

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024

9:15 A.M. Services



PRELUDE "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It"

arr. Mark Hayes

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Mark 11:1--11

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Red Hymnal #344

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.

PALM SUNDAY LITANY

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life. one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

Amen.

Let us come home to God, confessing our sin. Merciful God,
we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.

We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of + Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sins and making of you a new creation.

Amen.

Cry aloud! Shout your joy!

The King of glory now draws near!

Cry aloud! Sing your welcome!

The Son of David from on high!

Cry aloud! Spread the wonder!

The Servant of the Lord draws near!

Cry aloud! Tell the triumph!

The Savior of the world is here!

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

Hosanna in the highest!

HYMN OF PRAISE "With Our Glad Hosannas" (Tune to: Onward Christian Soldiers)

1. With our glad hosannas, all God's children sing,

Glory Laud and honor unto Christ the King! Hail the true Messiah, David's royal Son,
in the Lord's name coming, God's own Blessed One!

With our glad hosannas, all God's children sing, Glory, laud and honor unto Christ the King!

2. Glory, laud and honor, happy pilgrims sang,

Pillared court and temple with the anthem rang.

Cloaks were spread before him; palms were waved with glee,

As the sov'reign entered in humility. With our glad hosannas, all God's children sing,

Glory, laud and honor unto Christ the King!

3. Angels in the heavens raised their song on high,

Saints on earth in chorus make their glad reply.

Glory in the highest to the Prince of Peace.

With our palms and praises, let the song increase.

With our glad hosannas, all God's children sing,

Glory, laud and honor unto Christ the King!

4. Onward, all God's children, join the happy throng,
Raise to Christ your voices in exalted song. Sing aloud his glory; tell his praise about,
For if we were silent, lo, the stones would shout.

With our glad hosannas, all God's children sing, Glory, laud and honor unto Christ the King!

PRAYER

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PSALM 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I 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.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For 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.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.**

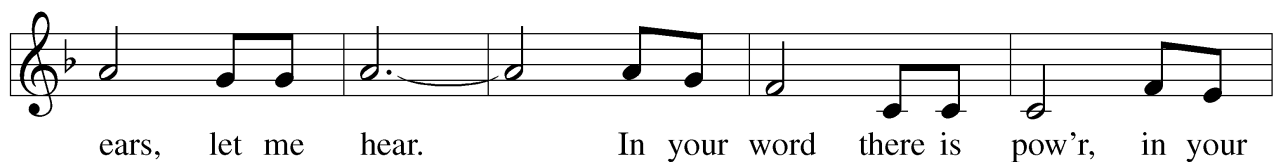
¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

SONG

"O Lord, Open My Eyes"

(from TFF #134)



THE GOSPEL OF MARK PASSION READING

SERMON

Pastoral Intern Rachel Perkins-Gama

SERMON HYMN

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Red Hymnal #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.

APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand

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 OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Via Dolorosa”

by Billy Sprague and Niles Borop

Offering envelopes are available in the pews at your seat to designate gifts toward the ministries of Zion. The Offering Box is near the back, pulpit side and you can also go online at www.zionrockford.com, or you can click on the QR code.

The Prayer Table is available for you to write a prayer request and place on the cross on the table.

Prayer requests will be shared with a group of people who pray at Zion.

You may take a prayer shawl from the worship space if you would like.



TABLE BLESSING

“This Is Christ’s Body”

(from ACS #967)



This is Christ’s bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with



mer-cy and love. We are Christ’s bod - y,



bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Holy Communion will be received up front. Please receive the wafer into your hand and take a cup from the communion assistant. The inner ring is grape juice and the outer rings are wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you would like the individual prepared disposable communion, they are in a basket in the middle aisle.

COMMUNION SONG

"Ah Holy Jesus"

Red Hymnal #349



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

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

SENDING HYMN

"Go To Dark Gethsemane"

Red Hymnal #347

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

- 2 Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

3. Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

(Please remain silent when exiting)

Palm Sunday Passion Participants

Narrator 1	Jane Burden
Narrator 2	Nancy Warden
Jesus	Nathi Perkins-Gama
Peter	Ron Simmons
Judas	Denver Bitner
High Priest	Pam Bitner
Pilate	Neal Tolodxi

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Communion Assistant

Cross Bearer Nathi Perkins-Gama

Media Cameron Kellermann & Thorin Brunson

Musician Jodi Beach

Sound Deangelo Brunson

Usher Charles Dahlberg & Kamyra Brunson

Fellowship Swedish Pancake Fundraiser

Swedish Pancake Breakfast



March 24, 2024

10:30am-1:00pm

TICKETS: \$15 FOR ADULTS & \$8 FOR KIDS UNDER 12

Zion Lutheran Church - 925 Fifth Avenue - Rockford, IL

Proceeds benefit the Zion Lutheran Church

2024 Civil Rights Trip to Atlanta

WELCA & Food Pantry!

