

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL. Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,
‘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.’
The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!’
When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

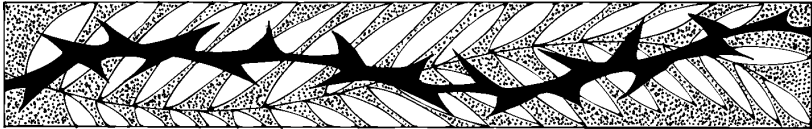
FIRST READING. Isaiah 50:4-9a

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. Matthew 27:11-54




Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 2, 2023

“In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone.”

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. **The assembly gathers in the worship space standing in the side aisles encircling the pews for the blessing of the palms and processional.**




Maundy Thursday, April 6 - 7:00 p.m.
(First Lutheran, Port Colborne; 688 Elm St)

Good Friday, April 7 - 10:00 a.m.
(St. Matthew’s, Welland)

Sunday, April 9 Easter Service - 11:00 a.m.

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



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Greeting (all repeated three times)

Presider: Blessed be the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
All: **Hosanna in the Highest.**

ProceSSIONal Gospel

Presider: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**
ProceSSIONal Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11
Presider: The Gospel of our Lord.
Response: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Blessing of the Palms

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
. . . (blessing concludes) “We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.” **Amen.**

ProceSSION

Let us go forth in peace,
Response: in the name of Christ. Amen.
(the circle processes along the side aisle and forward by way of the centre aisle)

ProceSSION Hymn “*All Glory, Laud and Honor*”

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.	3. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went. Our praise and prayers and anthems before you we present. <i>Refrain</i>
1. You are the king of Israel, and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. <i>Refrain</i>	4. To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. <i>Refrain</i>
2. The company of angels are praising you on high; creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. <i>Refrain</i>	5. Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king. <i>Refrain</i>

Presider: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Response: **Hosanna in the highest**

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.

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Dates to Remember

April 6	7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday service at First Lutheran; 688 Elm Street in Port Colborne. Everyone is invited to attend!
April 7	10:00 AM - Good Friday service at St. Matthew’s.
April 9	11:00 AM - Resurrection of Our Lord; Easter Day

EASTER FLOWERS - Please contact Sinikka ASAP if you would like to contribute to the Easter Flower Fund.

GATHERING

GreetingPrinted, or refer to ELW Page 256

“Glory to you, O Lord.”

Processional GospelMatthew 21:1-11

“Praise to you, O Christ.”

Blessing of the PalmsPrinted or Page 256

ProcessionPrinted or Page 256

HymnELW 344 All Glory Laud and Honor

Presider: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Response: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of the Day

WORD

First ReadingIsaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:1-5, 9-16printed in bulletin

Second ReadingPhilippians 2:5-11

“Return to God”Supplement, Page 9

GospelMatthew 27:11-54

Sermon

Hymn.....ELW 335 Jesus Keep Me

Near the Cross

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer Response“**receive our prayer.**”

Peace (non-contact gestures)

MEAL (using the Hymnal Supplement)

Offering Prayer.....Page 13

Great ThanksgivingPage 14

Holy, Holy, HolyPage 15

Eucharistic Acclamation 2&3 Page 16, 17

“Through Christ, ...”Page 17

The Lord’s PrayerPage 18

Communion

“Lamb of God...”Page 18

Communion Hymns343, 349

“Thanks Be To You”Page 20

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Sending SongELW 347 Go to

Dark Gethsemane

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