

*Messiah Lutheran Church*  
*Passion/Palm Sunday*  
*April 5, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.*

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**GATHERING**

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**Welcome**

**Procession with Palms**

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

**C *Hosanna to the Son of David.***

P The Lord be with you.

**C *And also with you.***

P *Let us Pray...* Mercifully assist us, 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 everlasting; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C *Amen***

**P Processional Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11**

*Jesus enters Jerusalem*

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying 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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“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.” <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The 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!” <sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**Receive the blessing of those who bear the name of Christ (you may raise what you have as a representation of a palm branch – something green.)**

P: We praise and thank You, O God, for the great 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 acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in His path.

We ask that You bless those who bear the name of Christ, and grant that we may ever hail Him as our Lord and King and follow Him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*

P: Let us go forth in peace, *in the name of the Lord.*

P May the peace of the Lord be with you, *C and also with you.*

**Praise Song – *We Bow Down***

*Verse* - You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life / Lord of the land and the sea  
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time / Lord of all lords You will be

*Chorus* - We bow down / And we worship You Lord

We bow down / And we worship You Lord

We bow down / And we worship You Lord

King of all kings You will be

*Verse* - You are King of Creation and King of my life / King of the land and the sea  
You were King of the heavens before there was time

And King of all kings You will be

*Chorus* - We bow down / And we crown You the King

We bow down / And we crown You the King

We bow down / And we crown You the King

King of all kings You will be

***(Repeat final Chorus)***

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A Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

*C Hosanna in the highest.*

**A Prayer of the Day - *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. Amen***

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## WORD

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**First Lesson** – A reading from Isaiah, chapter 50.

<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— awakens 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?

R Word of God, word of life. **C *Thanks be to God.***

**Second Lesson** – A reading from Philippians, chapter 2.

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

R Word of God, word of life. **C *Thanks be to God.***

**P** Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

### THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

#### Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 NRSV

Narrator – Pilate –  
Jesus – Judas –  
Peter – High Priest –  
Centurion – Bystander –  
Servant Girl –

**Congregation will read from the enclosed booklet in unison**

**as the part of the People.**

**P** Here ends the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**A** Let us profess our faith through the words of the **Apostles' Creed.**

*C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.*

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.*

*He descended into hell.*

*On the third day he rose again.*

*He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again 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 the People –**

**A** Lord as we pray, we kneel alongside Messiah Jesus, in Your presence, with the help of the Spirit.

**# 1** Creator God, we pray for the peace which Jesus came to bring and say, **“Come, Lord Jesus!”** In all areas of the world, especially with the reality of the Coronavirus and its spread, let Your peace descend. May neighbor live with neighbor in harmony, respectful of one another’s need for safety and support. Bring peace to our society, respect for all and the hope of a better tomorrow to those marginalized. While You continue to create making all things new, we pray that our society after this fearful time will be more centered on justice and respect for all. In the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, ***Son of God, have mercy on us.***

**# 2** Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for all victims of violence. Restore self-esteem to abused children. Reform those whose childhood memories are only of harshness and violence. We remember that in this Holy Week, You Yourself suffered betrayal, violence, abuse and Your friends suffered fear both day and night. We remember that on Good Friday, Your innocence did not save You. So, we ask,

Holy Jesus, that You would be with all victims, healing them of wounds to body, mind and soul. Remind us of what You told Your first disciples, that You will be with us always, to the end of the ages. Lord Jesus Christ, *Son of God, have mercy on us.*

# **3** Blessed Holy Spirit be the strength of the weak, the hope of the despairing, the courage of the fearful, the wisdom of the confused. Heal the sick. Restore broken relationships. Calm the violent. Give patience and strength to healthcare workers and emergency personnel, to caregivers and those who work in housekeeping in medical facilities, nursing homes and retirement communities. Calm those who have the added concern of a frightening medical diagnosis. Send light to the depressed. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, *Son of God, have mercy on us.*

**A** Lord, today we especially pray for William (Thomas), Muriel (Andress), William (Dunn), Claudia (Pohl), Matthew (Mortimore), Vivian (Close), Marsenna (Rentel), Julianna (Eslinger), Carol Jean (Bruner), Tina (Breslin), Arlene (Greenwald), Jim (Balbierer), Daniel and Kevin (Nardi), Jeff (DiVito), Nick, Erin (Selcher), Molly (Dawson), Phyllis (Serfass), Roberta (Kissinger). We pray for the freedom from suffering of all living creatures everywhere. We pray for all to whom death draws near this very day. We pray for those dear to us whom we now name in our hearts before You ... (a moment of silence). Faithful God deliver us from a sudden and unprepared for death and receive our prayers, as we watch and wait for Your coming. All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

## **Offering**

**Offertory Prayer** - Holy and generous host, You set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to Your goodness with every gift You have given us to share, that all people may know Your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

*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*

**Praise Song – Worthy is the Lamb**

Thank you for the cross, Lord / Thank you for the price You paid  
Bearing all my sin and shame / In love You came  
And gave amazing grace / Thank you for this love, Lord  
Thank you for the nail pierced hands / Washed me in Your cleansing flow  
Now all I know / Your forgiveness and embrace

**Chorus -** Worthy is the Lamb / Seated on the throne  
Crown You now with many crowns / You reign victorious  
High and lifted up / Jesus Son of God

The Darling of Heaven crucified  
Worthy is the Lamb / Worthy is the Lamb

**Repeat Song, Repeat Chorus**

**Ending -** Worthy is the Lamb (x2)

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**P Blessing -** 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. *Amen.*

**Dismissal -** Go in peace. Share the good news. *Thanks be to God.*

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*Prayer throughout the week:*

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit.  
*See Psalm 31:5*

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