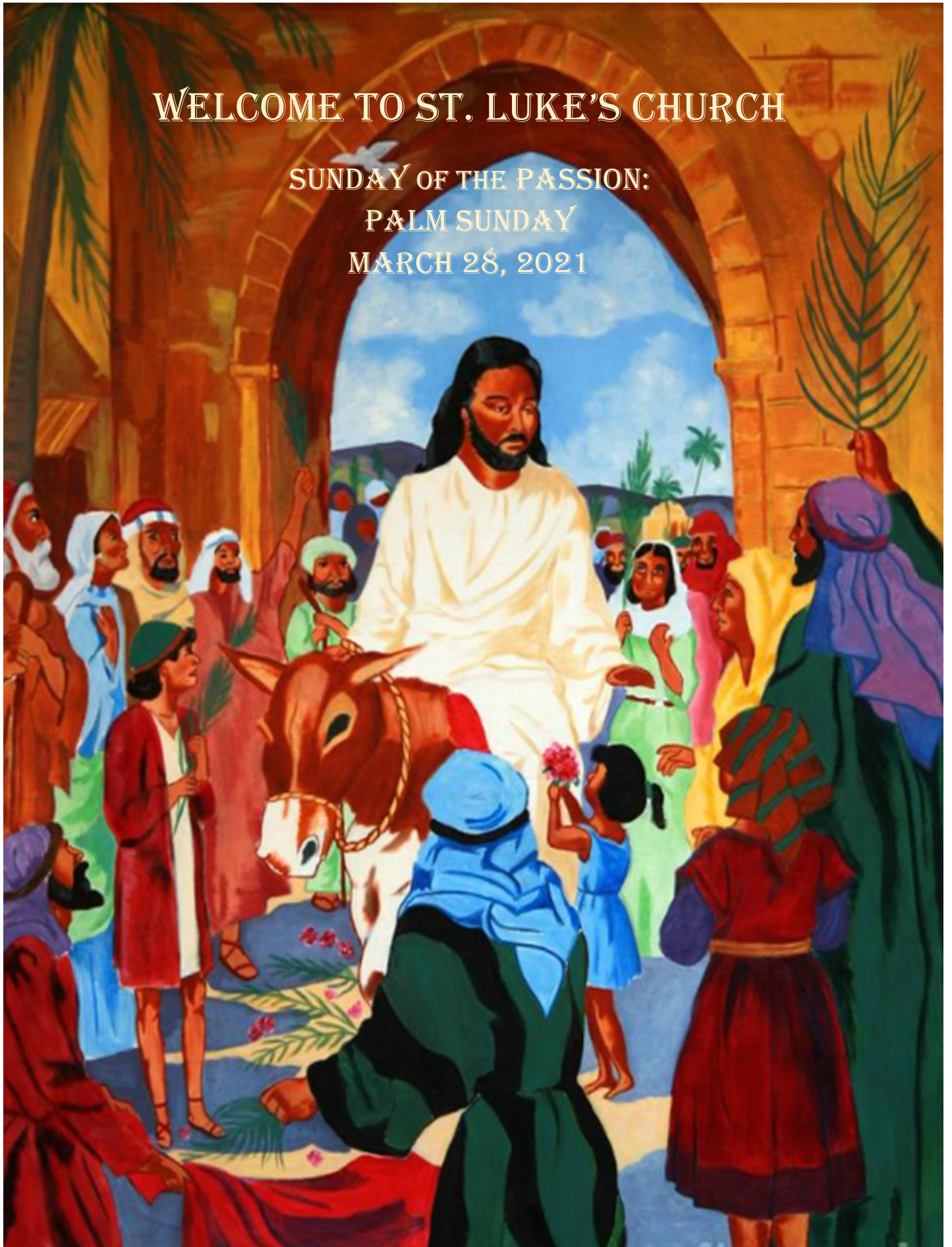


WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION:
PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 28, 2021



Prelude

Valet will ich dir geben
(based on Hymn 159, "All glory, laud, and honour")

Paul Manz

(The congregation's response are in bold.)

