

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

PLACES *of the* PASSION: Bethphage

P=Presider **R=Responses**

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(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

GATHERING

(Please stand, kneel or remain seated)

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

R Hosanna to the highest!

INVOCATION AND DIALOGUE

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

R Amen

P Let us ever walk with Jesus.

R To see the depths of his love.

P To behold the gift of his forgiveness!

R To gaze upon the heights of his grace.

P To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy.

R We walk with Jesus as he rides a donkey.

P He begins in Bethphage and makes his way to Jerusalem.

R He does it for us and for our salvation!

P Faithful Lord, with us abide.

R We shall follow where you guide!

SENDING HYMN "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! Hear all the tribes ho - san - na cry;
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die.
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! The wing-ed squad-rons of the sky
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! Your last and fierc - est strife is nigh
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die,



O Sav - ior meek, your road pur - sue, with palms and scat-tered gar-ments strev
O Christ, your tri-umphs now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con-querd sin.
look down with sad and won-d'ring eyes to see the ap-proach-ing sac - ri - fice
The Fa - ther on his sap-phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son
bow your meek head to mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reig

Text: Hentry H. Milman, 1791-1868, alt.
Music: ST. DROSTANE, JohnBacchus Dykes, 1823-1876

DISMISSAL

L Jesus invites us to walk with him to Bethphage and then into Jerusalem, places of great suffering and places of great love! We will walk with Jesus all the way to the empty tomb—and resurrection victory!

R **Let us ever walk with Jesus!**

"King of Kings"

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

(Please remain standing as you are able)

BLESSING OF PALMS

P Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these palm branch crosses. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R **Amen**

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

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,

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.

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One.

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.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

P Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in hand, gathered to greet your Son when he came into the City of David, grant that we may hail him as our King and walk with him in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R Amen

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ray Salinas

YTZ

WORD

FIRST READING Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth. (NRSV)

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Hear us, O God,

R your mercy is great.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

R 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.

R Amen



THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

R **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**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

R **And also with you.**

RESPONSE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

How to make a financial offering:

- *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.*

"Lead Me to Calvary" by William J. Kirkpatrick & Jennie E. Hussey

SECOND READING **Philippians 2:5-11**

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. *(NRSV)*

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *"Return to the Lord"*

HYMNAL p. 142



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st Chapter.

R Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11

When 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."
(NRSV)

P The gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON "Places of the Passion, Palm Sunday: Bethphage"
Rev. Lisa Hoelscher

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" **HYMN NO. 337**

1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov - reign die?
2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears
5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un - known, and love be - yond de - gree!
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Myrtle Becker, Claribel Hannemann, Adriane Hoffman, Alton Moellering (husband of Dorothy Moellering), Bernard Scrogin, Margaret Wilke, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Julia Hahn in memory of loved ones and friends.

Zion is now offering In-Person Worship each Sunday along with the service still being live on the radio and YouTube. NO RSVP needed.

Today is Palm Sunday! Palm crosses will be handed out during the service. If you are unable to attend church, you may pick-up a cross off the Atrium porch this afternoon. Check out the insert for a Holy Week worship schedule.

Zion will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3 at 10am, and the Parish Ed/Youth Committees are asking for donated items to fill the eggs, such as: **erasers, mini-Play Dough, small toy cars, bouncy balls, balloons, fun/colorful band-aids, glow in the dark stars, stickers, Lego mini-figs, small plastic animals, fun socks, mini bottles of bubbles, confetti, Mardi Gras necklaces, sticky hands, and candy.** Please drop off items to the church office by March 31. Thank you!

Thank you for your Contributions of \$1,275 given this past week.

WORSHIP LECTOR – Mary Wilson

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – Mar 29	9:00am	Staff Meeting
	6:30pm	Growing in Faith
TUES – Mar 30	6:00pm	Bible Study via Zoom & In-Person in the Conf Rm
WED – Mar 31	9:00am	Easter Egg Hunt Items Due Daycare Chapel
THURS – Apr 1	6:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship w/Comm. (outside near Atrium)
FRI – Apr 2	6:00pm	Good Friday Worship (in Sanctuary) (Broadcast on KNAF)
SAT – Apr 3	10:00am	Easter Egg Hunt (meet at Atrium)
SUN – Apr 4	10:00am	Flowering of the Cross
<i>Easter</i>	10:30am	In-Person Worship w/Communion
	10:30am	Service Broadcast on KNAF
	10:30am	Service Live on YouTube www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube



PLACES of the PASSION

Bethphage

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Videographer – Peter Ray

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