

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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Palm Sunday

The Journey to Golgotha Begins

Sunday, April 2, 2023

PRELUDE

THE INVOCATION *and* ENTRANCE OF PALMS

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: All Glory Laud & Honor (vss. 1,2,3,5)..RECLAIM No. 146

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: When the days drew near, Jesus set his face to die on the cross for us.

C: We set our faces toward the road to Jerusalem where you traveled on a donkey amid praise and palms.

P: Yet we have not always praised you as we ought,

C: and we have not always traveled down the road you had marked out for us.

P: So we now confess our wrong ways to you.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Holy and merciful God,

C: we confess our offenses against you. You know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. With humble hearts we draw close to you, confessing our faults, and confiding in your grace to find refuge and strength through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: "Jesus did not count equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...and became obedient to the point of death on a cross." (*Philippians 2:6, 7a, 8b*) In accordance to the command of our Lord Jesus, and by his authority, I forgive you the entirety of all your sins. Through the obedience of Christ we are freed from whatever enslaves us.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

We sing a hymn of praise to God as a response to the proclamation of forgiveness

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a 6/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. Above the staff, the letters 'S, A' are written, indicating the parts for Soprano and Alto. The lyrics are written below the staff: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God - of'. The notes are: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), A5 (quarter), B5 (quarter), C6 (quarter), D6 (quarter), E6 (quarter), F6 (quarter), G6 (quarter), A6 (quarter), B6 (quarter), C7 (quarter).

hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

All: Sovereign God, through your Son's passion you brought your reign of righteousness and peace into the human heart. Draw us to you through his cross and keep us faithful to your reign until he comes again; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Isaiah declared that no amount of persecution or malevolence could disgrace him, for the Lord God is his help. He had been given the wisdom of the those who have been taught by the Lord. If God is our help, who then can declare us guilty?

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from

disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a 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 is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 31:9-16

The psalmist cried out in pain. Misery and despair came upon him, and he asked the Lord to deliver him from his plight. He who had been forgotten by men asked to be remembered by the Lord.

R: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

C: For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.

R: Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

C: I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

R: For I hear the whispering of many — terror on every side! — as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

C: But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.”

R: My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

C: Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!

R: The Word of the Lord.

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SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Paul reminded the congregation at Philippi that Jesus humbled himself by becoming human. He adopted a servant nature and was fully obedient to God — an obedience that included death.

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be

grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL READING: John 12:12-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 12th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about

him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Rumor Has It

HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ, the Life of All the Living.....RECLAIM No. 218

(Tune: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly)

OFFERING PRESENTATION

As the usher brings forward the offering, please stand to sing:



Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

THE NICENE CREED

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in this peace and in community with one another, let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends with the words Lord, in your mercy. Respond by saying Hear our prayer.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

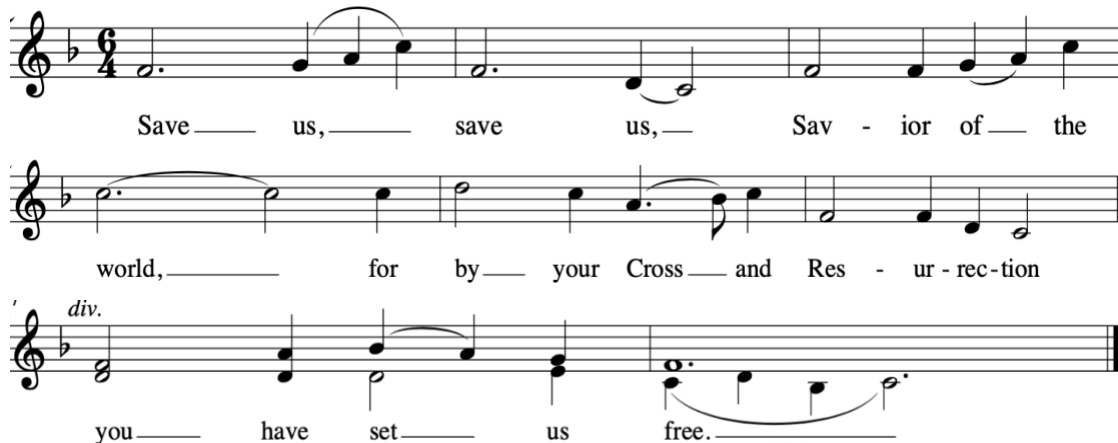
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: It is indeed right and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, for in the night of his betrayal...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION



Save us, save us, Savior of the
world, for by your Cross and Resurrection
div.
you have set us free.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim your death until you come again. Remember us, therefore, in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Resurrection Lutheran's communion practices can be found on the "Come To The Table" instructional in your pew. If you are a visitor or guest, please consider referencing this card.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: Go to Dark Gethsemane.....RECLAIM No. 145

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. To learn more about our association of churches please visit *www.lcmc.net*.

Easter Lilies: If you would like to help us adorn our altar during the Easter season with lilies by making a donation in honor or memory of loved ones, complete a donation form on the Welcome Center desk and return it to the Church office.

Kristin Litynski (who serves as a fill-in pianist here at Resurrection Lutheran) recently gave birth to a beautiful baby girl named Ella. Ella was born 2 months premature and is currently growing and thriving in the Mayo NICU at Rochester. The Church Council is inviting the congregation to consider helping offset the medical costs Kristin and her husband Mike will face as a result of baby Ella's hospitalization. If you are interested in making a donation please return a check, with the amount of your choosing, to the Church office by Sunday, April 16th and write "Baby Ella" in the memo line or attach a note.

The Resurrection Lutheran Church **women's Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, April 12th at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room. Our study, a 9-week overview of the book of Ecclesiastes written by Rev. Steven King and Rev. Julie Smith, is entitled "*Through This Vain World.*" Study workbooks will be distributed at our first meeting on April 12th, which will be an introductory overview.

Return this week to hear the rest of the **Passion Week** story. Maundy Thursday service will be held on Thursday at 7:00pm and Good Friday service will be held on Friday at 7:00pm. Come, listen, and meditate on the depth of your Savior's love.

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	April 2	9:30am	Palm Sunday Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	April 3	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	April 4	11:00am	E/E/O Committee Meeting
Wednesday	April 5	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:15pm	Worship Committee
Thursday	April 6	5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday	April 7	7:00pm	Good Friday Worship
Sunday	April 9	9:30am	Easter Morning Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch **Keyboardist:** Nikki Basel

Reader: Karen Jaeck **Ushers:** Brad Matthes and Kevin Leffel

Greeters: Harvard and Karen Jaeck

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