

Palm/Passion Sunday
April 10, 2022
Communion
9:30 AM

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

At the beginning of the reading:

The holy Gospel, according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN All Glory, Laud and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor to thee Redeemer, King;
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One!

All glory, laud, and honor to thee Redeemer, King;
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee Redeemer, King;
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

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BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Jesus, you entered Jerusalem in joy...to offer praise for that entry long ago,
and for your entry into our lives today.

God bless these palms, and those who carry them.

As we accompany you into the city,
we proclaim that you accompany us
in our own time and place,
making every space where we reside
a place to praise you.

**God bless these palms,
and those who carry them.**

You take ordinary branches...God, you have blessed these palms.
And you have blessed we who carry them.

**Hosanna! Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Amen.**

HYMN – The Palms

The assembly processes into the sanctuary as the hymn is introduced – the song leader will lead the singing once most folks are in the sanctuary.

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay are strewn this day in festival preparation,
where Jesus comes, to wipe our tears away; e'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.
Join, sing his name divine, let ev'ry voice resound with united acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord, bless him who cometh to bring us salvation.

His word goes forth, and people by its might once more their freedom gain from degradation;
Humanity doth give to each is right, while those in darkness find restored the light.
Join, sing his name divine, let ev'ry voice resound with united acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord, bless him who cometh to bring us salvation.

Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem, of all they songs sing the emancipation;
Thro' boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem brings forth the hope to thee forevermore.
Join, sing his name divine, let ev'ry voice resound with united acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord, bless him who cometh to bring us salvation.

trans. Theodore T. Barker

arr. c. 1925 Homer A. Rodenheaver

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Please be seated

The Institution of the Lord's Supper Luke 22:14-23

HYMN ELW 464 Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

COMMUNION LITURGY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

Please be seated

SHARING OF COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, in this meal, you are present. Go with us into the world that this meal might unite us to your work and your presence all around us. May we go with faith that you go alongside us.

In your Holy name we pray. **Amen.**

The Dispute About Greatness Luke 22:24-30

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial Luke 22:31-34

Please stand

APOSTLE'S 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 into hell. 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.

Please be seated.

Purse, Bag, and Sword Luke 22:35-38

ANTHEM Lamb of God Most Holy – setting by Marie Pooler
Women's ensemble

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SHARING OF OUR OFFERINGS

As we receive our musical offering, we invite you to share your offering in one of the baskets located throughout the sanctuary. May these gifts offered up in thanksgiving to God help spread the love of God into our community and world.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Merciful God, 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.**

Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

Luke 22:39-46

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end with the phrase, "Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer."
And the congregation will respond by singing the lines below:

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody begins with a half note chord (F2, A2), followed by a quarter note (Bb2), a dotted quarter note (C3), and a half note (D3). The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: F2-A2, F2-A2, F2-A2, and F2-A2.

pray. Watch and pray.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a half note chord (F2, A2), followed by a quarter note (Bb2), a quarter note (C3), and a half note (D3). The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: F2-A2, F2-A2, and F2-A2.

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The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus Luke 22:47-53

Peter Denies Jesus Luke 22:54-62

Please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Mocking and Beating of Jesus Luke 22:63- 65

Narrator: Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Crowd: **'Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?'**

Narrator: They kept heaping many other insults on him.

Jesus before the Council Luke 22:66-71

Narrator: When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought Jesus to their council. They said,

Scribes: **'If you are the Messiah, tell us.'**

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: 'If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.'

Narrator: All of them asked,

Scribes: **'Are you, then, the Son of God?'**

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: 'You say that I am.'

Narrator: Then they said,

Woman: 'What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!'

HYMN ELW 347 Go to Dark Gethsemane vs. 1 and 2

Jesus Before Pilate Luke 23:1-5

- Narrator: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,
- Man: ‘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,
- Scribes: **‘He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.’**

Jesus Before Herod Luke 23:6-12

Jesus Sentenced to Death Luke 23:13-25

- Narrator: 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: Barabbas 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.

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The Crucifixion of Jesus Luke 23:26-43

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

Scribes: **'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,

Soldier: '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,

Woman 2: 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'

Narrator: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Woman 1: '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 the criminal said,

Woman 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.'

