

Palm Sunday– April 13, 2025

Prelude

Announcements

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Reading of the Processional Gospel

Blessing of the Palms

Opening Hymn

All Glory Laud & Honor

ELW 344

Children's Sermon

Prayer of the Day L The Lord be with you C **And also with you**

L 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**

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

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 wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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; ⁸ he 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? Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 31:9-16 *chanted responsively*

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.**
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.
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 up- [|] on your servant;
save me in your [|] steadfast love.”**

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

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

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

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C Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

Luke 23:1-49

Narrator- Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

Crowd- “**We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.**”

Narrator- Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate- “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Narrator- He answered,

Jesus- “You say so.”

Narrator- Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate- “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.”

Narrator- But they were insistent and said,

Crowd- “**He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.**”

Narrator - When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate -

“You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

Narrator- Then they all shouted out together,

Crowd - “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”

Narrator - This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder. Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

Crowd-“Crucify, crucify him!”

Narrator- A third time he said to them,

Pilate- “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.”

Narrator- But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus- “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Narrator - Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus -“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

Narrator-And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Crowd- “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”

Narrator-The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Crowd- “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

Narrator- There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Criminal 1- “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

Narrator- But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2- “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”

Narrator - Then he said,

Criminal 2 -“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Narrator- He replied,

Jesus- “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Narrator- It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until

three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus- “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

Narrator- Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion- “Certainly this man was innocent.”

Narrator- And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

C Praise to you, Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Lamb of God

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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 the Church

L In his triumph and his suffering, Jesus embodies God's eternal love for us. Therefore we pray for all who are experiencing joy or distress, that they may receive the fullness of God's blessings in this life and the next.

AM For the baptized faithful, that we listen to the words of our Lord above the shouts of the crowd, in order to learn from him and follow him. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

AM For the nations of the world, torn by conflicting loyalties and passions, that the grace and guidance of Christ may replace their conflicts and confusion. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

AM For our global home, that even the mute creation may sing the praises of the one who comes to save, renew, and restore, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM For all the beloved children of the world, especially those who suffer at the hands of adults who are called to care for them, that they may know the embrace of Christ in safe and caring arms. Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM For any needs we now raise out loud or in silence..... Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

L For any other needs you see that we have, Lord, in your mercy, People: Amen.

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace.

The Offering is received and the table is prepared.

Anthem: *The Old Rugged Cross* Words and Music: George Bennard Arr: Patti Drennan

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I laid down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown. Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown. In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see; what was on that old cross Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown, and exchange it someday for a crown.

The Offertory is sung

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

The Leader speaks an Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving –

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L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface is spoken

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest

Leader continues with the Great Thanksgiving.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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**

The Agnus Dei

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace,
Lamb of God.**

All are welcome to the table of the Lord.

Communion is distributed.

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace **C Amen.**

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love, and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C Thanks be to God

