

Our Father's Lutheran Church



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Sunday, April 2nd, 2023

Palm/Passion Sunday

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Contact our church office at 763-477-6300 or office@ourfatherschurch.org to be added to our monthly and weekly newsletters.

WELCOME TO OFLC!

We are pleased that you decided to join us in worship this morning. We hope you'll feel at home here, and God's presence! We have a few helpful notes for you on the service to do that:

All hymns are in the red hymnal in the pew in front of you, or under your pew seat. You can find them using the number next to the hymn in the order of service.

The **bold** text indicates parts of the service where the whole congregation is invited to speak together.

Communion is celebrated at the front of the sanctuary at the communion rail. All are welcome to receive God's gift of grace, without exception. Those who do not wish to receive communion may come forward for a blessing. If you wish to receive communion, but not at the rail, please let the service coordinator know and they will assist you!

Offering is not required to be with us in worship today, but we greatly appreciate any contribution you wish to make! If you wish to do so, you can place it in the basket at the end of your pew, or in the plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you need assistance, a service coordinator will be happy to help you!

Here at OFLC, we don't have pre-scheduled worship assistants. We allow folks to help out as the Spirit leads them, and that includes visitors as well! If you'd like to take part in worship, please see Pastor Aaron or a service coordinator before the service and they'll be happy to involve you!

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Come and observe Easter Sunday with OFLC!

Maundy Thursday Cantata w/ Communion and Stripping the Alter - April 6th, 7pm
Good Friday Tenebrae Service - April 7th, 7pm
Easter Sunrise Service—April 9th, 7am.
Easter Traditional Service—April 9th, 9am.

Confirmation students will be serving a light breakfast before and after each Easter service.

THIS WEEK AT OFLC:

Tuesday:

Council Mtg: 7pm

Wednesday:

Engage & Confirm (5th-9th grades): 6-7 pm

Bell Choir: 5:15-6:30 pm

Choir: 6:30-7:30 pm

Thursday:

Thrift Store helpers

Maundy Thursday Cantata 7 pm

Friday:

Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7 pm

Sunday:

Easter Sunrise Service: 7am

Morning Worship: 9 am

Sunday School: 9 am

Easter Breakfast: After 9am Worship

PRELUDE WELCOME & INSTRUCTIONS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS —adapted from writings of Moira Laidlaw and Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy

Lord Jesus Christ, we come before you today with shouts of "Hosanna! Save us!" and waving palm branches. It seems such a distance from this Palm Sunday to that day when you entered Jerusalem with the shouts of the crowd ringing in your ears. Welcomed as a king, yet riding on a lowly donkey. Greeted with cheers and acclamations which were so soon to turn to jeers and condemnation. From this side of resurrection, we confidently believe that we could never have been part of the jeering crowd—but would we, if we had been there?

(silent reflection)

Lord Jesus Christ, when our words and actions reflect a reluctance to confess you publicly as Lord of our lives: **Forgive us.**
When we fear that humbling ourselves would be seen by others as weakness, kind of defect in our character: **Forgive us.**
When we have betrayed your love for us through our lack of love for you, others, and for ourselves: **Forgive us.**
When we find ourselves glossing over the events of your passion and death because we look forward to Easter as only a time to enjoy and have fun. **Forgive us.**
Lord Jesus Christ, fix your mind in us; **remake us in your likeness;**
Empty us of all that hinders us from following you.
Gracious and loving God, empower us with the Holy Spirit so that we continually glorify you and our tongues forever confess Jesus as Lord. This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Hear the good news: "Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, into the form of a slave...and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross." *(Philippians 2:6, 7a, 8b)*

By the grace and mercy of the One who never stops seeking after this beloved Creation.

We are loved, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

PROCESSION OF PALMS (KIDS) & SONG
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ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR -

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

MATTHEW 21:1-13

1As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." 4This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5"Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" 6The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. 8A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" 10When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" 11The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." 12Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. 13"It is written," he said to them, "My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a 'den of robbers.'"

MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Pastor Aaron

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING & SENDING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
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5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
 stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 26:1-16

The Gospel, according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, 2"As you know, the Passover is two days away—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified." 3Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, 4and they plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill him. 5"But not during the Feast," they said, "or there may be a riot among the people." 6While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, 7a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. 8When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. 9"This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor." 10Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. 11The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. 12When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. 13I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in

memory of her." 14Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests 15and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. 16From then on

Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

MUSIC MINISTRY/GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

During this time, if you wish to make a contribution to today's offering, you may do so by placing it in the basket at the outside end of the pew, and passing it to the inside of the pew, closest to the center of the sanctuary. Service coordinators will collect the offering and bring to the front at the conclusion of music ministry.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Worship Assistant: Let us lift up prayers for the world, all of creation, and all people according to their need.

Worship Assistant: [reads aloud requests made by people this week]

Let us lift up any other prayers, spoken aloud, or silently within our hearts.

Pastor: Lord, you search us and know us. May our prayers rise to you so that we and all people may live, assured of your promises. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The LORD be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the LORD.

P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

A: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

LAMB OF GOD

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line and the number 'S 146'. The lyrics are: '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.'

OFLC, we practice an open table. All are welcome to participate in receiving communion, for it is the Lord's Table, and the grace given through these communion elements is given freely by God. In this time of COVID, we are using prepackaged communion elements. The Pastor will give instructions as we observe the Sacrament safely. If you did not pick up a communion kit or need assistance with yours, please raise your hand when directed by the Pastor and one of our Worship Coordinators will assist you.

CLOSING SONG