HYMN ELW 616 Jesus Remember Me (*sing 3 times*)

The Death of Jesus Luke 23:44-49

HYMN ELW 349 Ah, Holy Jesus vs. 1 and 2

The Burial of Jesus Luke 23:50-56

HYMN ELW 337 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember Christ crucified

Thanks be to God.

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Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers: Bob Moran, Brian Allebach, Charles Krupp, Ann Brown Hager, David Mounts, Melissa Snyder, Sandy Umstead, Leah Crater, Steve Keyser, Sydney Crossin, Paige Seasock, Peyton Seasock, Tal Umstead, Heidi Slook, Dorothy Rudolph, Mary Clayton, Michelle Baxter, Ruthie Jadick, Andrew Robison, Margaret Simon, Hailey Mientus, the Mientus family, Jeff Jadick, Loretta Diehl, Judy Ockenlaender, Heidi Guess, Ed Brown, Bruce Aldinger, Judith Hercek and Kassondra Sowden.

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Mark your Calendar

TODAY	6:30-8pm Good Friday Worship Practice
Monday, Apr 11	7:30pm Council Meeting
Tuesday, Apr 12	7pm Lenten Small Group Experience
Wednesday, Apr 13	7pm Choir Practice
Thursday, Apr 14	7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, Apr 15	7:30pm Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 16	9-11 Open Link Food Collection 10am Easter Eggstravaganza
Sunday, April 17	8:30-9:15 Coffee Social 9:30am Easter Sunday Worship (and zoom) <i>Spring Flowers and Hoagie Orders Due</i>

Coffee Bar Help—Help keep the fellowship going by supporting the coffee bar at St. John's. There are slots to sign up to bring treats and help with making the coffee. Please bring treats to church by 8:30am on Sunday so they can be set out for the enjoyment of all. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4EACAD2FAA8-coffee>

Lenten Small Group Experience – Tuesdays at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Where Your Heart Is: An Illustrated Devotion Experience will include seven weeks of devotions for all ages with illustrations that are meant to be colored in and many opportunities to doodle and engage in fun and creative ways.

The small group will conclude on Tuesday, April 12. Crayons, markers and colored pencils will be provided.

Hoagie Sales

Heavenly Helpers will once again be offering monthly hoagie sales. The profit received from the sale of the hoagies goes directly to the mission work both locally and throughout the United States. We have been very fortunate to earn enough to cover all the work we have done since Heavenly Helpers creation in 2007. And we owe the thanks for that to all of you. Enjoy!!

The first sale will be due by April 17 with pick up Thursday April 21 from 5:30-6:30. Turkey Hoagies are \$8 and Italian are \$7. You can get them with or without onions and peppers. As always, all are invited to help with the building of the hoagies. So, if you are free on this day we meet around 2pm to begin the process.

There will be a sign-up sheet outside PB's office or you can contact Elaine Keller at elaineakeller@comcast.net or call 215.262.5366

Spring Flower Sale

Flower order forms are due by Easter Sunday, April 17. Orders will be available for pick-up on Saturday, May 7 from 9-11 AM. All proceeds of this flower sale support St. John's youth ministry and summer mission trips.

Ready to Sing??— The Choir will be singing on Easter. All are welcome!
Rehearsals: Wednesday, April 13 @ 7pm

The Easter Eggstravaganza is April 16th at 10am.

There will be eggs, crafts, cookies, story time and the Easter Bunny will even be making an appearance.

St. John's is going bowling again! Sunday, May 1st 11 am to 1 pm

Earl Bowl, Morwood Road, Telford \$10 per person (includes two hours of bowling and shoes)

Pizza can be pre-ordered - simply indicate on the RSVP! Link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084fa8ad2caafd0-stjohns1>

St. John's Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 14 – Maundy Thursday

Worship begins at 7:30 PM

Friday, April 15 – Good Friday

Community Prayer Walk begins at noon,
departing from four locations:

Upper Perk YMCA

Pennsburg UCC

New Goshenhoppen Park

St. Philip Neri Family Life Center

Community Good Friday Service begins at 1 PM
at St. Mark's Lutheran Church

St. John's Good Friday worship service
begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 16 – Holy Saturday

Easter EGGstravaganza 10 AM

Easter Egg Hunt, Crafts, Snacks,

Story Time and the Easter Bunny

All are welcome!

Sunday, April 17 – Easter Sunday

Coffee Fellowship – 8:30-9:15 AM

Worship – 9:30 AM