Cornucopia Food is very grateful for your donations we will continue with the grocery cart in the back of the worship space for donations or you can leave them in the church office. March items: **Cereal, Pancake Mix & Syrup**. Thank you!

WELCA/WOZ—SAVE THE DATE! We are planning three wonderful, fun activities this Spring.

Contact Karen Kermgard, 815.398.4460, to register for events.

April 20th—Bunco at Zion

May 18th—Retro Salad luncheon

June 15—TBA

Details will follow in the Grapevine and bulletins for Save the Date updates! Hope you can join us!

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EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Bunny & Candy

Saturday

March 30 - 1:00pm

(UP TO AGE 12)

Meet Outside Patriots Gateway Center
615 South Fifth Street

Sponsored by Patriots Gateway Center
and Zion Lutheran Church



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Rockford, IL

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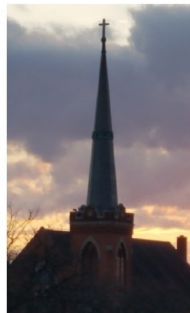
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PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	9:15am Palm Sunday Worship 10:30am Pancake Breakfast (10:30am-1:00pm)
Monday	9:30am Book Study—Library 1:00pm Bag Fluffing—Youth Center
Tuesday	8:30am Staff Meeting 11:00am Finance Team 5:00pm Human Resource Committee 6:00pm Church Council
Wednesday	8:00am Bible Study—Stockholm Inn 8:00am Miss Carly's Sandwich Making—Kitchen 1:00pm Prayer Time—Atrium 5:00pm WOW—Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Tenebrae Choir Practice
Thursday	12:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship—Atrium
Friday	9:00am Private Music Lesson—Youth Center 12:00pm Good Friday Swedish Worship Service 6:00pm Tenebrae Choir Practice 7:00pm Tenebrae Worship Service
Saturday	1:00pm Ruthie's Kitchen & Closet 1:00pm Easter Egg Hunt—Patriots Gateway Center

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

March 28 - Maundy Thursday Worship at Noon
March 28 - Swedish Good Friday Worship at Noon
Good Friday Musical Tenebrae at 7:00pm
March 31 - Easter Sunday Worship at 9:15am

PRAYER CORNER! WE ASK YOU TO PRAY FOR:

- ◇ The ELCA, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Stacie Fidler, Pastor Thomas, Pastoral Intern Rachel Perkins, Pastor Emeritus Denver Bitner, the Zion Church Council, Pastor Caleb Uk of the Burmese congregation; the Zion Staff, Zion Outreach Board, Staff and Programs of Patriots Gateway Center, Katie's Cup and Zion Development Corporation.
- ◇ Pastor Cosmas Mujungu of Sepuka Parish
- ◇ Pastor Selvakumar and Arcot Lutheran Church in India and Sepuka/Msisi Church in Tanzania.
- ◇ For the Northern Illinois Synod; North Conference churches; Midtown Lutheran Parish, faculty and students of Rockford Lutheran Schools, Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries.
- ◇ For those who grieve the loss of loved ones: Shirley Simmons, Kevin Wachholts, Sonja Brace, Joyce Shook, and Amy Cashmore.
- ◇ For healing: Eloise Anderson, Phyllis Brynteson, Colette Buchert, Linda Callahan, Yolanda Churchill, Norma Daugherty, Jim Duhigg, George Gill, Deanna Hartenberg, Vanda Nielsen, Linda Reinhardt, Wayne Spitzer, and Megan Zaphel.



If you have a prayer request or a prayer of thanksgiving to share, please notify Pastor Mike or Pastoral Intern Rachel. The prayer room is upstairs to the left of the sanctuary and is available during office hours and on Sunday before and after worship services.