

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please register your attendance in the books at the end of the row where you are seated, and fill out a prayer request card and place it in the offering basket as you desire)*

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

"The Trees of the Field"

by Stuart Dauermann & Steffi Geiser Rubin; based on Isaiah 55:12

OPENING LITURGY

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the highest.

P Let us pray: O Lord God of salvation, we ask that you would bless all those who praise your Son amid palm branches. Grant that we may always hail Jesus as our King and follow Him.

C In His name we pray. Amen

P Listen to the words of St. Matthew, the twenty-first Chapter:

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "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." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

SENDING HYMN "The Son of God..." (vs.1,3,4)

**The Son of God goes forth to war
a kingly crown to gain.
His blood-red banner streams afar;
who follows in his train?
Who best can drink his cup of woe,
triumphant over pain;
who patient bears his cross below--
he follows in his train.**

**A glorious band, the chosen few,
on whom the Spirit came,
twelve valiant saints; their hope they knew
and mocked the cross and flame.
They met the tyrant's brandished steel,
the lion's gory mane;
they bowed their necks the death to feel--
who follows in their train?**

**A noble army, girls and boys,
with men and women saved,
around the Savior's throne rejoice,
in robes of light arrayed.
They climbed the steep ascent of heav'n
through peril, toil, and pain.
O God, to us may grace be giv'n
to follow in their train!**

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

DISMISSAL

P Remember the Passion of Christ and go in peace.

C Thanks be to God.

POST-WORSHIP MUSIC

"King of Kings"

Music: Ancient Hebrew Folk Song; Lyrics: Sophie Conty & Naomi Batya

RESPONSE

OFFERING

The work of God continues, even when we can't gather in person. While the offering plate can't be passed around, there are still several ways to tithe:

- *Mail your offering envelope to the church office*
- *Check out Zion's website for online donation option via [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly)*
OR you can go directly to this link <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1367077>
- *Set up direct bill pay at your personal bank*

*And always remember, there are **many** ways we can make offerings to God, such as prayer and acts of service.*

ANTHEM *"10,000 Reasons..."* ***Called By Grace***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen

P A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The 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!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee." The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN *"All Glory..."* (vs.1,3,4) **HYMN NO. 344**

***Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.***

**You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. *Refrain***

**The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. *Refrain***

**To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. *Refrain***

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

LITANY

P O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

C His steadfast love endures forever!

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

P Jesus Christ, you were the stone we rejected,

C Yet you have become our Cornerstone,

P The one we look to as the best example of God's Love;

C The one we exalt above all others.

P We are spreading our cloaks out on the path.

C Laying palm branches at your feet.

P We offer every good thing we have:

C Every talent.

P Every blessing.

C Every moment.

P Every word and thought.

C Every thing of value that we claim.

P Help us to remain in your steadfast love -

C Rooted in gratitude and grounded in your presence;

P To stay - no matter what the crowds around us do-

C Steeped in compassion and centered in mercy.

P Hosanna to the Son of David!

C Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

P Hosanna to the King of Kings!

C He is the King of glory.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Ride On..." (vs.1,2,3) **HYMN NO. 346** **to tune in Old Service Book & Hymnal NO. 73**

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;

**O Savior meek, your road pursue,
with palms and scattered garments strewed.**

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die.

**O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.**

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

The hosts of angels in the sky

**look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.**

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith, the faith in which we baptize, in the words of the Apostles' Creed

C 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

P Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine,

C and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

P There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

P Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Jesus is Here!" **Pastor Lisa Hoelscher**

P Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC "Hosanna Hosanna..." **Called By Grace**

WORD

FIRST READING **Isaiah 50:4-9a** **Bible p. 667**

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience in the midst of persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

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. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING **Philippians 2:5-11** **Bible p. 1071**

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

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. (NRSV)

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**HYMNAL p.205**

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.

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL**Luke 23:1-49****Bible p. 964**

P Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

C But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

P When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him.

C Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate.

P That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

C Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

P (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again;

C but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!"

P A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

P As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

As the body of Christ, we can gain strength from feeling connected to each other, and along those lines, we have a challenge for you. We would love to see pictures of your altar, and if you email us (zionfbg@gmail.com) a picture of your home worship space, we will share them with everyone.

In our Hearts and Prayers: our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Myrtle Becker, Adolph Bernhard, Melva Chancellor-Burnham, Claribel Hannemann, Rosalee Heimann, Peggy Janssen, Leola Landis, Gary McVey, Lee Podoll, Tom Orsak, Bee Troxell, Evelyn Wells, Edith Wilderotter, Margaret Wilke, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

The Special Concern for April is Zion's Youth Camp Scholarships. Our youth can choose from a variety of Lutheran camp experiences provided by our Cross Trails Ministry at Camps Chrysalis and/or Ebert as well as attending Day Camp (VBS) at Zion. Your generous response is appreciated!

The April-June Portals of Prayer are available. If you need a copy, please contact the church office.

Thank you for your General Fund Contributions of \$4,215 given this past week.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday – 10:30AM Worship

Broadcasted on KNAF 910AM & Video on Youtube at 10:30AM

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm9jJ3bXJfX3NAGZNVjY_cg

Maundy Thursday, April 9 – Devotional sent by email. Video will

be posted on Zion's Youtube channel by 6AM. Link is below OR find the link on our website home page at <https://www.zion-lutheran.com>.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm9jJ3bXJfX3NAGZNVjY_cg

Good Friday, April 10 – 6PM Worship

Broadcasted on KNAF 910AM & Video on Youtube at 6PM

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm9jJ3bXJfX3NAGZNVjY_cg

Podcast of service available on Zion's website under Sermons tab

Easter Sunday, April 12 – 9AM Worship

Broadcasted on KNAF 910AM & Video on Youtube at 9AM

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm9jJ3bXJfX3NAGZNVjY_cg

Podcast of service available on Zion's website under Sermons tab

(NOTE TIME CHANGE ONLY FOR EASTER SUNDAY)

We were fortunate to get this time slot since we normally don't broadcast on the 2nd Sundays!



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Associate Pastor – Rev. Lisa Hoelscher; pastorlisah@gmail.com

Accompanist – Sheri Robinson; Director of Music – Ray Salinas

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