

# Sunday, March 28, 2021

## Palm Sunday

### LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION – REMOTE WORSHIP



#### Introduction

*Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.*

#### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

C: Amen.

P: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

P: Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

C: Amen.

#### Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: Amen.

#### Gospel Acclamation

P: Christ 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 | ev'ry name. (*Phil. 2:8-9*)

#### Processional Gospel: John 12:12-16

***Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in excelsis!***

<sup>12</sup>[Five days before the Passover] the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.<sup>13</sup>So 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!”

<sup>14</sup>Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

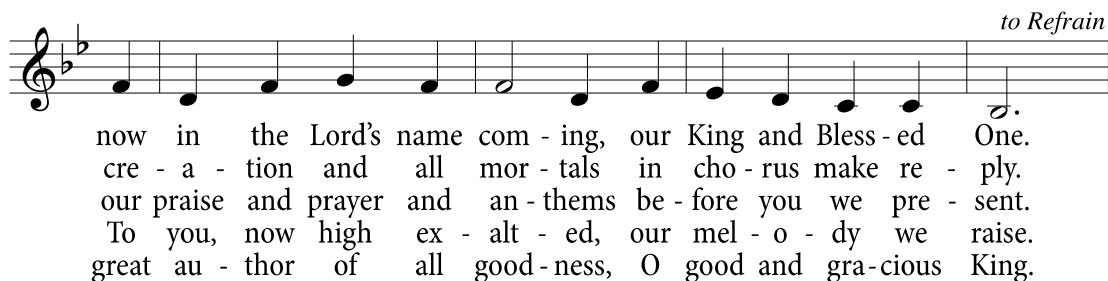
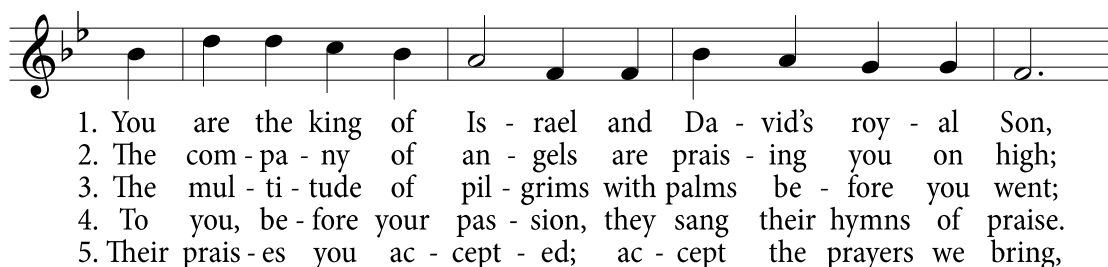
<sup>15</sup>“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

<sup>16</sup>His 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.

## Entrance Song

### All Glory, Laud, and Honor



## First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The 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 awakens—  
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I 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.

<sup>7</sup>The 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;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

### Psalm 31:9-16

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

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

<sup>11</sup>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.

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

<sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.  
I have said, "You are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

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

## The Passion According to Mark, Chapters 14 and 15 (*the Message Translation*)

(The assembly participates in the reading)

Pilate: "So what do I do with this man you call King of the Jews?"

Narrator: They yelled,

**CROWD: "Nail him to a cross!"**

Narrator: Pilate objected,

Pilate: "But for what crime?"

Narrator: But they yelled all the louder,

**CROWD: "Nail him to a cross!"**

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#### Characters in order of appearance:

<i>Narrator</i>	<i>Pastor Dorothy Cottingham</i>
<i>Disciple (Judas, High Priest)</i>	<i>Wayne Apple</i>
<i>Guest (Witness)</i>	<i>Ruthanne Rusnak</i>
<i>Jesus</i>	<i>Jonathan Stolting</i>
<i>Peter</i>	<i>Pastor Tom Struck</i>
<i>Judas (Disciple, High Priest)</i>	<i>Wayne Apple</i>
<i>Witness (Guest)</i>	<i>Ruthanne Rusnak</i>
<i>Chief Priest</i>	<i>Brian Liebenstein</i>
<i>Servant Girl</i>	<i>Sharon Ray</i>
<i>Bystander</i>	<i>Valerie Briggs</i>
<i>Pilate</i>	<i>Doug Birkeland</i>
<b><i>Crowd</i></b>	<b><i>read by Assembly</i></b>
<i>Soldiers</i>	<i>read by whole cast</i>
<i>High Priest</i>	<i>Wayne Apple</i>
<i>Roman Captain</i>	<i>Greg Lof</i>

