

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION:

PALM SUNDAY

March 28, 2021

8:00 & 10:00 AM Services

Holy Communion



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Sunday Services at 8 and 10 AM • Wed. Service at 10 AM • Sat. Service at 5 PM

Our Sunday services are livestreamed

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

During this time of social distancing: Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

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.

Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

Humming or simply listening to hymns is appropriate.

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

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest **D** Deacon **L** Leader **C** Congregation **All** Everyone

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.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

All Glory, Laud and Honor

arr. V. Stephenson
Bells of Hope

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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

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

P 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.

C **Amen.**

THE PALM SUNDAY LESSON: John 12:12–16

D *The Lesson is taken from John, chapter 12...*

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!” Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

D The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P 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.

C **Amen.**

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

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

☐ Let us go forth in peace.

☑ **In the name of God. Amen.**

HYMN (10:00 AM)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

154, vs. 1, 2

*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.
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels is praising thee on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **Also with you.**

☐ 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.

☑ **Amen.**

The Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11

[Please be seated.]

The First Reading

℣ *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?

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm (8:00 AM)

℣ *We will read responsively Psalm 31...*

℣ Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

☩ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

℣ I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

☩ **I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

℣ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

☩ **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.**

℣ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

☩ **Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me."**

***Here in my need be pleased, O God, To grant me some relief;
My soul and body waste away, My eye is dim with grief.***

***For sorrow now consumes my life, And sighs drown out my years;
My bones grow weak, and all my strength Flows out in ceaseless tears.***

***My enemies and neighbors both Regard me with dismay;
And when friends see me in the street, They quickly move away.***

***I am forsaken, seen as dead, A broken, useless pot;
I hear the whispers; fear surrounds; Against my life they plot.***

The Second Reading

📖 *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.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🗣️ **Thanks be to God.**

The Passion Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

READER 1

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, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

READER 2

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, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" 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, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back,

“Crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

READER 3

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, “Hail, King of the Jews!” 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.

READER 4

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.

READER 1 *(All Stand)*

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, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!” In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “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.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

READER 2

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, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.” And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” 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, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

READER 3

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.

READER 4

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 Jesus saw where the body was laid.

Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Cindy Roehl

[Please be seated.]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- ☐ Remembering that it is no longer we who live but Christ who lives in us, let us pray for the Church and for the world.
- ☐ We pray for all who call you Lord. Enliven our common life, that together we may worship you joyfully, give our hearts wholly to you in prayer, and gently commend to others the faith that is in us. We pray for all who are in need and who suffer [especially, *read names from notebook*] and for those we name, aloud or silently. [*Leave time...*]. Help us to answer the prayers of those who cry out to you.
- ☑ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we are courageous agents of justice and compassion, and share our resources generously.**
- ☐ We pray for the leaders around the world. Help them to respect all by considering others as equal to themselves, by thinking charitably towards all neighbors near and far, and by seeking to understand and appreciate those who differ from them.
- ☑ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we love and serve others as you love and serve us.**
- ☐ We pray for all who are responsible for the mission and ministry of the church, lay and ordained.
- ☑ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we are humble, patient and act with integrity, using the values and promises of the Reign of God as the foundation of every decision, action or abstention.**
- ☐ We pray for a sense of awe for all you have created and entrusted to us, including our own bodies, your creation, and the lives of others. We give you thanks for the blessings of this life. You open your hand and fill the earth with good things.
- ☑ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we cherish the gifts you have given us, conserving and healing your creation for the sake of those who come after us.**

- ℒ We pray for those whose life on this earth has ended, [especially, *read names from notebook*] and for those we name, aloud or silently. [*Leave time...*]. Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- ☩ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we follow the good examples of your saints, who teach us to enjoy worldly goods and comforts in moderation, and to be honest in our daily life and work.**
- ℒ Let your grace restore us, good Lord, and let your Spirit inspire us.
- ☩ **Lord Christ, live in us and accomplish in us the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

- ℒ Let us confess our sins to God. [*Silence is kept.*]
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, . . .
- ☩ **in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- ℒ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
- ☩ **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[*Please stand. During this time of social distancing, a wave or bow, accompanied by a smile and “the Peace of the Lord be with you,” will do nicely.*]

- ℒ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- ☩ **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- ℒ Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Bring your tithes, gifts and offering with gladness.

OFFERTORY (10:00 AM)

Cross of Jesus

H. 160

Julian Guini, soloist

PRESENTATION

- ℒ 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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 our thanks and praise.**

P 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

P Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

P He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

P On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

P After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is My Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

P Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.**

P 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.

C AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

A **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

P Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM (10:00 AM) *Jesus, Lamb of God*

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*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.*

P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION CHANT (10:00 AM) *Stay with me*

[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

Stay with me; remain here with me; watch and pray. Watch and pray.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray...

C **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

- P** The followers of Christ are to be instruments of peace in a world that now knows for itself the same forces of betrayal, fear, and panic that worked together to kill Jesus. I bless you in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, that in these days of peril you are filled with divine wholeness, hope, faith and light.
- G** Amen.

SENDING HYMN (10:00 AM)

O Sacred Head

H 168 vs 1,3

***O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn:
What sorrow mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heaven adore!***

***In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry,
with thee for my salvation upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved to stand thy cross beneath,
to mourn thee, well-beloved, yet thank thee for thy death.***

THE DISMISSAL

- D** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- G** Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"O Sacred Head"

Brahms

SERVING US TODAY AT 8:00 AM

Celebrant	Michael Durning
Deacon & Preacher	Cindy Roehl
Organist	Stephen Allen
Acolyte/Crucifer	Brett Dickie
Lectors	Brett Dickie
	Diane Niford
	Butch Niford
	Cindy Roehl
Prayers of the People	Brett Dickie
Ushers	Dick Smedley & Ed Steponaitis

SERVING US TODAY AT 10:00 AM

Celebrant	Michael Durning
Deacon & Preacher	Cindy Roehl
Organist	Stephen Allen
Acolyte/Crucifer	Dan Depies
Lectors	Heather Elder
	Ryan Stollenmaier
	Mary Ratliff
	Carolyn Hughes
Prayers of the People	Judy Warner
Ushers	Steve & Caroline Maisel
Building & Grounds	Pat Cates