



Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion

April 2, 2023

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We welcome you into the worship of Salem Lutheran Church where The Rev. Dr. James M. Capers is serving as our interim pastor.

Pick up your communion wafer/cup as you enter the sanctuary.

There is a basket for your tithes and offerings. You may also give through our web site, facebook page or by using the U. S. mail (addresses listed at the top of this page). [Click here for the link.](#)



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P Presiding Minister C Cantor A Worship Assistant All Congregation

GATHERING

The bell is rung to announce the beginning of the service.

Call to Worship

P The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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

All Hosanna in the highest.

The Processional Gospel for Palm Sunday

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 21:1-11

P The gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Blessing of the Palms

P The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

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 branches and those who carry them.
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

All Amen.

P Let us go forth in peace.

All In the name of Christ. Amen



The Hymn *Blessed Be the Name*

(THIRD TIME in Swahili)

Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Twende kwa Yesu,
Twende kwa Yesu,
Twende kwa Yesu, mbinguni.

Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Twende kwa Yesu,
Twende kwa Yesu,
Twende kwa Yesu, mbinguni.

Chorus:
Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna,
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Chorus:
Imba Hosana, imba Hosana,
Twende kwa Yesu, mbinguni.

Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna,
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Imba Hosana, imba Hosana,
Twende kwa Yesu, mbinguni.

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

All Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of the Day

P As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

WORD

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

A The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9-16

Into Your Hands by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

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The worship team leads us in the refrain: "Into your hands I place my life"

All ⁹**Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.**

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

First refrain is sung:

All **"Into your hands I place my life"**

All ¹¹**I am the scorn of all my enemies,
a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.**

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³**For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.**

Second refrain is sung:

All "Oh Loving Faithful God"

All ¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.**

I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵**My times are in your hand;**

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

Final refrain is sung:

All "O My life is yours"

Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11

A The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Please stand as we welcome the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting Three



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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.



P The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 26th chapter.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel Matthew 26:14—27:66

P The gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Pastor James M. Capers

Hymn *I Know It Was the Blood*

PUBLIC DOMAIN

1. I know it was the blood
I know it was the blood
I know it was the blood for me

*One day when I was lost
Jesus died upon the cross
I know it was the blood for me*

2. The blood came streaming down
The blood came streaming down
The blood came streaming down for me

*One day when I was lost
Jesus died upon the cross
I know it was the blood for me*

3. They pierced him in his side . . .
4. He never said a mumbling word . . .
5. He hung his head and died . . .
6. He rose up from the dead . . .
7. He's coming back again . . .

The Apostles' 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

P Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Responses after each petition:

Merciful God,

All receive our prayer.

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All Amen.



MEAL

Sharing of the Peace

P The Peace of Christ be with you always.

All And also with you.

(Please share the peace with those around you)

Offering

Offertory

ELW 185



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me.



Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your



Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -



hold me with your free Spir - it.



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me.

THIS FAR BY FAITH Setting Two

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Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.



Great Thanksgiving
Words of Institution



The 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**



Lamb of 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, grant us peace.

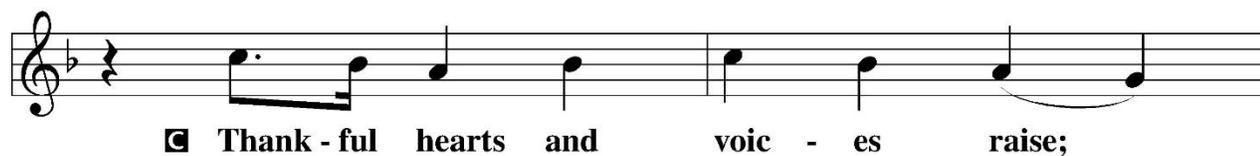
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Holy Communion

Communion Blessing

Post Communion Canticle

Thankful Hearts ELW 205



REPEAT

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Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Announcements

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Maundy Thursday

April 6 - Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m.

*In the night in which he
was betrayed, Our Lord
Jesus took bread . . .*



Good Friday

We stand with the disciples at the foot of the cross.

April 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Resurrection of Our Lord

April 9 - Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m.



SENDING

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.
In the name of the ✝ Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Closing Song

King of My Life

This Far By Faith 86



1 King of my life I crown thee now, thine shall the glo - ry be;
4 May I be will - ing, Lord, to bear dai - ly my cross for thee,



lest I for-get thy thorn-crowned brow, lead me to Cal - va - ry.
e - ven thy cup of grief to share; thou hast borne all for me.

Refrain



Lest I for-get Geth - sem - a - ne, lest I for-get thine ag - o - ny,



lest I for-get thy love for me, lead me to Cal - va - ry.

Repeat final refrain

Text: Jennie Evelyn Hussey, 1874-1958

Music: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838-1921

Dismissal

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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