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## Prayers of Intercession

A Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray,

*A brief silence.*

A God of mercy, send your saving help to all who suffer abuse, insult, discrimination, or contempt. Heal the wounded. Comfort the dying. Bring peace to those suffering chronic or terminal illness, especially COVID19. Tend to all who cry out for relief. We pray especially for those on our prayer list: Brian T, *the Barzee family, Del, Tammy, Jeff, Raj & Minu, Cindy, Keith, Gery, Gwen, Bev, David, Dale, Peter A., Suzanne, Wayne B, Carl, Ned & Carolyn, Jerry, Hal, John, Duane, Jean, Jason, Anson, Dawn, Bob, and Humphrey.* Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*For what else do the people of God pray...*

A God of mercy, when we breathe our last, you raise us to eternal life. With all your witnesses in heaven and on earth, let us boldly confess the name of Jesus Christ, our resurrection and our hope. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## Sharing the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## Announcements and Offering

### Offering Prayer

A O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope.  
Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance.  
Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance  
Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination.  
Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams  
All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe....  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P O God of resurrection and new life...  
We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

### Great Amen

A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

## The 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.



## Invitation To Holy Communion

### Communion Blessing

**P** May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you to life eternal.  
**C** Amen.

### Prayer After Communion

**A** Let us pray.  
**C** God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world.  
Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### Blessing

**P** Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✠ bless you,  
unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.  
**C** Amen.

### Dismissal

**A** God's love is poured out in Christ for you. Open yourselves to receive it.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK

*Maundy Thursday (April 1):* Jesus gives us a “new commandment” to love one another. Jesus gives us a “new covenant”.

*Good Friday (April 2):* How can we call this Friday “Good”?

This is the “good news”, the glory of God is in the cross of Jesus.

*Holy Saturday (April 3):* We hold a vigil, waiting to tend to the body of the Savior, but something happens in the night...

**CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

### Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Worship Zoom Link

Time: Apr 1 and 2, 2021 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81211384172?pwd=ZFZ6dW92UjJqVXB3eE05SVM4eXd1dz09>

Meeting ID: 812 1138 4172

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Music Director:	Tim Ditch
Lay Assistant:	Nancy Skirvin
Tech Assistant:	Jonathan Stolling
Altar Care:	Lorna Kautzky

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:** This worship service is being recorded and will be uploaded to Facebook, YouTube and the church Website [www.tigardlutherans.com](http://www.tigardlutherans.com).

### PRAYER REQUESTS

In this time of distance, we continue to pray for one another. When you have a prayer request there are several ways you can communicate that with us. One, call the church office, 503.639.2789. Two, send an email to [jeannedurbetaki@gmail.com](mailto:jeannedurbetaki@gmail.com) and Jeanne will activate the prayer chain. Three, go to the church's website [www.tigardlutherans.com](http://www.tigardlutherans.com) and click on the “How May We Pray For You” button.

### GIVING

There are at least four ways to share your tithes and offerings. First, you can mail a check to the church office. Second, you could use your online banking bill pay. Third, you can set up an automatic payment through our third-party giving platform, Vanco (if you need help setting this up, give a call to the church office). Fourth, you can go to the website [www.tigardlutherans.com](http://www.tigardlutherans.com) and click on the “donate” button to make single contributions through Vanco.

<p><b>Those in our Prayers:</b> Brian T., the Barzee family, Del Metcalf, Jeff Taylor, Raj &amp; Minu Mali, Cindy Finnegan, Keith Griswold, Gery, Gwen Carney, Bev Ashenfelter, Tammy Brink, David Doss, Dale Conley, Peter, Suzanne Metcalf, Chris Rovog, Wayne B, Carl Cottingham, Ned &amp; Carolyn Snow, Jerry Gleason, Hal Schmidt, John Maher, Duane Birkeland, Jean Baker, Jason Carroll, Anson Holt Steele, Dawn Stell, Bob Brink and Humphrey Chai.</p>
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**NOTE: EASTER SUNDAY ZOOM WORSHIP LINK IS THE REGULAR SUNDAY ZOOM WORSHIP LINK**