

Palm Sunday

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+ HOLY COMMUNION SETTING ONE+

Please pick up your Palms from the Narthex and then be seated.

ORGAN PRELUDE Fantasia in G minor J.S. Bach

WELCOME, GREETING AND LITANY

Please stand as you are able.

P Christ became obedient unto death for us,

C even death upon a cross.

P He was pierced for our sins,

C bruised for no fault but ours.

P His punishment has won our peace,

C and by his wounds we are healed.

P Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,

**C to receive power and riches and wisdom,
strength, honour, glory, and praise. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN At the Name of Jesus

No. 416

DIALOGUE

W When we willfully misuse your gifts of creation:

C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

W When we see the ill-treatment of others and do not go to their aid:

C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

W When we condone evil and dishonesty and fail to strive for justice:

C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

W When we hear the good news of Christ but fail to share it with others:

C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

W When we do not love you with all our hearts nor our neighbours as ourselves:

C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

W May the God of love and grace forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by the Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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P We pray: Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Lesson A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may now 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? (Isaiah 50:4-9a)

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:19-29 *Sung*

Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good;
his mercy en- | dures forever.

Let Israel | now proclaim,
"His mercy en- | dures forever."

Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the Lord.

"This is the gate | of the Lord;
he who is right- | eous may enter."
I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me
and have become | my salvation.
The same stone which the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.
This is | the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous | in our eyes.
On this day the | Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be | glad in it.
Hosanna, | Lord, hosanna!
Lord, send us | now success.
Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the Lord;
we bless you from the house | of the Lord.
God is the Lord; he has | shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns | of the altar.
"You are my God, and | I will thank you;
you are my God, and I | will exalt you."
Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good;
his mercy en- | dures forever.

Second Lesson A Reading from the Book of Philippians

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. (*Philippians 2:5-11*)

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation Let your steadfast love...

Please stand as you are able.

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Gospel

P The Holy Gospel...

C Glory to you, O Lord

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.' (*Luke 19:28-40*)

P The gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Christ, the Life of All the Living **No. 339**

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please stand as you are able.*

The response to the intentions this week is "*hear our prayer.*"

A Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

A Bless all who call upon your name. Unite your church in bearing witness to the gospel. Pour your love into our hearts, and inspire us to pour out our lives in service to your world. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the nations especially for Ukraine. For peace among all, especially those who honour Jerusalem as holy ground. For all who hold positions of authority and power. For all who suffer oppression, and for those who serve in the armed forces. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for this congregation. For those preparing for baptism or confirmation. For musicians, altar guilds, ushers, and all who lead us in worship. For those who serve our community. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For our families, friends, and neighbours; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, especially: Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Genevieve Janssen, Julie Janssen Downe, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Amy Lynch, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Karin Olafson (Dakota, Remi and Ada), Jerry Rasmuson and family, Jim and Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Ron Sauer, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, John Watt, those we name aloud...and those we carry in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

For those who serve in the holy catholic Church:

- the National Church Council and national committee members
- the East Central Area Leadership Team, pastors, people, and Rev. Calvin Skriver, Dean
- our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. Richard Reimer, Chaplain of Lutheran Campus Ministry, University of Alberta and for Dana Rayment, Chaplain for NAIT and McEwan, Edmonton

- those who serve as interim ministers, and for parishes who await pastoral leadership
- Mount Zion Lutheran, Edmonton
- the students, faculty, and staff of Martin Luther University College, Waterloo, Ontario
- El Consolador Congregation, Sogamosa, Colombia
- the pastors and people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil
- the Anglican, Mennonite, Moravian, and Presbyterian Churches of Canada

For all these, Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping, Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

C Amen.

THE PEACE *Please be seated.*

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THE OFFERTORY

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P Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

BLESSING OF OIL *for regular use. This usually happens on the morning of Maundy Thursday, or earlier in Holy Week.*

P Saint James bears witness to the use of the Oil of the Sick. It offers the sick a remedy for infirmity of body and soul, so that they can bravely endure and fight against evil and obtain pardon for sins.

P Let us pray, dear brothers and sisters, to God the almighty Father, that he bless and sanctify this oil, so that all who are outwardly anointed with it may be inwardly sanctified and come to share in eternal salvation.

W Oils are brought forward.

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God, author of the Sacraments and bestower of life, we give thanks for your ineffable goodness, for in the ancient covenant you foreshadowed the mystery of sanctifying oil and in the fullness of time you willed that it might shine forth uniquely in your beloved Son. And when your Son, our Lord, had saved the human race through the Paschal Mystery, he filled your Church with the Holy Spirit, and wonderfully endowed her with heavenly gifts, so that through her the work of salvation in the world might be brought to completion. From that time onward, through sacred mystery you have so bestowed the riches of your grace upon all humanity, that your sons and daughters, born again in the cleansing waters of Baptism, are strengthened by the anointing of the Spirit, and conformed to Christ, share in his prophetic, priestly, and holy office.

Oil and scent are blended.

