

St. Olaf Lutheran Church
Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021
Year B

Call to Worship

Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!
Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!
Come with your cloaks and branches, hosannas and Songs!
Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
C: Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!

HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

ELW 344
(Vs 1-3)

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

1. You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.
2. The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.
3. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

Confession & Forgiveness

The Lord sees our hearts and knows our innermost thoughts. We can deny our wrongs to ourselves but we cannot hide them from God. As we confess our sin, let us do so knowing we say nothing that is not already known to God.

P: to God, who is not fooled by our cockiness and who loves us in our weakness. Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts.

C: and still you love us—you have loved us to the end.

P: We have denied you

C: and we have denied our calling to serve one another.

P: We have betrayed you

C: and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another.

P: Pour out your Spirit of grace up on us.

C: Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

P: Now the Lord Jesus Christ has been glorified and God has been glorified in Him. Now the promise is fulfilled and love's redeeming work is done. In Jesus Christ + we are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of the Day

Let your Word, O God, break open our hearts this day through the power of the Holy Spirit that we may enter into this coming Holy Week ready to meet Jesus as He is, not what we expect him to be. **Amen.**

HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

ELW 344

(Vs 4-5)

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

4. To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
5. Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.

Gospel of the Triumphal Entry: John 12:12-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So 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!”

¹⁴Jesus 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!”

¹⁶His 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.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

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?

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 15:1-47

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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SERMON

Pastor Emily

HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ELW 338

- 1 Beneath the cross of Jesus
I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat
and burdens of the day.
- 2 Upon the cross of Jesus,
my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one
who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears,
two wonders I confess:

the wonder of his glorious love
and my unworthiness.

- 3 I take, O cross, your shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all, the cross.

***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

P: Here us O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you. (feel free to do an 'air' high five or a peace sign).**



MARANATHA BELLS

In His Presence

OFFERING At this time we will receive our offerings for the mission and ministry at St. Olaf, our community, our synod, and in the world. We are dependent on offerings in order to continue the work of the church—to operate our building, to pay our staff, and to offer our benevolence to places like Beacon of Hope homeless shelter. The needs are GREAT at this time. If you feel so inclined to support our mission and work please do so by mailing a check to St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge, Iowa OR you can do so electronically at [PayPal.me/stolaffd](https://www.paypal.com/merchot/x-cmd=showitem&item=stolaffd). The link will be in the comment section of this video. We will listen to the music and ask that you prayerfully consider supporting the work of the church.

Offering Prayer

Faithful God,
you walk beside us in desert places,
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.
Accompany us in this meal,
that we may pass over from death to life
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

***Blessing**

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you (✠) that you may be a blessing
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

**ELW 347
Vs. 1-2**

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Assisting in Worship

Presider:	Pastor Emily Sauer
Children's Sermon:	Emily Wikner
Lector:	Viv Nore
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