

24 March 2024 - Palm Sunday



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+ HOLY COMMUNION SETTING 7+

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

ORGAN PRELUDE “All Glory, Laud, and Honour” arr. 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 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

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DIALOGUE

P When we willfully misuse your gifts of creation:

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

P 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.**

P 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.**

P 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.**

P 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.**

P 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

P We pray: Everlasting God, 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.**

Please be seated.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Lesson **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

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?

A The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9-16 *Sung*

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 am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay
to my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

Like the dead I am forgotten, | 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.

Let your face shine up- | on your servant;

save me in your | steadfast love.”

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit;

as it was in the begin-| ning, is now and will be forever. | Amen.

Second Lesson **Philippians 2:5-11**

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.

A The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand as you are able.*

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Gospel

Mark 11:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark **C Glory to you, O Lord**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ‘Go to the village ahead of you, and just

as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, “Why are you doing this?” say, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.”

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, ‘What are you doing, untying that colt?’ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

‘Hosanna!’

‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’

‘Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!’

‘Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Beneath the Cross of Jesus **No. 338**

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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 honor 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 neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, especially: Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, June Chadwick, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Norma Gummo, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Ruby Panser, Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Laurena Schnell, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, Sam Skogen, Katherine Wellman, those we name aloud...and carry in our hearts, we pray to you, O Lord.

C hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered)

For those who serve in the holy catholic Church:

- for the Synod of Saskatchewan, synod staff, pastors, people, and Bishop Sidney Haugen
- for all Area council members and Highwood's council
- for our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. Rev. George Koopmans, Chaplain for Medicine Hat College
- for Ascension Lord of Life Lutheran, Edmonton
- for the pastors and people of the Pentecostal Churches of Canada
- for the Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches

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.

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. **Amen.**

THE OFFERING *Setting of the table.*

CHORAL OFFERTORY “O Lord, Be Gracious” by L. Dengler

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 (Version II)

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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.

Lamb of God

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Please be seated.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

Assistants and those in special need first.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Were You There

No. 353

My Song Is Love Unknown

No. 343

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.

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

C Hosanna in the highest.

P 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.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Glory, Laud and Honour **No. 344**

Refrain All glory, laud, and honor 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 "All Glory, Laud and Honour" arr. R. Dubois

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**WELCOME** to all gathered here today, especially all guests and visitors. We are blessed to have you worship with us. You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby). Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of

today's servants or speak with the pastor. We will continue to provide online worship for those unable to attend in-person.

**WE THANK TODAY'S SERVANTS**

Usher: Nale Poromon, Clarice Rasmuson  
Lector: Nale Poromon  
Assistant Minister: Pat Fedkenheuer  
Altar Guild: Helen Sandau  
Refreshments: Mariette Erasmus, Al & Pat Fedkenheuer  
Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE**

| 17 March 2024 | Last Week | Budget 2024        |
|---------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Current       | \$ 2,840  | \$2,911            |
| Benevolence   | \$ 50     | \$165              |
| Building Fund | \$ 130    |                    |
| Other         | \$ 487    |                    |
| Attendance    | 49        | (+ online viewers) |

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Today 24 Mar 11:45 PM Fellowship and Refreshments  
2:00 PM CFMA Worship

Monday 25 Mar 7:00 PM 12 Step Program

Tuesday 26 Mar 6:30 PM Never Alone Peer Support

Wednesday 27 Mar 9:30 AM 12 Step Program  
7:00 PM Holy Wednesday Healing Service

Thursday 28 Mar 10:00 AM Knitting Circle  
1:00 PM K.S.G.  
6:00 PM Reception  
7:00 PM Communion Service

Friday 29 Mar 10:30 AM Good Friday Service  
7:00 PM 12 Step Program

Saturday 30 Mar 9:00 AM House of Hope Worship  
1:00 PM K.S.G.  
8:00 PM 12 Step Program

Sunday 31 Mar 9:30 AM Choir practice  
10:30 AM Resurrection of Our Lord

**CONFESSION** Lent is the season of confession. This continues through to Maundy Thursday. Private confession is always available. Please contact Pr. Mike should you desire this option.

**COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE** – held today and Easter Sunday. Any donations are welcome.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** for the April newsletter is Tuesday, 26 March 2024. Either place the item in the Highwood Highlights mailbox downstairs or email to [secretaryhlc@outlook.com](mailto:secretaryhlc@outlook.com)

**THE KNITTING CIRCLE** will meet on Thursday, 28 March at 10:00 AM. We'll help you learn to knit or crochet. All are welcome to visit with us.

**EASTER FLOWERS** – if you are able, donations for Easter flowers are gratefully accepted.

**FREE SENIOR SESSIONS** – Kirby Centre – see posters downstairs.

**ETERNITY FOR TODAY** – the devotional booklets for April, May and June have arrived, and everyone is welcome to take a copy from the table in the narthex. Donations are gratefully accepted towards the subscription cost which is only \$13.25.

**LAUDATE COMMUNITY SINGERS** – present “Sound the Trumpet, Sing His Praise”, Saturday 13 April at 7:00 PM. Calgary First Church of the Nazarene (65 Richard Way SW Calgary). More info on posters.

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

### **LENTEN SERVICES SCHEDULE**

#### **HOLY WEEK**

|                                                            |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 27 March – Holy Wednesday - Healing Service<br>The Triduum | 7:00 PM  |
| 28 March Holy Thursday – Reception                         | 6:00 PM  |
| 28 March Holy Thursday – Communion                         | 7:00 PM  |
| 29 March Good Friday                                       | 10:30 AM |
| 31 March Easter Sunday                                     | 10:30 AM |

#### **NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

|                       |                              |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Easter Sunday         | The Resurrection of Our Lord |
| Acts 10:34-43         | Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24         |
| 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | Mark 16:1—8                  |