday 8:00am Resurrection Day Worship with Communion

8:00am Easter Breakfast until 9:30am

9:30am Resurrection Day Worship with Communion

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