

+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9:45 am March 24, 2024

Our mission is to share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.



This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

Palm Sunday

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

All Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Mark 11:1-11

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

Raise your palm branch.

Pastor The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Pastor 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.

All Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Pastor 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.

All Amen.

CONFESSION

Seminarian Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.

All Amen.

Seminarian Held in God's mercy,
let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence and reflection

Seminarian Holy God,
**All we confess that we are caught in snares of sin
and cannot break free.
We hoard resources while our neighbors
are hungry and cold.
We speak in ways that silence others.
We are silent when we should speak up.
We keep score in our hearts.
We let hurts grow into hatred.
For all these things and for sins only you know,
forgive us, Lord.
Amen.**

Pastor Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ .
All Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Please stand and sing.

Hide Me in Your Holiness

WORDS and MUSIC: Steve Ragsdale

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

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?

Reader Word of God, word of life.

All **Thanks be to God.**



Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

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.

Reader	Word of God, word of life.
All	Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Please stand and sing.

I Will Delight

Words and Music by
Walt Harrah and
John Andrew Schreiner

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 98$ G

I will de - light in the law of the Lord, I will med - i - tate day and night.

5 Then like a tree firm - ly plant - ed I'll be, ground - ed in Your Word.

Bless - ed is the one who fol - lows the way of the Lord, bless - ed is the

13 one.



Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Mark 14:1-9

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Why Are You Doing This?
Pastor Josh Wullenweber

Please stand and sing.

Jesus, the Light of the World

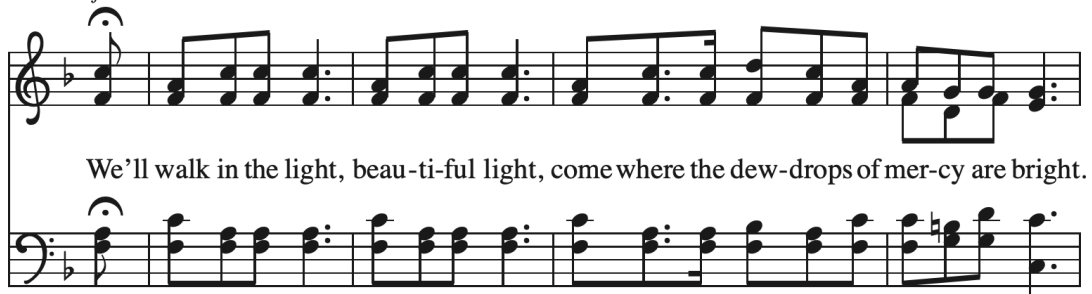


1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;

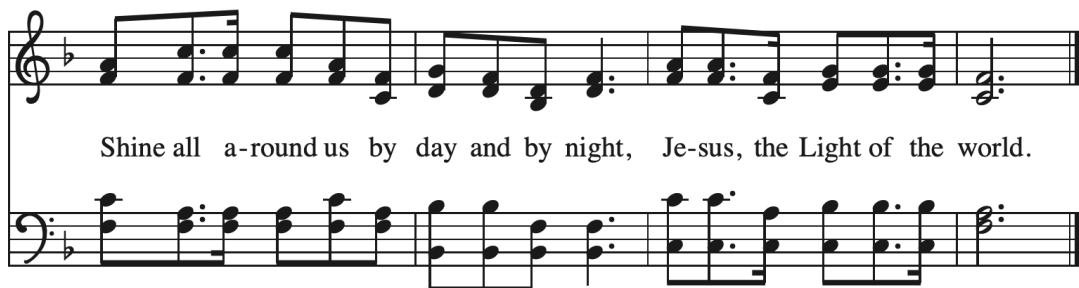


"Glo - ry to the new-born king," Je-sus, the Light of the world.
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845–1928, refrain
Music: WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, Traditional; arr. George D. Elderkin

APOSTLES' CREED

Asst. Min. With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

All 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 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

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. After each portion of the prayers:

Asst. Min. Hear us, O God.

All Your mercy is great.

At the end of the prayer:

Pastor Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

Pastor The peace of Christ be with you always.

All And also with you.

Please greet one another with words such as "God's peace be with you."

Please sit.

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
Please give as you are able. We appreciate those who give in-person and those who give electronically.*

Please sign the red attendance book and pass it down the pew.

OFFERING MUSIC

*"Hosanna!" Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith, arranged by Lloyd Larson
Youth Choir*

SONG OF OFFERING
Please stand and sing.

Text and music: Dwight Liles
 Text and music © 1984 Bug and Bear Music, admin: Word Music, Inc.

We are an offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our
 lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray.