Postlude

Please allow a time of reflective silence during the postlude.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Kay Ackley	Erma Horn	Patricia Weingart Seymour	Kathy
Francine Ahrens	Amy Rose Jensen	Rob Simon	Jaxson
Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens	Ann Jones	Matt Simpson	Gail
Peggy Ali	Eunice Jones	Christopher Slate	F.C.H.
Joyce Almsted	Lynn Killingbeck	Dana Steele	Chantel
Connie Aparo	Marilyn Killingbeck	Sigrid Smitley	Friends and Family of Bill Pierson
Bert Babcock	Maria Koskovich	Paul Smith	
Phil Bascetta	Jason Lashbrook	Dana & George Steele	<u>Our Nursing Home</u> Members
Eli Boda	John Lewis	Jennifer Stella	
Diane Boscarino	David Little	Deb & Jon Sterling	
Kathleen Bowler	Rebecca Little	RuthAnn Stone	
Cherie Brown	Kari Machowski	Diane Tanner	Dee Gammon
Sharon Cable	Mary Ellen Mackinnon	Gloria Thibault	Midge Rosenbeck
Nancy Campbell	Jerry MacManus	Andy Thomas	Calvin Bensch
Carol Cianciolo	Audrey & Ernie Marquard	Julia Thompson Carroll	Judy Schaller
Cheryl Corey	Abigail Marine	Susan Tycieski	<u>Our Military Friends</u>
Emma Cortina	Eric Marine	Chamo Vega	Lord Jesus, Savior of the
Leif Dallaire	Richard Marine	Steve Warner	World and King of Peace,
Emily Decker	Janis Martin	Renee Woodard	watch over our sons and
Linda Dellano	Gil & Marilyn Martin	Clarence & Priscilla	daughters in the service of
Carla Derrickson	Gladys Medina	Ed	their Country. Protect them
Sigrid Devita	Michael Meyers	Jen O.	from the physical and moral
Irene Douglas	Kate Merrow	Jaiden	dangers. Keep them close to
Judy Elliott	Colin Moore	Shirley	you and help them live the
Mark Ebbeskotte	Brigitte Mueller	Steve	commandments. Lord, Jesus
Jan Eucalitto	Dennis Nalette	Lou W.	give them courage to serve
Pamela Ewing	Karen Ness	Steve	their country with honor and
Jennifer Ezzo	Tom O'Brien	Todd	dignity. Be with them when
Bruce & Liz Falls	Lea Orriola & family	Robert K.	they are in danger; strengthen
Eric Fernandez	Russell Palmer	Terry	them when they face
Ashley Friday	Maria Payne	Joe	hardship. Above all Lord,
Rosemarie Foth	Jackie Quinn Wassik	Rosie	grant that when their service
John Fox	Caroline Quintal	Carol G.	is finished that they may
Joan Gerard	Ed & Susan Regner	Kristen & Jared	return to us, sound in mind,
Danise Hall	Jonathan Richard	Vinny	body and soul. Amen.
Jack & Barbara Heintz	Louise Roche	Hagbard	Tyler Quinn
Brayden Herzberg	Holly Schaff	Carolina	Eric Beyus
Charles Hilton	Judy Schaller	Robert P.	Major Zachary Fulton
Kathleen Hilton	Rosemary & Otto Schibi	Peanut	Brandan Holbrook
Shannon Hilton	Denae Seelye	Colleen	Jonathan Connell
Jake Hoadley		Ken	Tom Gregg, Jr.
Sven Holmgren			Eric Bremer
			Peter Hutchinson
			S/W Anderson James Ernst
			USCG
			SPC Dominic Boscarino
			PVT Noah Braatz

Around the Church	Date	Time
Council	4/14	7:00 pm
Maundy Thursday	4/17	7:00 pm
Good Friday	4/18	7:00 pm
Easter Sunrise Service at UCC Tarringford St.	4/20	6:15 am
Easter Service & Easter Egg Hunt	4/20	10:00 am
New Members Received	4/27	10:00 am
Annual Meeting II Potluck Breakfast	5/8	8:00 am
Synod Assembly	5/30- 31	

Motorcycle show and blessing planning meetings
weekly after worship

CT Yankee Chorale rehearsal this coming
Tues, Apr 1 and each Tues following, 7pm

BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays 6 pm via Zoom and
Wednesdays 10am

Tai Chi 11:00 am & Quilting Group 1:00 pm on
Wednesdays



Offerings Summary:
Needed Weekly \$4,561
Actually Received \$5,923
Shortfall \$1,362
YTD Shortfall (\$15,248)

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Communion is Distributed

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ANNUAL MEETING



**Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Part II**

**Potluck Breakfast, Committee Fair &
Vote on the Constitution**

Sunday, May 4th 8:00 to 9:30 am

The meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall with a **potluck breakfast at 8:00 am followed by the meeting. We urge all to attend to hear what are various ministries and committees have done in the past year and to vote on the updates to the constitution.**