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gospel

Mark 11:1-11

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and 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. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**


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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Hymn 154 vs 1-3

Valet will ich dir geben

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

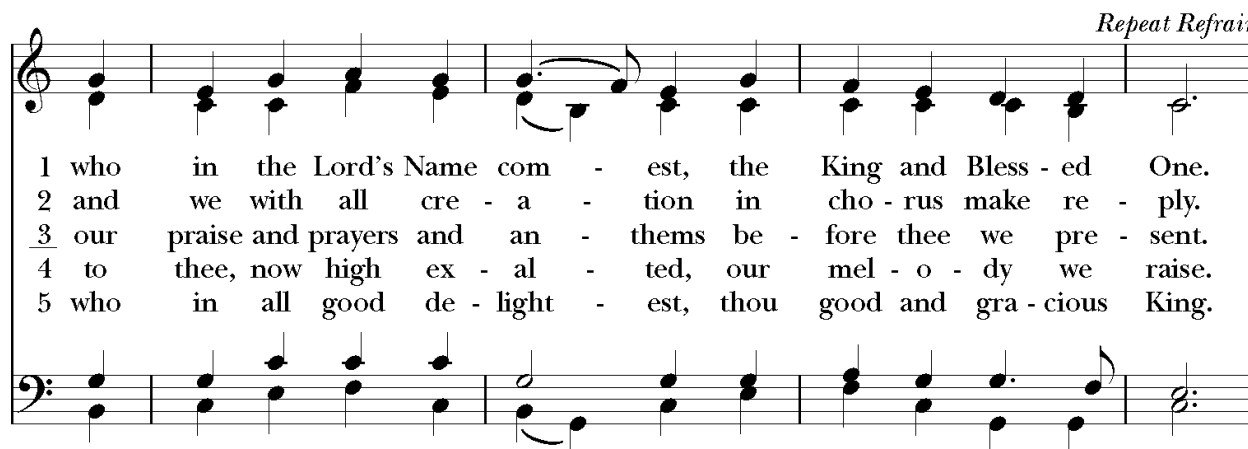


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians 2:5-11.

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem

He never said a mumbalin' word
Brad Logan, soloist

Spiritual

The Passion According to Mark

*(The Congregation is seated until indicated when all rise for the final scene.
All sit for a moment at the conclusion of narration.)*

Narrator: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the

scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,
C Priest: Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.

Narrator: While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

Bystander 1: Why was the ointment wasted in this way?

Bystander 2: For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.

Narrator: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

Jesus: Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.

Narrator: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

Disciple: Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

Narrator: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

Jesus: Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.

Narrator: So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came

with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, Jesus: Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.

Narrator: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

Disciple: Surely, not I?

Narrator: Jesus said to them,

Jesus: It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

Narrator: While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

Jesus: Take; this is my body.

Narrator: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

Jesus: This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Narrator: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

Jesus: You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.

Narrator: Peter said to him,

Peter: Even though all become deserters, I will not.

Narrator: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times

Narrator: But Peter said vehemently,

Peter: Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

Narrator: And all of them said the same. They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus: Sit here while I pray

Narrator: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them,

Jesus: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake

Narrator: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

Jesus: Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.

Narrator: He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus: Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Narrator: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

Jesus: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

Narrator: Immediately, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.

Narrator: So when Judas came, he went up to Jesus at once and said,

Judas: "Rabbi!"

Narrator: And kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.

Narrator: All of Jesus' followers deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following Jesus, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. The crowd caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

Witness: We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'

Narrator: But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

H Priest: Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

Narrator: But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

H Priest: Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?

Narrator: Jesus said,

Jesus: I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'

Narrator: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

H Priest: Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?

Narrator: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

Counsel: Prophecy!

Narrator: The guards also took him over and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

Servant: You were also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

Narrator: But Peter denied it, saying,

Peter: I do not know or understand what you are talking about.

Narrator: And Peter went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

Servant: 'This man is one of them.'

Narrator: But again Peter denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

Bystander 1: Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.

Narrator: But Peter began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter: I do not know this man you are talking about

Narrator: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

Jesus: Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.

Narrator: And Peter broke down and wept.

As 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. Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Narrator: Jesus answered him,

Jesus: You say so.

Narrator: Then the chief priests accused Jesus of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate: Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.

Narrator: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then Pilate answered them,

Pilate: Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

Narrator: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate: Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

Narrator: They shouted back,

Crowd: Crucify him!

Narrator: Pilate asked them,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: Crucify him!

Narrator: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led Jesus into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed Jesus in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

Soldier: Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passerby, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Passerby: Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

Narrator: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking Jesus among themselves and saying,

C Priest: He saved others; he cannot save himself.

Scribe: Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.

Narrator: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus: Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

Narrator: Which means,

Jesus: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Narrator: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystander 1: Listen, he is calling for Elijah

Narrator: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to Jesus to drink, saying,

Bystander 2: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

Narrator: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. (*Silence is kept*)

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,
Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!"

