

PALM SUNDAY ~ March 28, 2021

Worship 10:00 am

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GATHERING - Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Congregation gathers in the narthex to enter with Palm branches.

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Mark 11:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 11th chapter.

C: 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.

P: This is the gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

PROCESSION

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL SONG “The King of Glory”

Prayer of the Day

P: Everlasting God,

C: in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing Christ’s Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

WORD

1st Reading – Isaiah 50:4-9a

R: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

2nd Reading – Philippians 2:5-11

R: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Young People’s Message

Gospel – Mark 14:1--15:47

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Message – Pastor Lou Peters

HYMN OF THE DAY – “O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

Affirmation of Faith: Apostle’s Creed

P: Siblings in Christ, we are invited to join our voices with the voice of the whole Church on earth as we profess what we believe as Christians:

C: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering *Thank you for your on-going gifts and for being the generous people who support the mission & ministry of our congregation.*

Offering Prayer

P: Faithful God,

C: you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing of Winter coats

P: Almighty and most merciful God, we call to mind before you the gifts you have given us and you're loving care of your people. It is easy to forget those who are homeless, destitute and all who have no one to care for them. May we bring help and hope to those who are less fortunate through the giving of these winter coats and articles of warm clothing. May those receiving these gifts be reminded of your loving care and protection. May they find comfort in you and a place of safety and warmth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayers of the Church

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Communion Prayer

Blessing of the Gifts (*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those

who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

P: *God of steadfast love,*

**C: at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love
that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Benediction

P: *You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that
you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.*

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG – “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Dismissal

P: *Go in peace. Share the good news.*

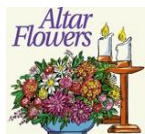
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We Pray for:

*Andrew (Pastor Lou), Joel Cederberg, Dori Dodson (Chelsea Morehead),
Dennis & Barbara Franke, Jackie (Nancy), Cynthia Holmberg (Nancy),
Montano Family in their loss of Alyssa (Pat Willson), Clarice Moore (Gary Walker),
Janice Ostnes, Ariana Preshaw, Victoria Raquepaw’s cousin, Susan & her son Mato,
Ashley & Sherri Stephens, Stephens Family in their loss of Laura (Babe).*

Our Prayer Partner Church: Sitka Lutheran Church, Sitka



Altar Flowers:

Greeter: Sonja Campbell Reader: Communion: Janice Ostnes

Announcements

TODAY is Palm Sunday and our **Winter Coat Drive**. Coats will be blessed during the service before being distributed to the FAIRBANKS RESCUE MISSION. Thank you to Cindy Olsen for organizing the coat drive!

MONDAY **Foodbank, 1:00pm** help offload foodboxes for clients at church.
Mary Martha Women's Bible Study, 6:15pm at church & Zoom.
Lois Heine is contact person.

Bible study link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84196060748?pwd=amlxSG9tZDg3TE1mZHVkM1k2bTJHUT09>

WEDNESDAY **Confirmation, 6:00pm** with Pastor Lou.

THURSDAY **Mitten Makers** will **NOT** meet this week.

HOLY WEEK / EASTER SUNDAY

(4/1) **Maundy Thursday 10am-8pm.** At the top of each hour from 10 am – 8 pm Pastor Lou will lead those in attendance in a meditative time of music with communion throughout the day at the church – approximately 15-20 min.

(4/2) **Good Friday 8am-2pm.** The church will be open for those who would like to come pray and meditate. No communion, however Pastor Lou will be at the church from 8am-12noon on this day.

Good Friday Tenebrae "Online" Service at 7:00pm featuring FLC Choir, soloists and readings. This service will be online only.

(4/4) **Easter Sunday, two services 9:00am & 11:00am.** In-person & livestreamed.

SIGN UP TO SING OR PLAY for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We would like to extend an offer to any and all musicians to provide meditative music during the day (10am-8pm). Sign up for as many 30 minute slots as you would like. Covid-19 protocols are being used (masks, shields, distancing). Go online to sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084CACA72FA7F49-maundy>

BRING EASTER FLOWERS to help decorate the church. The church will be open on *Good Friday (April 2nd)* from 8am – 2pm and on *Saturday April 3rd* from 10am – 2pm if you would like to bring flowers before coming to service on Easter Sunday. Be sure to take flowers home at the end of the second service. Let's celebrate spring with flowers for Easter! Thank you Kathy Alton for coordinating.

HELP PUT OUT GARAGE SALE CLOTHING on Mon-Wed April 12, 13, 14 from 1-3pm. Contact Lois Heine 206-228-3402 to let her know you can help. Thanks!

CLOTHING "GARAGE SALE", April 15, 16, 17 (Thur – Sat) from 10am-4pm. We need 2 cashiers for each shift (10a-1p and 1-4p) and 2 greeters to sign people in. If you can fill any of these times please call Arlene Orbeck, 474-0072.

WORSHIP SERVICES each Sunday we are in-person and livestreaming services via Facebook. We appreciate everyone being flexible when we do need to make a change.

OFFICE HOURS – the church building is not open to the public, however we have opened the building to Bible Study Groups and we are worshiping in-person, online with Zoom and Facebook Live. Thanks for your patience.

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