

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”
Palm Sunday – March 28, 2021

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Prelude

Cathy Namock, organist

“Festival March on ‘St. Theodulph’” by Robert Hughes

GATHERING

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. (repeated twice)

C: Hosanna in the highest

Processional Gospel:

Mark 11:1-11

P: The holy gospel according to Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then 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.

Blessings of Palms

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

P: 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 in 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.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

Hymn ELW #344

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (vs. 1 & 2)

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel and David’s royal Son,
now in the Lord’s name coming, our King and Blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Prayer of the Day

P: Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Children’s Message

WORD

Special Music

Jubilate Bell Choir

“Lift Thine Eyes” by Mendelssohn/Yarbrough/Fougner

Gospel Reading

Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]

¹As 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. ²Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” **He answered him, “You say so.”** ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish

me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"¹³They shouted back, "Crucify him!"¹⁴Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!"¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

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

²¹They 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.²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it.²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews."²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.²⁸Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days,²⁹save yourself, and come down from the cross!"³⁰In 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.³¹Let 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.

³²When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.³³At 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?"³⁴When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."³⁵And 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."³⁶Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.³⁷And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.³⁸Now 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!"

³⁹There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.⁴⁰These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴¹When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,⁴²Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.⁴³Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time.⁴⁴When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph.⁴⁵Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out

of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Pastor Tricia Lowe

"The Hard Road Ahead"

Hymn of the Day

ELW Hymn #338

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (vs. 1 & 2)

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

Bidding Prayers

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. [pause]

L: For the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel. For the well-being of creation. [pause]

L: For peace and justice in the world, the nations, and those in authority, and our community. [pause]

L: For the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, and lonely and those affected by the global pandemic. [pause]

L: For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. [pause]

L: For our congregation, and for our special concerns we share now either silently or aloud. [pause]

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

P: Gathered as God's people, we share the words that Jesus taught us:

C: 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

Offering

P: We give thanks for the offerings that we have received in the mail, online and in person this past week. These gifts make it possible for us to continue to be the church in the world even when we can't meet in our sanctuary. If you are worshiping with us today and would like to make a donation, please go to our website homepage and click the online giving link.

Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; ourselves, our time, our possession and your Son, Jesus. Use us, and what we have gathered, to show the world your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you **✚** that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

ELW Hymn #347

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

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.

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.

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.

Early hasten to the tomb where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Cathy Namock, organist

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” by James Montgomery





As a congregation, we pray for God's guidance on our journey of service to our membership, our community and our world. Pray for Pastor Tricia, the Church Council, and the Ministry Leadership. The church office reviews this list monthly.

Please call if your prayer concern is removed earlier than you wish.

Please keep the following in your prayers during this week:

Members

*Casey Rooney
Cris Spahr
Chuck Lynch
Helen Morton
Isabel Benell*

*Joel Smith
Kat Harley-Mays
Kathy Austin
Marty Watkins
Nancy Clark*

*Ron Kovara
Sheila Smilgis
Stan Walters
Tom Smith
Wayne Theobald*

Our Family Members in Military and Deployed

Meg Northrup

Family Members and Friends

*Asher Stuart – great grandson of Nancy Renner
Barbara Jane McRorie – cousin of Gary Kiser
Berto Rosellini – husband of Gayle Rosellini
Bill Deffenbaugh – stepfather of Kimberly Goats
Bill & Ruth Garrett – friend of Kimberly Goats
Bill Trancik – fiancé of Sheila Smilgis
Buel McCoy – father of Wendy Woolley
Carol & Rita Kuenne – friend of Mark & Mary Austin
Cheryl Midel – aunt of Wendy Woolley
Charles Dean – great nephew of Gail Kenny
Chris Vettore – daughter of Ron Kovara
Connie – friend of Helen Morton
Connie Miller & son Trevor – friends of Carl Schulze
Cris & Susie – brother & sister of Clara Farmer
Dawn Byars – stepsister of Kimberly Goats
Dan Lowe – brother-in-law of Pastor Tricia
Doug Bayle – nephew of Phyllis Pohlman
Doug Becker – friend of Jim McIntyre
Edie Hales – mother of Cheryl Miller
Edward Kelly – friend of Mark & Mary Austin
Glen Stockbridge – son of David Stockbridge
Jack Gregory – friend of Ellen Rosfeld
Joann Harlib – mother of Scott Harlib
Joshua Diebel – stepbrother of Tawnya Worthington
Kent Freeland – son-in-law of Donna & A.E. Morgan*