Narrator: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Sermon

The Rev. Timothy T. Rich

The Prayers of the People

As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all peoples everywhere. Let us pray to the Lord saying, Lord, here our prayer, **forgive us and make us whole.**"

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world sharing the death and resurrection of Christ. We pray for those who have been called to guide us on our journey of faith: For Michael our presiding bishop, Nicholas our bishop, and for the clergy and lay staff of our parish. Lord, hear our prayer, **forgive us and make us whole.**

For nations, peoples, and their leaders, especially Joseph our president, and Daniel our governor, called and chosen to serve the world. We pray for those in our parish serving in the Armed Forces. Forgive us for the hatred that divides us, the covetous desires to possess what is not our own, and the greed which infects our hearts, that one day your peace might govern the world. Lord, hear our prayer, **forgive us and make us whole.**

For all those stand in the shadow of the cross longing for the light of Easter. We pray for all victims of war and violence, all refugees, the homeless, the hungry, the oppressed, and those longing to be set free. Heal our indifference to the suffering of the world, and make us ever mindful of the needs of others. Lord, hear our prayer, **forgive us and make us whole.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, for the sick and the suffering, for those who are afflicted with Covid-19, and for all of those who care for them. Lord, hear our prayer, **forgive us and make us whole.**

For those standing in need of the healing power of God's love. We pray especially for the needs and concerns of our parish community: Florence & John MacQueen, Maddalyn, Gary & Cindy M., Sylvia DeFalco, Lou R., Claire LaFontaine, Ann Brough, Caroline, Tom Gunther, Isabel Blair, Paula Thompson, Pete Young, Rita, Lisbeth, Seamus Ryan Drago, Sherry Anderson, Kate & Callie, Bill, Patti & Gregory Lebeau, Rowen W., Tom Carlson, Birgitta, Meg Stowe, Matthew P., The Macaruso Family, Logan, Kathy Denny-Brown, Dave Abell, and Kandi Weeks-Read. May they know the presence of God and be restored to newness of life. Lord, hear our prayer, **forgive us and make us whole.**

For those who have completed their earthly journey and now stand before the throne of God. We pray especially for those who lost their lives in the Boulder, Colorado, shooting, for their family and friends in their time of grief and all who grieve. We pray for those who have died, and those who will die this week, that joining with them and blessed Luke, our patron, we may at the last share in the glory of the resurrection. Lord, hear our prayer, **forgive us and make us whole.**

Gracious God, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come near to you through self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, and by reading and

meditating on your Holy Word. Guide us along our Lenten pilgrimage, strengthen us in our discipleship and faithfulness, that we might experience the fullness of this season and arrive at Easter with full and grateful hearts. Lord, hear our prayer, **forgive us and make us whole.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Exchange of the Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Lenten Prayer over the People

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 474

Rockingham


1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an
 Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
 count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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Prayers: Diane Rich

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S**Sunday, 3/28 - PALM SUNDAY**

7:45 am Holy Eucharist

10:15 am Holy Eucharist

Monday, 3/29

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

7 pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, 3/30

12 pm Healing Service

7 pm Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, 3/31

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

7 pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday, 4/1 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

6 pm Maundy Thursday, Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar

Watch until 10 pm

Friday, 4/2 - GOOD FRIDAY

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

12 pm Good Friday Prayer Book Service

7 pm Good Friday Taizé Service

Sunday, 4/4 - EASTER DAY

7:30 am Holy Eucharist

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

5 pm Social Hour via Zoom

If you have requested pledge envelopes, they are
located in the atrium.

Theological Foundation For Maundy Thursday

One of the gifts of our current Prayer Book is the restoration of the Proper Liturgies for Special Days to the Church – more specifically the restoration of the liturgies for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and the Great Vigil of Easter. In the early to mid-twentieth century scholars discovered records of how the early church worshiped on these holiest of days and then worked to adapt their findings for the church today. These liturgies help remind us that liturgical time and God’s time is different than our own chronological time. These liturgies are not solely a memorial or a re-enactment of something that happened over 2000 years ago, nor do we believe that these events actually happen every year. We do not have to pretend that we do not know the end of the story. Instead, these liturgies invite us into a place where time stands still. A place where we enter into the fullness of these days and know how everything turns out. In theological terms we refer to this as *anamnesis* – the memorial aspect of what we do (be it during these liturgies or in the Eucharist) are not a passive process but one by which we can actually enter into the Paschal mystery. It is the moment when past, present, and future align.

We say all this to give a little theological foundation for what we will do on the evening Maundy Thursday (April 1). Our liturgy will include foot washing and the celebration of the Eucharist, and we will gather to keep watch. The Church will be open and available from immediately after the service until 10 pm. We gather for this watch because of the words Jesus spoke to his disciples after the last supper and before his arrest.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, ‘Sit here while I pray.’ He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, ‘I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.’ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, ‘Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.’ He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, ‘Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.’ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, ‘Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand’ (Mark 14:32-42, NRSV).

