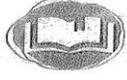


Palm Sunday

March 24th 2024 9:30am



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Talk



Pray



Bless

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

Opening Song

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Praise is rising - eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring - hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
(Washed away)

Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new
You make us new

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Ministry Spotlight *Share*

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

You have blessed it, O Lord, and it shall be blessed forever. *1 Chronicles 17:27*

Then the King will say to those at His right hand, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." *Matthew 25:34*

Let us pray:

People: Jesus, today I welcome You as victorious King, the One Who comes in the Name of the Lord. By Friday I will see You crowned with thorns. The cross will be Your throne. Your defeat brings victory for me. The Father's plan from the beginning is fulfilled. My heavenly inheritance is prepared. I am blessed forever! 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. ⁹ Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

The Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16

⁹ Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also. ¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away. ¹¹ Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. ¹² I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. ¹³ For I hear the whispering of many—terror on every side!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. ¹⁴ But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.” ¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! ¹⁶ Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!

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.**

Gospel Lesson

Mark 11:1-11

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those standing there said to

them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹¹ And 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.

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.

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

Marvelous Light

Into marvelous light I'm running - out of darkness out of shame
Through the cross You are the truth You are the life You are the way

I once was fatherless - a stranger with no hope
Your kindness wakened me - wakened me from my sleep now

Your love it beckons deeply - a call to come and die
By grace now I will come and take this life - take Your life

Sin has lost its power - death has lost its sting
From the grave You've risen victoriously

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Sermon/Watchword *Talk --- New, Knew, Next*

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Jesus said, "You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power"
and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

Offering Song

No Higher Calling

**Down at Your feet oh Lord is the most high place
In Your presence Lord I seek Your face - I seek Your face**

**There is no higher calling - No greater honor
Than to bow and kneel before Your throne
I'm amazed at Your glory - embraced by Your mercy
Oh Lord I live to worship You**

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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, you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.

Pastor: Our worship continues,

People: **our service begins!**

Closing Song

The Blessing

**The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace**

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**May His favor, be upon you and a thousand generations
And your family, and your children and their children, and their children**

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May His presence, go before you, and behind you, and beside you, all around you,
And within you, He is with you, He is with you.
In the morning, in the evening, in your coming, and your going,
In your weeping, and rejoicing He is for you, He is for you

He is for you, He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you, He is for you He is for 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 in memory of Don and Doug Zarling from Gloria Coonen.

Easter Lilies are available in remembrance or in honor of loved ones. The cost is \$22. Please fill out a Mission Envelope or call the church office at 920-235-4430.

The 2024 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 March is supporting children's ministries both with the Mission of the Month envelopes and the Lenten Coin Cans.

Worship at Zion

Thursday	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion
Friday	2:00pm	Good Friday Worship with Holy Communion
	7:00pm	Good Friday Worship with Holy Communion
Saturday	<u>NO</u>	Chapel Service
Sunday	7:00am	Resurrection Sunday Worship
	8:00am	Easter Coffee Hour/Breakfast
	9:30am	G.I.F.T. Resurrection Sunday Worship
	11:30am	Swahili-English Worship

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