

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Sunday of the Passion
March 28, 2021**

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Blessing of the Palms

L: O Lord, God Almighty, bless these palm branches and palm crosses and the people who wear and carry them, as they praise of you and glorify your name. As we trace the journey of Jesus into Jerusalem, and ultimately the cross and empty tomb, remind us that through these holy acts, you have opened the door for us to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

Processional Gospel from Mark 11:1-11

A: When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

C: (A & L) "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

A: Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple...Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

Process into the Parish Hall as the video plays

All Glory, Laud and Honor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBfJyjDolwA>

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

L: God hears us when we cry and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection

L: Most Merciful God, Fountain of living water,

C: pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

**Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

L: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, our sins are +forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

C: Amen.

ELW #335 "JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS"

First United Methodist Church, Clearwater, FL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MiTcsgyNFio>

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: O God of Mercy, in your endless love for the human race

C: you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to take on our nature and suffer death on the cross.

A: In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will.

C: Gather us around the cross of Christ and preserve us until the resurrection.

A: Through Jesus Christ

C: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

Psalm 118:19-29

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Reading of the Passion from Mark

The reading of the passion according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³They shouted back, "Crucify him!" ¹⁴Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.

²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzc3v19_UBA

²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message – Tim Leitner

<https://youtu.be/KiGFF2rG5tl>

HYMN OF THE DAY

Great God, your love has called us here
St. James's Newcastle upon Tyne,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtfDlfN1ovg>

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

A: In Jesus you came among us as a suffering servant. Give your church humility. Redeem your people from pride and the certainty that we always know your will. Heal us and empower us to confess Christ crucified. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: In creation, life springs from death. Redeem your creation awaiting resurrection: restore lost habitats and endangered species. Create new possibilities for areas affected by climate change, grant relief from natural disasters, and nurture new growth. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Jesus was handed over to the powers of this world. In all nations, instruct the powerful, that they would not exploit their power but maintain justice. Sustain soldiers, and guide those who command them, that they serve those in greatest need. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Abide with those who are condemned to death. Defend those who are falsely accused. Console and strengthen those who are mocked or bullied. Accompany all who suffer; grant respite and renewal. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You called followers to tend Jesus' body in death. Sustain hospice workers and funeral directors. Bless this congregation's ministries at times of death; those who plan and lead funerals, those who prepare meals, all who offer support in grief. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You inspired the centurion to confess Jesus as your Son. We praise you for the faith you have given to people of all places and times. Give us also such faith to trust the promises of baptism and, with them, to look for the resurrection of the dead. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Merciful God, received the gifts we bring,

C: ourselves, our time and our possessions.

A: Through this meal unite us as your body;

C: shining with the light of your justice and mercy;

A: for the sake of him who gave himself for us.

C: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 MEAL – CONSECRATION

LORDS 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Here is Bread <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9nOWL30EP8>

Take My Life, That I May Be https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6T8KdOet_N0

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

C: You sustained us through our Lenten journey:

A: continue to strengthen us to hunger for justice,

C: to make peace, be generous and sing with grateful hearts

A: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

L: May God, who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
and claimed us as children of the light,
strengthen us on our journey into life renewed.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you +peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

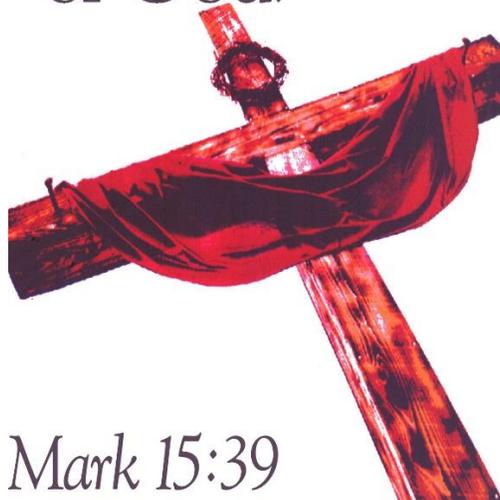
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HnqloFXnY2o>

A: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude – Lillian Pinkston

“Truly this man
was the Son
of God!”



Mark 15:39