On that Thursday night we will gather to watch and wait. We will sit in a darkened church that has been stripped bare. We will gather in the quiet and darkness of the night to watch and pray: to wait with Jesus in those final moments before Good Friday. This watching and waiting is one of those moments of anamnesis – it is a moment when we can enter into the Paschal mystery. Come and reflect on the mandate to love one another we are given on Maundy Thursday (by the way, the word *mandatum* meaning mandate is where the word Maundy comes from). Come and reflect on the pain and darkness of the Cross. Come and reflect on how that means of death will become our means of life. Come and reflect on how we are called to carry on these commandments, in our own life and time. Come and keep awake. Come, watch, and pray.

Good Friday at 7 pm - A Service in the Style of Taizé

Taizé is a tiny village hidden away in the hills of Burgundy, in the eastern part of France not far from the town of Cluny. Since 1940 it has been the home of an ecumenical monastic community of monks whose contemplative prayer is at the center of their life. Today, Taizé is a place to which visitors of all ages and backgrounds come on pilgrimage, to participate in international meetings of prayer and meditation. Taizé services have become increasingly popular in America.

In recent years, the style of music at Taizé's services has evolved into one which uses short musical phrases with simple melodic units that can be readily memorized by anyone.

The service, as generally practiced at Taizé, is both quiet and contemplative and also joyous and exuberant, combining interior prayer with worship. Prayers, psalms, readings and silence alternate with song.

Lent Blog

Members of St. Luke's are offering wonderful reflections on scripture readings for each day of Lent. They are posted to our **Exploring Your Faith** webpage and **Facebook**. Our blog offers the opportunity to walk the road of Lent together even while we are physically apart.

Pastoral Care Ministry

Prayer is a powerful way for us to support each other and build community. If you would like to add someone to our parish prayer list, please use the online Prayer List Request Form. It is available on our website under our Parish Life tab and in our Weekly Newsletter. The prayer list is updated weekly and available for all of us to view via the link in our Weekly Newsletter. The Pastoral Care Ministry continues to pray for all on the prayer list and send cards to the homebound and those in the hospital. By filling out the information on this form, you will help us to keep in touch.

Thank you and stay well.

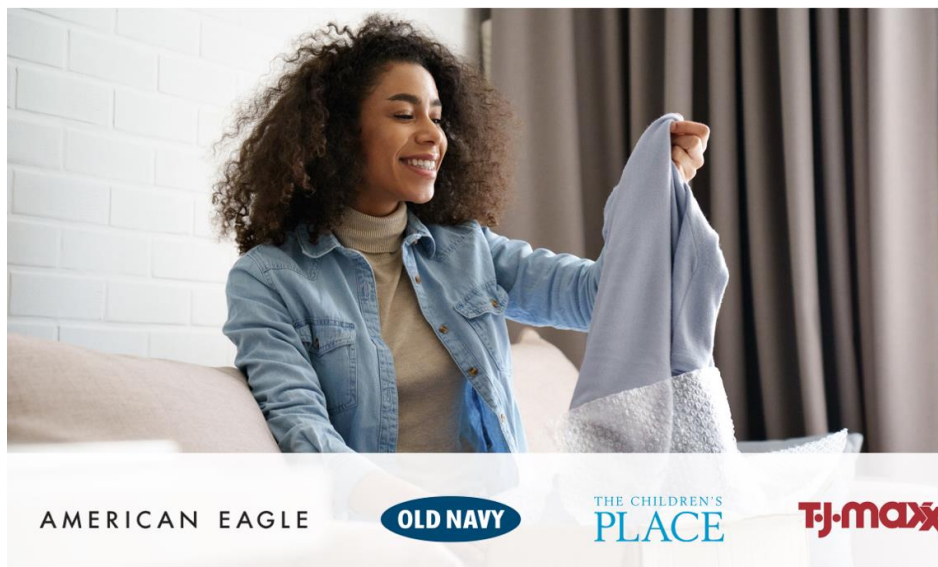
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Thank you,
 Mark & Susan Cordle, Deborah Collins & Jeremy Stowe
 Your Faithful RaiseRight Project Team

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MARCH 28 • 7:45AM & 10:15AM
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MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

MARCH 29 - 31 • 7PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY EUCHARIST & STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

APRIL 1 • 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY
TRADITIONAL SERVICE FROM THE
BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

APRIL 2 • 12NOON

GOOD FRIDAY
TAIZÉ SERVICE

APRIL 2 • 7PM

EASTER DAY SERVICES

APRIL 4 • 7:30AM IN CHURCH
9:00AM BEHIND SWIFT GYM
(BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR OR BLANKET)
11:00AM IN CHURCH
& LIVESTREAMED

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