

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION:

PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024

10:00 AM Services

Holy Communion



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Sunday Services at 8 and 10 AM • Wed. Service at 6 PM

Our Sunday 10 AM is livestreamed

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

All who are able will gather on the patio.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray... Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Lector *The Lesson is taken from Mark chapter 11...*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and 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. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” 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, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” 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, “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!” Then 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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

HYMN H-154

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

(Join in the singing as the procession moves indoors.)

**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 Blessèd One. (Refrain)**

**The company of angels is praising thee on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. (Organ Interlude)(Refrain)**

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer 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)**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray... Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

[Please be seated.]

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah, chapter 50...*

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 wakens--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 backward. 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?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**You are my refuge, faithful God; you shelter me from shame.
I put my spirit in your hands and call upon your name.**

**Deliver me from hidden snares, from sorrow, pain, and strife.
When troubles seem to smother me, take heed, and save my life!**

**Be gracious, God, in my distress, and dry my bitter tears.
My life is spent in misery; I sigh away my years.**

**And yet I trust in you, O God; your covenant still stands.
Redeem me, in your faithful love: my life is in your hands.**

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Lector *The Second Reading is taken from Philippians, chapter 2...*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

(All stand as able.)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Aaron David Miller

Choir: Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him and gave him
the name above all names.

THE GOSPEL *(Congregation may sit and will take the part of the Congregation.)*

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark...

Narrator: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

Pilate: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Narrator: He answered him,

Jesus: "You say so."

Narrator: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate: "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

Narrator: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

Pilate: "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

Narrator: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate: "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

Narrator: They shouted back,

Congregation: **"Crucify him!"**

Narrator: Pilate asked them,

Pilate: "Why, what evil has he done?"

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

Congregation: **"Crucify him!"**

Narrator: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

Soldiers: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Narrator: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

(At the mention of Golgotha, all stand as able.)

Narrator: They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Bystanders: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

Narrator: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

Chief Priests: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, Come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

Narrator: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

Narrator: which means,

Jesus: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Narrator: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystanders: "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

Narrator: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Bystanders: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

Narrator: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion: "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Narrator: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

SERMON

The Rev. Whitney Burton

[Please be seated.]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.*

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Lector Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this week for Susan Fowler, Kenneth Tomlinson, Jean Herbert, Kyle Hopwood, Hank Nalewajek, Mariann Taylor, and for the anniversaries of Patrick & Beth Brinsko, and Hank & Marilyn Nalewajek.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially . . . [*add names from notebook*] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [*leave time*], give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector We commend to your mercy all who have died, (especially . . . [*add names from notebook*]) and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [*leave time*] that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

Please kneel or stand as able.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence is kept.)*

People **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. AMEN.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **AMEN.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY

Lift Up Your Heads

Joseph M. Martin

All stand as able.

Choir

PRESENTATION

Deacon We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

(stanzas 1,5)

**Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

Celebrant All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

FRACTION ANTHEM S-164

Franz Schubert

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.


COMMUNION

This is the Feast

Hal H. Hopson

(all sing this refrain, choir sings the verses)

Refrain



This is the feast, the feast of God's own
people. God alone be praised; God be
praised. God be praised.

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COMMUNION HYMN H-160

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

CROSS OF JESUS

**Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, where the blood of Christ was shed,
perfect Man on thee did suffer, perfect God on thee has bled!**

**Here the King of all the ages, throned in light ere worlds could be,
robed in mortal flesh is dying, crucified by sin for me.**

O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime!
Very God himself is bearing all the sufferings of time!

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, where the blood of Christ was shed,
perfect Man on thee did suffer, perfect God on thee has bled!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray...

People Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

SENDING HYMN H-158

Ah, Holy Jesus

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Acolyte/Crucifer	Jackson Bond
Chalicer	Joe Nixon & Miriam Benitez-Nixon
Lectors	Alan Mackay & Sally Miller
Passion Narrative	The Rev. Cindy Roehl, Pat Cates, Maureen Belote, Dave Dube, Mary Ratliff, Carey Cherivtch, The Rev. Whitney Burton
Prayers of the People	Judy Warner
Ushers	Jim & Mary Ratliff, Alan Mackay & Marc Jacobson
Building & Grounds	Cheryl Sharpe
Welcome Table	Shirl Ahrens

Prayers are requested for:

The Week of Mar 17 – Butch N, Marc W, Mike T, Gene B, the Pond Family, Gerry B, Beckett D, Rosemary S, Mariann T, Donna C, Bill & Cathy A, Jane H, Mandeville P, Marianne D, Mark J, Heather S, Colette S, Lou F, Lee S, Pedro G, Bill, Gloria L, Marylynne J, Bonnie L, Diana S, Milly L, Olena & Family, People of Ukraine, Bob S, Christopher J, the Reigert Family, Inez P & Tracy S, People of the Middle East, Jim, Marilyn, Sue V, Brian S, Alice, Dustin B, Maggie, Kari G, Barbara N, Stacey, Suzanne, Jason C, Skip & family, Chris E, Amy G, Maria M, Kimberly.

Celebrations this week: Birthdays – Susan Fowler, Kenneth Tomlinson, Jean Herbert, Kyle Hopwood, Hank Nalewajek, and Mariann Taylor.

Anniversaries – Patrick & Beth Brinsko, and Hank & Marilyn Nalewajek.

Announcements

Fish Fry Fundraiser: COGS will hold a Fish Fry Dinner on Friday, April 12 from 5:00PM – 8:00PM. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased after Sunday services or through Realm.

COGS Holy Week Services:

Sunday, March 24 @ 8 AM & 10 AM - Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28 @ 6:30 PM – Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28 @ 8:00 PM thru Friday, March 29 @ 8:00 AM -Gethsemane Watch

Friday, March 29 @ NOON & 6:30 PM – Good Friday

Saturday, March 30 @ 6:30 PM – Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31 @ 8 AM & 10 AM – Easter Sunday

Holy Week Prayer Labyrinth: will be set up on the south lawn in front of the cross beginning today through Easter.