



## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### PALM SUNDAY

April 2, 2023

Worship 11:00 A.M.

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Worship is live streamed on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/princerupertlutheran/>.

*Welcome to Worship with St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.*

### Weekly Prayer Petitions

**Local:** Annunciation Roman Catholic Church – Father Terry

**Synod Parishes:** Spirit of Life Lutheran in Vancouver – Rev. Aneeta Saroop, North Thompson Ecumenical Shared Ministry in Barriere and Clearwater – Rev. Bruce Chalmers (Anglican)

**ACC:** Metropolitan and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

**ELCIC:** The congregations of the Eastern area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

### Discipleship Opportunities

1. The pastor will be taking the week off following worship next week. The office will be closed.

Our schedule for Holy Week is as follows:

- **Maundy Thursday Joint Anglican/Lutheran Worship**, April 6, 7:00 at the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew's. The Anglican Primate of Canada will be presiding. We are blessed to be invited by our full communion partners on such a special evening. We are hoping that this will be a livestreamed event.
- **Good Friday Ecumenical Worship:** 12:00 noon, Salvation Army Citadel
- **Good Friday Worship:** April 7, 7:00 PM in person at St. Paul's and on-line
- **Easter Sunday Service:** 11:00 AM in person and on Facebook Live

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### Announcements

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

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**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

*Processional Gospel*

Luke 19:28-40

L: The holy gospel according to Luke

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

After he had said this, [Jesus] 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."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Blessing of the Palms/Boughs*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace,

**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Confession and Forgiveness*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, sustaining us with the gift of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn*

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

No. 346 (tune 389)

1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the  
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -  
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -  
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring  
 pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal

sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.  
 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

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L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
 C: And also with you.

*Kyrie*

*God Loved the World*

No. 323 (vs 1 & 5)

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Let us pray together our Prayer of the Day

**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. Amen**

Our first reading is from Isaiah, beginning at the 50<sup>th</sup> chapter

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 wakens – 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 backward. 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?

L: The word of the Lord,

**C: Thanks be to God**

We read Psalm 31:9-16 responsively: (*leader reads the light print, congregation reads the bold*)

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

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

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

**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

Our second reading is from Philippians beginning at the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter

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.

L: The word of the Lord,

**C: Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Acclamation*

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Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

26:14-27:66

*(Due to its length the passage is not printed here. You may follow along in the Bibles in the pews)*

L: The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Diana Edis

Hymn of the Day

*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

No. 337

1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov - 'reign die?  
 2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in  
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,  
 5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
 A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un - known, and love be - yond de - gree!  
 when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.  
 dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.  
 here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed. We confess:

**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 power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. 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**

*Prayers of Intercession:* (petition end: Merciful God)  
(petition response: **Receive our prayer.**)

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### *Offering*

*Offerings may be mailed to the church, placed in our mailbox, sent by e-transfer to [offering2stpauls@citywest.ca](mailto:offering2stpauls@citywest.ca), or given through CanadaHelps to St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert.*

### *Offering Prayer*

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

**Amen.**

*We enter a time of communion. All people are invited to receive God's meal. If you wish to receive, this meal is for you. If you would like to learn more about communion please speak with the pastor after worship. Those at home may prepare bread and wine or juice for your worship space. When the bread and beverage are offered by the pastor and you eat and drink you may respond, "Amen." Those worshipping online in the same household are encouraged to serve one another.*

*We have both bread and gluten-free wafers, wine and juice; please let your server know which options are needed.*

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.**

It is indeed right... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy*

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -". The lyrics are written below the notes.

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you... blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen**

L: Gathered into one across time and space by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using whatever version of that prayer comforts you. We pray:

**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.**

*Lamb of God*

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
 world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

*Communion*

*Hymns during communion:*

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross  
 Go to Dark Gethsemane*

No. 335  
 No. 347

The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour strengthen you to eternal life.

**Amen**

*Prayer after communion*

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

**Amen.**



Blessing

God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

**Amen.**

Sending Hymn

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

No. 338

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869  
Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

Go in peace. Serve in love  
**Thanks be to God.**