

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



PALM-PASSION SUNDAY

ELW – *Setting 1*

10:30 AM March 24, 2024

GATHERING

PRELUDE

GATHERING ACCLAMATION

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

All: Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹Then he . . . went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

GATHERING PRAYER

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

All: From hope to despair to hope again.

Leader: 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.

Leader: As the story unfolds,

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

Leader: In this time of worship,

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

Leader: 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: “Pave the Way with Branches” #928 ACS

CESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: God of palm branches and hallelujahs:

All: We confess—we love a good Palm Sunday celebration.

We love the sound of a joyful parade.

We love shouting, “hallelujah!”

We love that Palm Sunday means Easter is just around the
corner. We love good news.

Leader: However, if we slow down and pay attention,

We know that Palm Sunday was not a walk in the park for you.

There was risk. There was fear. There was the threat of violence.
You were leading a peaceful protest against an unjust empire,
And the whole world knew it.

All: Forgive us for glossing over the courage this day took.

Remind us that the story of faith is a story of courage,

And even we can do hard things.

With hope we pray. Amen.

Leader: Family of faith, even when we gloss over the truth,

Even when our courage fails us,

Even when we doubt that we can do hard things,

God believes in us. God loves us. God forgives us.

Hear and believe this truth:

All: We are known. We are loved.

We are forgiven.

Again and again and again. Amen.

Liturgy by Rev. Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

CHORAL ANTHEM: “Palm Sunday”

THE WORD

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is
consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a
dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street
they avoid me.

¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³For 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.

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, “You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my
enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

CHILDREN’S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Blessed is the One”

#928 ACS

GOSPEL: Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

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(Offering will be collected during the song)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

APOSTLES’ CREED, p. 105

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: “Hear us, O God – your mercy is great”

LORD’S PRAYER, p. 112

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING:

Leader: As we enter into the events of Holy Week, may we be
drawn closer to God through the scripture we read, the water
that is splashed, the bread broken, wine poured, and nails
pounded. Even as our hearts are troubled, may we come to
know the power of Christ at work in us more completely. Go in
peace. God is with you.

All: Thanks be to God.

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SENDING HYMN: “There in God’s Garden”

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POSTLUDE

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Including LCM: \$275, PAR: \$5,825 Rent: \$1,855

Expenses for March to date: \$15,972

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card through Canada Helps (donate button on the Augustana website
<http://augustanasaskatoon.net/>). OR sign up for PAR. Please ensure
envelopes put in the offering plates have an envelope no. or address.

In-person attendance last Sunday: 66, Lent Wednesday: 74

Thank you to our lector Tannis Sharp, ushers Angie Remus & Marlene
Trenouth, musician Anna-Marie Skogsrud, Choir director Deb Buck, and
technical support Karen Wallace for assisting in worship today. Thanks also
to the choir for the special music, and to the Health Cabinet for assisting
with the Lenten Lunch & Learn.

Processional Gospel – Mark 11:1-11

¹WHEN THEY WERE APPROACHING JERUSALEM, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹¹Then 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.

Second Reading – Philippians 2:5-11

⁵LET 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 every knee should bend, 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 – Mark 15:1-39

¹AS 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. ²Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. ⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for

whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³They shouted back, “Crucify him!” ¹⁴Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. ¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace; and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. ²¹They 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. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. ²⁵It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.* ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!” ³¹In 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. ³²Let 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. ³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At 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?” ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.” ³⁶And 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.” ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now 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!”

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