



ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

INTRODUCTION

The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year: Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God's final vindication. Mark's passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing his head, perhaps to proclaim him Messiah, and Jesus saying she has anointed him beforehand for burial. Mark's Easter story will begin with women going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God's living Anointed One.

PASSION SUNDAY

MARCH 25, 2018

Hosanna!

***"Hosanna to the son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"***

Matthew 21: 9b

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Passion Sunday

8:15 a.m.

March 25, 2018

**Please stand if able*

P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation

GATHERING

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"All the People Said Amen"

Insert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Gary Haddock

*PROCESSION WITH PALMS

P: Blessed is the one comes in the name of the Lord. **C: Hosanna to the Son of David.**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord, God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*THE PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Matthew 21: 1-11

*PASSION SUNDAY THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us celebrate! **C: in the name of the Lord.**

*PROCESSIONAL SONG

"King of Heaven"

Insert

P: Blessed is he whom comes in the name of the Lord. **C: Hosanna in the highest.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE LESSONS

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11

Glenn Morrison

HYMN

"Were You There"

Verse 1 **Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Verse 2 **Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Verse 3 **Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

*THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO ST. MARK *(Read in Parts)*

Booklet

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*SONG OF THE DAY

"Worthy is the Lamb"

Insert

***APOSTLES' 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 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.

***INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

A: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Glenn Morrison

MEAL

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING SONG

"Above All"

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***PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERTORY**

"Communion"

**This is the body. This is the blood. Broken and poured out. For all of us.
And in this communion we share in His love. This is the body. This is the blood.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Glenn Morrison

A: 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. **C: Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION INVITATION

Christ invites all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The Holy Communion is served by Intinction. You will be given a wafer, which you then dip into the chalice of wine. If unable to come forward, please stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.

***THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER V**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, ... **C: Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, teach us to pray . . .

C: 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.

The congregation sits. The following is sung: "Worthy Is the Lamb"

**Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne. Crown You now with many crowns. You reign victorious.
High and lifted up. Jesus Son of God. The darling of heaven crucified. Worthy is the Lamb. (Repeat 3X)**

DISTRIBUTION *The congregation communes.*

COMMUNION SONG

"10, 000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

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***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands and the presiding minister says these words:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C: Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Glenn Morrison

A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. We give thanks for this gift and blessing of this meal which strengthens us for this Lenten journey. As you poured yourself out for us in this meal, may we pour ourselves out in proclaiming your love and serving our neighbors. **C: Amen.**

***BLESSING**

***SENDING SONG**

"The Old Rugged Cross"

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DISMISSAL

P: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by the St. Mark's congregation.

THE ROSE ON THE TABLE is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Peyton Reese Brown on March 20. She is the daughter of Patrick & Brittany Brown. Brothers are Sky, Cole, Kendall Hayes. Grandparents are Doug & Jill Brown, Keith & Teri Crowe.

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 fulfill 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."

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 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?

PSALM 31:9-16

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste 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. I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. For I hear the whispering of many — terror all around! — as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

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.

LITURGY -THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Gary Haddock

Assisting Minister: Glenn Morrison

Praise Team Leader & Keyboard: Myra Long

Deacons: Cathy Sigmon, Tanya Stephenson

Vocalists: Tim Carpenter, Tamarah Hefner, Allyson Sestric, Ethan Campbell, Joseph Carpenter

Instrumentalists: Allyson Sestric: Violin & Guitar; Mark Mashburn: Bass Guitar; Aaron Carpenter: Drums

Tech: Carol Schaefer, Camille Patrick, Tamarah Hefner, Randy Sherrill, Terry Hefner, Tim Sigmon, Barry Bumgarner

Readers: Narrator—Tim Carpenter; Jesus—Linda Hewitt; Pilot—Pastor Gary; Peter—Glenn Morrison;

Judas—Tamarah Hefner; High Priest—Pastor Gary

Acolyte: Ethan Campbell

Communion Assistants: Tim Carpenter, Linda Hewitt

Altar Guild: Janet Sigmon, Sue Karen Falls, Nicky & Evelyn Setzer

Tabulators: Ginger Carpenter, Jean Cloninger, Hilda Deal