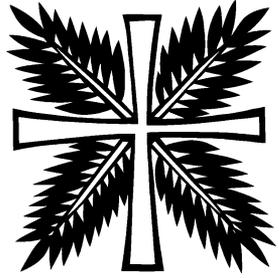


Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday
April 9, 2017

Order of Worship 8:30 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Stand as you are able.

Opening Litany *(spoken twice)*

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

C **Hosanna in the highest!**

(Palm branches are held up during the reading)

Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

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

⁵"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."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread

them on the road. ⁹The 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!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C 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. Amen

Gathering Hymn ‘*All Glory, Laud and Honor*’ **344**

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

C Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray: 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

Be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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 awakens—
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 The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

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 The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Passion According to St. Matthew

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

Hymn of the Day

'O Sacred Head, Now Wounded'

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Stand as you are able.

Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Peace *Greet one another saying: "Peace be with you".*

Be seated.

Offering

Stand as you are able.

Offertory 'Create in Me' **188**

Offering Prayer

A Merciful God,

C receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving pp. 206-207

Lord's Prayer p. 208

Be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Come to the communion rail by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. You may kneel or stand. Wine is in the common cup and tray of individual cups. Gluten free wafers available by request. If you prefer grape juice, ask the server. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins.

Hymns at the Distribution

<i>'Lamb of God'</i>	p. 208
<i>'Beneath the Cross of Jesus'</i>	338
<i>'In the Cross of Christ I Glory'</i>	347

Stand as you are able.

Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

- A Compassionate God,
C **you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:
may our fasting be hunger for justice,
our alms, a making of peace, and our
prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Blessing

Sending Hymn

'Christ, the Life of All the Living' **339**

Dismissal

- A Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

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Welcome to Grace

Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today. Fill out one of the cards in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate to share your contact information and any needs. There is also a guest book to sign in the gathering area. If you are looking for a church home, you are welcome here.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 9:

Worship at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 13:

Worship at FVLH at 11:30 a.m. &
Grace at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14:

Joint ELCA Worship at 12:15 p.m. at
First English, Downtown &
Grace at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16:

Worship at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast between services.

Worship Assistants: April 9

Greeters: Mason – Luann Seidl / Jonathon Seidl
East – Carol Aldinger

Assisting Minister: Laury Grow

Lector: Laury Grow

Communion: Ron Bailey

Ushers: Bob Waldron, Ed Kerwell, Larry Baumbach

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 4/2: 8:30 a.m. 49
10:30 a.m. 21

In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Gladys Prah and Henry Schoenborn.

For those in Hospice Care especially Adeline Elias.

For Healing for Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Val Sieg; Joyce Asman living at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms.

For those with cancer especially Melissa Heins, Gene and Karen Krull's daughter; Mark Catlin; Robyn Messenger, Deb Baumbach's sister; Roger Schmidt; Bob Blaskowski.

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.” Romans 12:12



If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (731-1428) or Susan Pringnitz (733-7591). Call the church office with requests for prayer to be put in the bulletin and/or to ask for a prayer to be relayed to the Prayer Chain.

Announcements

EASTER LILIES will be used to decorate the chancel area during the Easter season. A suggested gift of \$10 or any amount you choose can be placed in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers". There is a sign up sheet on the desk. Today is the last day to order.

Fair Trade Eco-Palms

Palm harvesters work hard to support their families and provide the palms we wave during our Palm Sunday celebrations. Yet many live in poverty, forced to use environmentally damaging practices to earn an income. But there's a better way! The Eco-Palms used in our worship services today help harvesters escape the cycle of poverty, while using harvesting methods that protect the environment – and their future livelihoods.

Good Friday Choir Opportunity - A joint choir is being formed to sing at First English for the 12:15 P.M. service on Friday, April 14. The rehearsal is at 11:45 A.M. that day with Nathan Birkholz directing. If you would like to do this, please contact Diane Bailey, 734-9076, to get a copy of the piece, 'Lenten Song' by Mark Hayes, in advance; otherwise, meet at First English in the choir room that day and there will be a copy for you.

Soup and dessert trays needed THIS Thursday for FVLH. Volunteers are needed to provide five crockpots of soup, five trays of cookies or bars, and three loaves of bread. Foods are needed by 11:15 at 425 N. Linwood. Please tell Sharon Meier or Deb Werth if you can provide one of these items, and arrangements can be made for alternate times for drop off. New volunteers are needed.

Hospitality Volunteers are needed. Please sign up on the table in the gathering area if you are willing to provide treats between services.

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GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 9.....8:30 a.m. Worship
Palm Sunday
9:30 a.m. Christian Education
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)

Monday, April 10.....6:30 p.m. Joy Circle
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, April 11.....8:30 a.m. Quilters
10:30 a.m. Worship & Music Meeting
4:30 p.m. TLC Executive Committee
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Fox Valley Chorus

Wed., April 12.....9:00 a.m. TLC Bible Study
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. APA Bible Study

Thu., April 13.....10:00 a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese
10:00 a.m. Salvation Army
6:30 p.m. *Maundy Thursday Worship*

Friday, April 14.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
12:15 p.m. Joint ELCA Good Friday at First English
6:30 p.m. *Good Friday Worship*

Saturday, April 15.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, April 16.....8:30 a.m. Worship
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