

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
ELW - *Setting 6, Holy Communion*
10:30 AM April 2, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE: (*Congregation gathers in the Narthex*)

ACCLAMATION

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

All: Hosanna in the highest. (3x)

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

GATHERING PRAYER:

God we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts.

All: From hope to despair to hope again.

As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd,

All: help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is at stake.

As the story unfolds,

All: open us to both the hope and the pain.

In this time of worship,

All: prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait.

Bless these branches and give us the grace to carry them all the way to the cross.

All: We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

(*adapted from <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>*)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "All Glory, Laud and Honour"

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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
are 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**]

"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

All: Hosanna in the highest.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHOIR ANTHEM: "*Holy God, Holy and Glorious*" by Robert Buckley
Farlee, arr. Jeremy J. Bankson

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "*Let Your Steadfast Love*", p. 171

GOSPEL: Matthew 27:11-54

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*" #335

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: "Let us pray – have mercy, O God"

SHARING OF THE PEACE, p. 172

THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING, p. 172

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, p. 173

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

"Blessed are you, O God . . . we remember our Lord's Passover from
death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER, p. 173

LAMB OF GOD, p. 174

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION: "*My Song is Love Unknown*" #343

"*Lamb of God (Your Only Son)*" #336

"*Jesus, Remember Me*" #616

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of the parade,

All: we admit we are sometimes too quick to join in, and too quick to turn away.

For all the times we make the wrong choice, for all the times we choose safety over the challenge of changing the world, forgive us we pray.

God, who calls us over and above the mob, gives us the chance to learn through experience. Through grace God's call continues as we explore how best to respond. We are called and forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

SENDING HYMN: "*There in God's Garden*"

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All are welcome at the table.

If you wish to receive the healing gift of God's grace and believe Christ is present, please feel welcome to participate in the Eucharist.

Grape-apple juice and red wine are provided in the glasses.

Gluten-free wafers are also available.

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Last Sunday's in-person attendance: 46

Processional Gospel – Matthew 21:1-11

¹WHEN THEY HAD COME NEAR JERUSALEM and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

First Reading – Isaiah 50:4-9:1

⁴**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 awakens—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?

Second Reading – Philippians 2:5-11

⁵**LET 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 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.

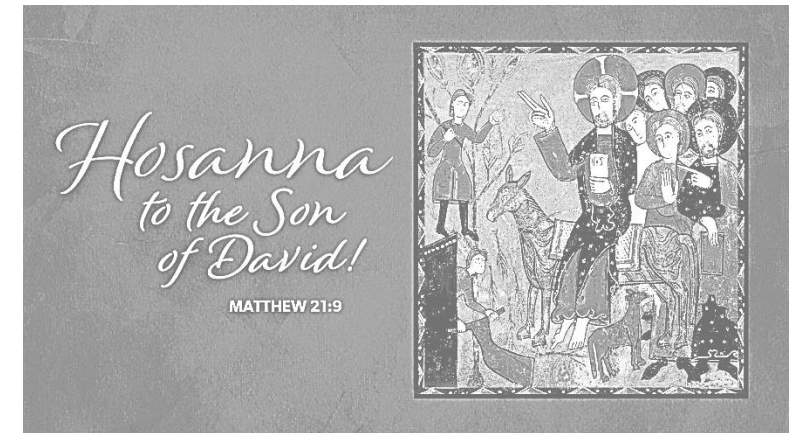
Gospel – Matthew 27:11-54

¹¹**NOW JESUS STOOD BEFORE THE GOVERNOR**; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” ¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²²Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³Then

he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!” ²⁴So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. ²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. ³²As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

³⁸Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴²“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” ⁴⁴The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. ⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” ⁴⁸At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” ⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

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