

***Palm Sunday***

***Sunday of the Passion***

**March 29th, 2015**

**Service of the Word and Prayer**

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*Congregation reads* ***bold print*** *\*Please stand*

****PRELUDE**

**GATHERING REFLECTION**

“Blesséd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” We know these words well. We speak them on Palm Sunday; we sing them on every Communion Sunday. I suspect we could say them in our sleep. The church has interpreted them as referring to Christ because these words were shouted to Jesus as he entered Jerusalem on the last week of his earthly life. However, the original text is found in Psalm 118:26, a song of victory of Israel over their enemy.*This was spoken by those who had charge of the sanctuary in addressing the one who came in the name of the Lord to present a thank-offering, an or offering of thanks. It is the language of welcome, an assurance that one’s offering would be acceptable to God. So, while it is appropriate to transfer the words to Jesus on his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, it is equally appropriate to address these words to anyone who enters any sanctuary. So, I address you when I say: Blessed are you who comes in the name of the Lord.* **Christ, I shout from out of my heart, “Come Blesséd Lord Jesus!” Amen.**

**BELL**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PROCESSION WITH PALMS**: Mark 11:1-11 *Will be read responsively* ***bold print***

*The Younger Worshipers will gather at the entry to the sanctuary with palm branches*

 *and process in with Vicar Kent during the Gathering Hymn.*

 L: When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of

 Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them,

**C: "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.**

 L: If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this,

 **C: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"**

 L: They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were

 untying it, some of the bystanders said to them,

 **C: "What are you doing, untying the colt**?"

 L: They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they

 brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people

 spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the

 fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

 **C: "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the**

 **coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"**

L: Then Jesus 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.

**\*GATHERING HYMN** *All Glory, Laud and Honor* **ELW #344**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE Choir Sings** *Rejoice and Sing,* ***“****Hosanna to the King"*

\***PRAYER OF THE DAY** L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Sovereign God,

**C: you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9 (NRSV)**

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. 9It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

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

**PSALM 31:9-16**   *(read responsively* ***bold type****)*

****9Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
    **my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.**

10For my life is spent with sorrow,
    **and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery,**

 **and my bones waste away.**

11I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
**a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances;**

 **those who see me in the street flee from me.**

12I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
**I have become like a broken vessel.**

13For I hear the whispering of many—
**terror all around!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.**

14But I trust in you, O Lord;
**I say, “You are my God.”**

15My times are in your hand;
    **deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**

16Let your face shine upon your servant;
    **save me in your steadfast love.**

**SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11 (NRSV)**

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.

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

\***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Jesus, Remember Me* **ELW #616**

\***GOSPEL Mark 14:1-16 C: Glory to you O Lord.**

**The Plot to Kill Jesus**

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; 2for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

**The Anointing at Bethany**

3While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. 4But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? 5For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. 6But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. 7For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. 8She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. 9Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

**Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus**

10Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. 11When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

**The Passover with the Disciples**

12On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” 13So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, 14and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ 15He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” 16So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

**\* HYMN OF THE DAY**  *Restore in Us, O God*  **ELW #328**

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED** *(on the back cover of the hymnal or)* **ELW p. 217**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** L: Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

\***SHARING THE PEACE** L: The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING Choir Sings “**The Holy City”

**\*OFFERING HYMN** *Create in Me a Clean Heart***ELW# 188**

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD** *(gray shaded area)* **ELW p. 220**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER**  *Sung*

**SENDING**

**\* BLESSING**  **C: *Three-Fold Amen.***

**\*SENDING HYMN** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* **ELW #325**

**BELL**

**SENDING** L: Journey on in peace and in God’s mercy. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

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*Blessed is the influence of one true, loving human soul on another*. ~ **George Eliot**

**Readings for next Sunday:** Isaiah 25:6-9; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We remember in our prayers…all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:* ***Bea Behrens, Vi Benoy, Agnes Carlson, Lisa******Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, Rhonda Bonk, Danny Lang, and Darrell & Janice Buhmann’s daughter, Roxanne.*** *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*

Thank you for all your prayers and cards during all my surgeries and setbacks. As you can’t get a better church family; I love all of you! May God be with you as he is with me.

 Dan & Marianne Lang

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MONDAY, MARCH 30**-9 AM Messenger Assembly

**MONDAY & TUESDAY, MARCH 30**-Vicar Kent will be @ Luther Seminary from Mondays PM until Tuesdays AM.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2**-**MAUNDY THURSDAY**-**Sign up** **Now!** For the 10 AM Worship Service with Communion. Coffee and goodies will be served afterwards.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3-GOOD FRIDAY**- 7:00 pm Worship with Communion

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**-**EASTER SUNDAY**

7:30-8:45 **EASTER BREAKFAST** hosted by the youth-free will offering.

Serving assorted egg bakes and cinnamon rolls.

**9 AM EASTER COMMUNION WORSHIP**

**No Sunday School**

*Reader: Laurie Wille, Acolyte: Kylee Harder*

*Ushers: \*Art Stough, Jeff Maloney, Jackson Maloney and Mason Maloney*

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