

PROCESSION WITH PALMS. Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” just say this: “The Lord needs it.”’ So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!’

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’ He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’

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 awakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. 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.	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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?
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SECOND READING. Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he 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 every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
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GOSPEL. Luke 23:1-49



Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus’ compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God’s redeeming love. From *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright © 2021 Augsburg Fortress

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Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

COVID-19

Although mask mandates are now lifted in most Ontario indoor settings, our Bishop encourages “all congregations to continue using masks for the time being.” For now, we strongly recommend wearing a mask.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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If you are able, please join fellow members in the Fellowship Hall for the Blessing of the Palm Branches and the Processional into the church. Bring your hymnal with you.

Psalm 31:1-5, 9-16 - Tune: 320 The Glory of These Forty Days

The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

**Lord, be my rock, my refuge sure,
My mighty fortress, safe, secure.**

For your name's sake lead me and guide me. Take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my shelter from danger.

**I place my spirit in your care;
You, God, will keep me safely there.**

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eyes are tired from so much crying; I am constantly worn out. I am exhausted by sorrow, and weeping has shortened my life. I am weak from all my troubles; even my bones are wasting away. I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. Everyone has forgotten me, as though I were dead; I am like something thrown away. For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around, as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

**Lord, be my rock, my refuge sure,
My mighty fortress, safe, secure.**

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God."

**I place my spirit in your care;
You, God, will keep me safely there.**

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, from those who persecute me.

**Lord, be my rock, my refuge sure,
My mighty fortress, safe, secure.**

Let your face shine upon your servant, and in your lovingkindness save me.

**I place my spirit in your care;
You, God, will keep me safely there.**

As COVID restrictions ease, we are happy to include more participants in Sunday morning worship. Please let us know if you are willing to read scripture or the prayers of intercession. We love having a variety of voices participate in our worship each week!

Open Arms Mission focus of the month: **Peanut Butter**


Attention Gardeners! **Open Arms Mission** has a *Plant-a-Row* project planned for this growing season. They are asking teams of volunteers to come and plant a row of beans at the Ministry Campus at 933 Forks Road in Welland. Groups of 3 or 4 people will come and plant a row then return to harvest their row when it is ready. Each group will invest three to four hours of their time planting and harvesting their row. Once the row is picked, the beans will then be frozen and will be given out in the Winter when produce is scarce. Anyone interested can contact Stacy Otting by email (stacyo.oam@gmail.com) or at the Mission Center at (905) 788-3800 to sign up for this project. Thank you once again for your prayers and partnership in the Gospel.

Fish Fry at Holy Trinity is back on the menu!

Good Friday, April 15 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
One piece: \$13.00
Two piece: \$17.00

For pre-orders contact: HTFish@cogeco.net

Maundy Thursday, April 14 - 6:30 p.m.



(at St. Matthew's, Welland)

Good Friday, April 15 - 10:00 a.m.
(at First Lutheran, Port Colborne)

Sunday, April 17 Easter Service - 11:00 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

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The congregation gathers in the Fellowship Hall for the Blessing of the Palm Branches and will process into the church. Please remember to bring your hymnal with you.

GATHERING

(ELW page 256) *Leader:* Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Response: Hosanna in the highest.

(repeat three times)

Processional Gospel.....Luke 19:28-40
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Hymn344 All Glory Laud and Honor

Prayer of the Day

WORD

First ReadingIsa 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:1-5, 9-16printec bulletin

Second ReadingPhilippi 2:5-11

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Sermon

Hymn343 My Song is Lament Unknown

Prayers of Intercession
Prayer Response“receive your prayer.”

Peace(non-contact gestures)

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Offering Prayer

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Communion Hymns616, 811

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song346 Ride On, Majesty

Dismissal: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. **Thanks be to God.**