



Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday, Year B

House of Prayer Lutheran Church

(The “+” insignia indicates where the congregation should stand)

Prelude: *Worthy Is the Lamb*

(from Messiah) G. F. Handel

Welcome and Gathering

Announcements

Ring of the Bell (*please remain seated*)



+Opening Hymn: *ELW 344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

All Glory, Laud, and Honor


Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re-deem-er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

+Greeting

L: 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.**

+Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice, not only with outward signs such as palm branches or the occasional "Hosanna," but with lives truly turned towards you. It seems such a distance from this Palm Sunday in Richfield, Minnesota to that day when you entered Jerusalem with the shouts of the crowd ringing in your ears. Welcomed as a king, yet riding on a lowly donkey. Greeted with cheers and acclamations which were so soon to turn to jeers and condemnation. From this side of the resurrection, we confidently believe that we could never have been part of the jeering crowd—but would we, if we had been there?

(silent reflection)

Confession

L: Lord Jesus Christ, when our words and actions reflect a reluctance to confess you publicly as Lord of our lives:

C: Forgive us.

L: When we fear that humbling ourselves would be seen by others as weakness, some kind of defect in our character:

C: Forgive us.

L: When we have betrayed your love for us through our lack of love for you, for others, and for ourselves:

C: Forgive us.

L: When we find ourselves glossing over the events of your passion and death because we look forward to Easter as a time to enjoy holidays and have fun.

C: Forgive us.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, fix your mind in us;

C: remake us in your likeness.

L: Gracious and loving God, empower us with the Holy Spirit so that our lives continually glorify you and our tongues forever confess Jesus as Lord. This we pray in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

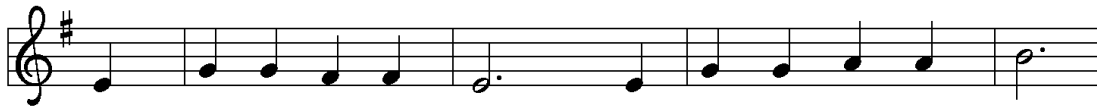
Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Hear the good news: "Jesus, though he was in the form of God, 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—even death on a cross." (*Philippians 2:6, 7a, 8b*)

L: Through Christ's love acted out, we are freed from whatever sin enslaves us.

C: Thanks be to God!

+Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

+Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray, Everlasting God

C: you send Jesus into the world to demonstrate your love for us and to show us how to live. Even when our cheers of Hosanna turn to ignoring your presence in our lives, you do not abandon us. Lead us to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

You may be seated

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The 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 wakens—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. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 146

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**
³Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
⁴**When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**
⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,
⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;
⁷who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
⁸**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**
⁹The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
¹⁰**The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

Second Reading: Acts 16:20-29

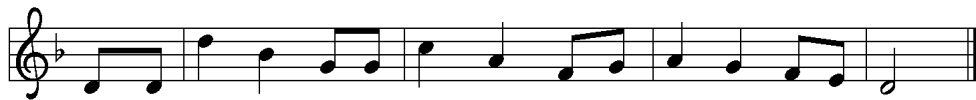
When the slave owners had brought Paul and Silas before the magistrates, they said, “These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking Paul and Silas, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After a severe flogging, Paul and Silas were thrown into prison and the jailer was ordered to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer^[a] called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

+*You may rise in body or spirit for the **Gospel Acclamation***



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

+**Gospel: John 12:12-16**

+L: The Gospel according to John, the twelfth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!”

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

¹⁵ “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!”

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

L: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated.

Sermon: Sing Songs of Loudest Praise

Hymn: ELW 338 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869
Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

+Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

+Prayers of Intercession: Merciful God C: Receive our prayer.

+Peace: L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

Meal

Offering *Gymnopedie No. 1*

Erik Satie/arr. Jay Daniels

HOP Handbell Choir

Offering Prayer:

L: Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast, where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. **C: Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should, at all times, and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God...we **stand** to praise your name and join in their unending hymn...(please stand)



+Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

+Words of Institution

+Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen**

+Invitation to Communion

+Communion Blessing

L: These are the gifts of God, offered to the people of God **C: Thanks Be To God**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Music During Distribution: *Agnus Dei*

Faure

HOP Brass

Prayer After Communion

L: Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

C: Amen.

Sending

+Blessing

L: “Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem.”

Our Lord is on a journey, and the way leads through opposition and misunderstanding. Jesus invites us to follow him. This journey leads through the shadows of betrayal, the night of Gethsemane, the afternoon darkness of Golgotha.

C: May we have the grace to follow this Christ, and to give to him our very lives. For in giving away our lives, we find them, and in dying we live. Amen.

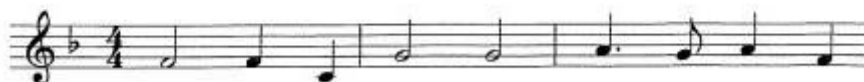


+Hymn: ELW 342 *The Tree of Life/There in God's Garden* (vv. 1,-All 4, CHOIR, 5-6, All)

The Tree of Life

Pécselyi Király Imre, ca. 1590-1641
Para. by Erik Routley, 1917-82

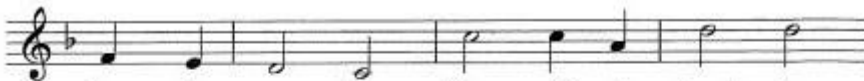
SHADES MOUNTAIN
K. Lee Scott



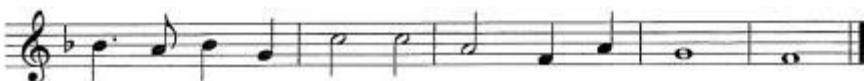
1. There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of
2. Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our
3. Thorns not his own are tan - gled in its
4. See *how its branch - es reach to us in*
5. This is my end - ing, this my res - ur -
6. All heav'n is sing - ing, "Thanks to Christ whose



Wis - dom, whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing
Sav - ior!" There on its branch - es see the
fo - liage; our greed has starved it, our de -
wel - come; *hear what the Voice says, "Come to*
rec - tion; in - to your hands, Lord, I com -
Pas - sion of - fers in mer - cy heal - ing,



of the na - tions: Tree of all knowl - edge,
scars of suf - f'ring; see where the ten - * drills
spite has choked it. Yet, look! it lives! its
me, ye wea - ry! Give me your sick - ness,
mit my spir - it. This have I searched for;
strength, and par - don. Peo - ples and na - tions,



Tree of all com - pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
of our hu - man self - hood feed on its life - blood.
grief has not de - stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
give me all your sor - row, I will give bless - ing."
now I can pos - sess it. This ground is ho - ly.
take it, take it free - ly!" A - men! My Mas - ter!

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+Ringing of the Bell

+Dismissal: Go in peace. Jesus accompanies your journey

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Canzon noni Toni*

Giovanni Gabrieli



Worship Participants

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| Preaching/Presiding: | Eric Luedtke |
| Musicians: | Roselyn Hanson Weber, Director of Liturgical Worship Jon Kietzer, Organist |
| Special Music: | HOP Adult Choir HOP Brass HOP Bells |
| Lector/Intercessor: | Paul Danielson |
| Communion Servers: | Pastor Eric, Paul and Sue Danielson, Cara Wright |
| Ushers: | Verne Nordholm, Charlie Robbins, Steve Sather |
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