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**Zion Lutheran Church  
Glen Rock, PA  
Palm/Passion Sunday  
ELW Holy Communion  
Sunday, March 28, 2021**

\*We stand as we are able.

**Introduction to the day**

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.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**\*GATHERING**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11**

The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw

their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

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

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>11</sup>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.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**\*BLESSING OF PALMS**

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.**

**HYMN: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (LBW 108 verses 1 & 3)**

*Refrain*

**All glory, laud, and honor To you, redeemer king,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**1. You are the king of Israel And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessed One.**

*Refrain*

**3. The multitude of pilgrims With palms before you went.  
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before you we present.**

*Refrain*

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

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.**

## **FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

- <sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- <sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are  
consumed.**
- <sup>11</sup>I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a  
dismay to those of my acquaintance;  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- <sup>12</sup>**I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;  
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
- <sup>13</sup>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.
- <sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.  
I have said, “You are my God.**
- <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- <sup>16</sup>**Make your face to shine up on your servant,  
and in your lovingkindness save me.”**

## SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

- <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.
- <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 15:1-39** *Congregation reads the parts in bold type.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 15th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." <sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. <sup>8</sup>So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. <sup>9</sup>Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. <sup>12</sup>Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup>They shouted back, "**Crucify him!**" <sup>14</sup>Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "**Crucify him!**" <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup>Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began saluting him, "**Hail, King of the Jews!**" <sup>19</sup>They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup>They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. <sup>22</sup>Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take

it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

<sup>25</sup>It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

<sup>29</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, **"Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!"** <sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, **"He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."** Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

<sup>33</sup>When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

<sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, **"Listen, he is calling for Elijah."** <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME AND SERMON

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: "Ah, Holy Jesus" (LBW 123 verses 1,2 & 5)**

**1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided,  
by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.**

**2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus,  
I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.**

**5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;  
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
Not my deserving.**

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

In Jesus you came among us as a suffering servant. Give your church humility. Redeem your people from pride and the certainty that we always know your will. Heal us and empower us to confess Christ crucified. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In creation, life springs from death. Redeem your creation awaiting resurrection: restore lost habitats and endangered species. Create new possibilities for areas affected by climate change, grant relief from natural disasters, and nurture new growth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Jesus was handed over to the powers of this world. In all nations, instruct the powerful, that they would not exploit their power but maintain justice. Sustain soldiers, and guide those who command them, that they serve those in greatest need. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Abide with those who are condemned to death. Defend those who are falsely accused. Console and strengthen those who are mocked or bullied. Accompany all who suffer; grant respite and renewal. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You called followers to tend Jesus' body in death. Sustain hospice workers and funeral directors. Bless this congregation's ministries at times of death: those who plan and lead funerals, those who prepare meals, all who offer support in grief. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You inspired the centurion to confess Jesus as your Son. We praise you for the faith you have given to people of all places and times. Give us also such faith to trust the promises of baptism and, with them, to look for the resurrection of the dead. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**OFFERTORY INTERLUDE**

## **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **\*DIALOGUE**

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.**

## **\*PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

## **\*THANKSGIVING**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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.**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to Christ, for all is now ready.

**\*COMMUNION**

*As the pastor says the following words, please take a piece of bread.*

The body of Christ, broken and poured out for you.

**Amen.**

*As the pastor says the following words, please take a drink of wine or grape juice.*

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” (LBW 104 verses 1,2 & 4)**

**1. In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow’ring  
o’er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.**

**2. When the woes of life o’ertake me, Hopes deceive,  
and fears annoy, Never shall the  
Cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy**

**4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the  
cross are sanctified; Peace is there that  
knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.**

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Today’s communion elements are sponsored by Clay & Linda Beegle.

**SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 04/04/21**

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

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Kim, Cecilia and family, Tony & Marci Beyer, Jill Dehoff, Jim Ebaugh and family, Lind Frey, Irene Grogan, Nancy Heltzel, Linda Kowalewski, Doug Krout, Don Miller, Jim Ream, Susan Scheungrab, Steve Scott, Alice Simmons, LeMos & Susette Stallard, Earl Williams, Marian Williams

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Services are videotaped and streamed live each week. The purpose of videotaping is to make the service available to those who cannot join in person.** The focus of the recording is at the front of the sanctuary, but it is possible during recording that people attending the service will be filmed. If you have any concern about being filmed, please contact the office at 717-235-3276.

**Today is Loose Change Offering.** March’s collection will benefit the South York Food Pantry.

**Trinity will be hosting Sunrise Easter service next Sunday.** Members of Trinity will be providing a bagged breakfast after the sunrise service. If you plan to attend the Sunrise Easter service, please sign up on the sheet at the back

of the sanctuary, under the “Good Shepherd” window. This sign-up sheet will be used to determine how many breakfast items to prepare.

**The family of Bob & Jill Bailey are having a card shower for them, in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 10<sup>th</sup>.** Feel free to share a memory or memories and/or well wishes. Please share this information with any family and friends that you think would like to participate. Cards and well wishes can be sent to:

Bob and Jill Bailey, 4655 Live Oak Rd, Dalzell, SC 29040.

**Upcoming Lectors:**

March 28 – Diane Bortner

April 4 – George Brown

April 11 – Rose Miller

April 18 – Carrie Miller

April 25 – Susie Hengst

**Council Offering Duty:**

March – Susie Hengst and Bill Ream

April – Joy Keller-Brown and Edgar Davis

May – Donna Price and George Brown

**If you desire pastoral care or conversation, please contact Pastor Katie Brantner at 717-420-0779.**

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Joy Keller-Brown, Donna Price, Bill Ream, Tom Bailey, Susan Hengst, George Brown, Carrie Miller, Edgar Davis and Gevene Harden

**OFFICE HOURS**

**The office is now open to in person visits. It is best to contact Brenda before stopping in the office because she is still splitting her time working at home and in the office.** Brenda can be reached at 717-235-3276 in the office, or on her cell phone at 717-793-7236.

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