All **Jesus, you are the bread of life
 and the host of this meal.
 Bless these gifts that we have gathered
 that all people may know your goodness.
 Feed us not only with this holy food
 but with hunger for justice and peace.
 We pray this in your name.
 Amen.**

MEAL

Pastor The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor Blessed are you, God of everlasting covenant, for your promises are steadfast and your provision is sure. Through the 40 years of your people's desert wanderings, you were constant in fire and cloud; with manna and mercy you sustained every step. You made Jesus' temptation of 40 days a theater of truth where your word stood strong. In every age you have shaped your people through times of wilderness and wondering, of temptation and trial, and brought them into the land of promise, and the life of covenant. And so with all who have walked the wilderness way in every time and place and all who walk this day with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we join their unending hymn.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord
 God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
All **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.**

Pastor Come, for all is now ready.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine are invited to come forward for a blessing. You are an important part of our faith community. For those taking Holy Communion: Pastor will give verbal instructions on how Holy Communion will be distributed.

COMMUNION SONG

All sing.

Broken for Me

Refrain



Bro - ken for me, bro - ken for you;



the bod - y of Je - sus bro - ken for you.



1 He of - fered his bod - y, he poured out his soul;



2 Come to my ta - ble and with me dine;



3 This is my bod - y giv - en for you;



4 This is my blood . . . I shed for you;

Refrain



Je - sus was bro - ken that we might be whole.



eat of my bread . . . and drink of my wine.



eat it, re - mem - b'ring I died for you.



for your for - give - ness, mak - ing you new.

Final refrain



Bro - ken for me, bro - ken for you;



the bod - y of Je - sus bro - ken for you.

Text: Janet Lunt
Music: BROKEN FOR ME, Janet Lunt

TABLE BLESSING

Please stand.

Pastor May the body and blood of Christ strengthen you and sustain you for your Lenten journey ahead.

All Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Asst. Min. Let us pray.
Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

All Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. May God the Father, Son +, and Holy Spirit bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace.

All Amen.

SENDING SONG

All sing.

Stand Up

Milton Carroll

E B

We will stand for the Lord, — we will car-ry our cross, — like the

E A

ones who've gone be-fore — us, we've count-ed — the cost. And the

E A

un - ion — Christ pur - chased — is now re - al - i - ty, — as we

F#m A B sus B

stand up — togeth-er, — the world — will — be - lieve. So stand

§ E F#m7

up for the Sav - ior, stand up for the King. — In —

E/G# A

un - i - son — to-geth - er, let His an - them ring. — The —

E A

Rock of — all a - ges — is liv - ing in — our heart, now —

F#m7 E/G# A

arm and arm — we take the light — and stand a - gainst — the

Bsus To Coda B E

dark. — Stand — up. We will

B

stand for our fam - 'lies and pro - claim that Christ is King. — By the

E A

pow - er of His spok - en word, He gave us ev - 'ry - thing. And for our

E A

chil - dren and — their chil - dren, we must pass this torch — a - long, — Till —

F#m E/G#

all the earth — will see the light — and

A Bsus B D.S. al Coda

sing the vic - t'ry song. So stand

Coda B E

Stand — up.

DISMISSAL
Asst. Min.
All

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Shout to the North" Martin Smith, arranged by Patricia Cota
Bell Choir

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are welcome in our worship. There is a children's worship bulletin for them. If you prefer, a nursery and/or childcare is available for children up to age 3 during all worship services.

Hearing help available: We have for your use personal hearing amplification units available in the narthex. Please refer questions or comments to an usher.

Church Phone: 703-356-3346

Email: Church@redeemermclean.org

Next Sunday's Scripture:

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8

The Heart of the Story

Martin Luther called the Psalms a "little Bible." He wrote that all the rest of the Holy Scriptures could be found in them. Luther went so far as to suggest that in the Psalms the church can glimpse the death and resurrection of Christ. In these ancient songs and prayers of the Hebrew people, every human emotion is laid bare: joy and contentment, anger and sorrow, hope and despair. The Psalms give voice to the wide spectrum of experiences that mark our human lives. This is their power—they speak the heart's language, turbulent as our hearts may sometimes be.

In a similar way, Holy Week places us at the center of the whole story of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. From the "hosannas" of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the seeming abandonment of the cross, emotions run high this week as the story of Christ's passion reaches into the depths of our human experience. The palm and passion stories are themselves a "little Bible" of salvation for the church within the wider story of God's saving love for all.

As we gather to hear the story of Christ's passion anew, the words and rituals of the church's worship life invite us to feel our way into this story from the inside out. We hear the shouts of blessing and come to the Passover in quiet hope. We follow to Gethsemane and to the cross, with mixed emotions. What does betrayal feel like in our bodies? What about amazement? Fear? How have we experienced ridicule or shame? How have we ourselves dismissed or derided others?

The palm and passion stories offer us a chance to contemplate Christ's sufferings and meditate on our salvation—to come side by side with Christ's passion and so to know and access our own. We are invited to honestly glimpse the workings of our own hearts. Nothing is off limits to God's grace. No human experience is untouched by the story of God's redemptive love.

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

*Call to Worship was written by Andreas Wagner,
Great Thanksgiving by Samuel Wells.*

CCLI License# 1850655

Please return this bulletin to the entrance hall for recycling if you choose not to take it home.