Then the pastor extends their right hand toward the oils

We ask you, O Lord, that by the power of your grace this mingling of fragrance and oil may become for us a sacrament of your (+) blessing. Pour out in abundance the gifts of the Holy Spirit on our brothers and sisters anointed with this oil; adorn with the splendour of holiness the places and things signed by sacred oils; but above all, by the mystery of this oil, bring to completion the growth of your Church, until she reaches that measure of fullness in which you, resplendent with eternal light, will be all in all with Christ in the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

C Amen.

THE OFFERING *Setting of the table.*

CHORAL OFFERTORY

“What Wondrous Love” Jennings, Joseph

OFFERING PRAYER *Please stand as you are able.*

A We pray,

C God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PREFACE AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION (IX)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Egyptian)

*(*Abana means “Our Father” and is pronounced Eh-Beh-Nah)*

Abana*, in heaven, hallowed be your holy name.

Your Kingdom come, Your will be done in all the earth as in
heav’n

Your Kingdom come, Your will be done in all the earth as in
heav’n

And give to us, give us this day our daily bread, O Lord, we pray.

Forgive our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And save us in time of trial. Deliver us from evil.

Yours is the kingdom, Yours the power,

Yours is the glory now and ever.

Abana, in heaven, Amen.

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THE FRACTION

P This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

C We do not presume to come to your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please be seated.

Assistants and those in special need first.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross	No. 335
Ride on, Ride On in Majesty	No. 346

TABLE BLESSING *Please stand as you are able.*

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING PRAYER

A We pray,

C Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated.*

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

As you are able, please stand and raise high your Palms.

P Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering and death.

Today we greet him as our Sovereign, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our 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. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and Sovereign, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest. May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ 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.

W Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest.

W Let us go forth in peace.

C In the name of Christ. Amen.

Those who wish may join the procession as we go around the altar three times before we leave the sanctuary.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honour

No. 344

Refrain All glory, laud, and honour to you, redeemer, king,

To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.

Refrain

2 The company of angels is praising you on high;
Creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.

Refrain

3 The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went.
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

Refrain

4 To you, before your Passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Refrain

5 Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king.

Refrain

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Be Merciful Unto Me" arr. J.S. Bach

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**WELCOME** to all gathered here today. Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today's servants or speak with the pastor.

## **WE THANK TODAY'S SERVANTS**

|                     |                                         |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Usher:              | Bill Strand                             |
| Lector:             | Cal Gulick                              |
| Assistant Minister: | Pat Fedkenheuer                         |
| Altar Guild:        | Our Volunteer                           |
| Refreshments:       | Cheryl Strand, Cal Gulick, Emily Farrer |
| Zoom Host:          | Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh                 |

## **OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE**

| 6 April 2025  | Last Week | Budget 2024 |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| Current       | \$ 5,569  | \$2,911     |
| Benevolence   | \$ 105    | \$165       |
| Building Fund | \$ 20     |             |
| Other         | \$ 2,780  |             |
| Attendance    | 46        |             |

## **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

|           |        |          |                             |
|-----------|--------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Today     | 13 Apr | 11:45 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments |
|           |        | 2:00 PM  | CFMA Worship                |
| Monday    | 14 Apr |          | Easter Monday Office Closed |
|           |        | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Tuesday   | 15 Apr | 6:30 PM  | S.A.F.E. Place Peer Support |
| Wednesday | 16 Apr | 9:30 AM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Thursday  | 17 Apr | 7:00 PM  | Communion Service           |
| Friday    | 18 Apr | 10:30 AM | Good Friday Service         |
|           |        | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Saturday  | 19 Apr | 9:00 AM  | House of Hope Worship       |
|           |        | 8:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Sunday    | 20 Apr | 9:30 AM  | Choir practice              |
|           |        | 10:30 AM | Resurrection of Our Lord    |

**HOTSHOTS** – Tuesday 15 April 2025 at 10:00 AM join us for the movie “Jack the Bear” with a soup and bun lunch to follow. We have great discussions about the movies, so add your thoughts to the mix. Sign up sheet is downstairs.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** for the May newsletter is Tuesday, 22 April 2025. Either place the item in the Highwood Highlights mailbox downstairs or email to [secretaryhlc@outlook.com](mailto:secretaryhlc@outlook.com)

**LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES** - The annual Fundraising Walk, Run or Roll is set for April 26th. Start and finish at Faith Lutheran Church. Registration at 8:30 AM, Walk begins at 9:30 AM. Donations may be added to your envelope, specify Lutheran Hospital Ministry. See poster and forms on bulletin board.

**NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?** Contact Elizabeth Anderson 587 897 0548 or Bill Strand 403 239 9894.

**LENTEN SERVICES SCHEDULE**

**HOLY WEEK**

April 13 – 20

The Triduum

18 April Holy Thursday – Triduum Begins 7:00 PM

19 April Good Friday 10:30 AM

20 April The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday 10:30 AM

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 2:14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

John 20:1-18