*Kris Franklin – friend of Wendy Woolley
Leroy Goats – father-in-law of Kimberly Goats
Linda Vallner – sister of Ron Kovara
Marie – Clara Farmer's son's mother-in-law
Mark Erickson – friend of Mark & Mary Austin
Mark Kovara – son of Ron Kovara
Marilyn Boston – cousin of Sue & Tom Smith
Mary Leavy – mother of Kathie Siggs
Merle MacCleary – father of Pam MacCleary
Miranda & Brad Rebholz – granddaughter and grandson of Jim & Carole Rebholz
Phil Miller – friend of Emmanuel
Rev. Paul Meier – former pastor of Larry & Sonya Mahler
Rich, Carol, daughter of Rachel & Granddaughter of Audrey, friend of Larry & Sonya Mahler
Rosemary – neighbor of Mary Wakimoto
Rudy & Lena Juarez – friends of Julie Chisholm
Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler
Sara Watts – daughter of Don & Mary Watts
Sarah Mulligan – daughter of Carol Wade
Star Campbell – friend of Bob Saul
Stefanie O'Donnell – daughter of Shelby & Carol Tate
Tom Spahr – husband of Cris Spahr
Wayne Wallingford – brother of Sheila Smilgis*

Share of Faith – In memory of my sister, Sandy McLaren who died on February 14, 2021, from Linda Walkoff

Someone is in the church office weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., but the church doors will be locked. Please knock upon arriving or call first. Please note that we request that everyone wear masks when they enter the church building. Don't be surprised when Mary and Pastor Tricia put theirs on when you come in! We want to continue using all safety precautions to protect the most vulnerable among us.

MISSION OUTREACH for the month of March is Prescott Valley Library Adult Literacy. Their mission is to be a viable organization within the community by providing opportunities for the education of adults in reading, writing and math. These services will be provided by trained volunteers and staff under the direction of an executive director.

THRIVENT MEMBERS: Choice Dollars credited in 2020 expire on March 31, 2021. Check your balance and direct dollars from your Thrivent Account on-line or call (800) 847-4836 and say "Choice Dollars". Online users, note: Thrivent website has changed. On your account page click on *Membership Overview*; scroll down to *Choice Dollars* and select *Direct Choice Dollars*.

Aluminum Cans – Emmanuel is still collecting cans. Please bring to the church and deposit in the container held in the dumpster area.

Food Pantry – At this time, the food pantry prefers monetary donations so they can purchase the needed items. Donations can be mailed to the church.

Thrivent Member Action Cards – Each member is allocated two \$250 cards per year. If you have not used your action cards, please consider applying for a card to support the Interfaith Meal.

Interfaith Meal – Next meal will be April 9, 11:00 am. If you are able to help, please let Mary know.

Emmanuel Lenten Offerings – are going to the Feed the Hungry Kids program.

Tax Credit Donation Habitat for Humanity - The federal income tax deadline has been extended to May 17, 2021. The Arizona tax credit donation deadline has NOT changed. If you want your tax credit donation to count for last year's taxes, you must have it in by April 15, 2021. You can make-a-donation online at prescotthabitat.org or send a check to PAHH at 1230 Willow Creek Road, Prescott, AZ 86301. Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity's qualifying charitable organization's number is 20269.

If you file single, you can donate \$400, if filing jointly, you can donate \$800. The tax credit donation program allows you to direct how your Arizona tax dollars are spent and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit off your taxes. Check with your tax preparer on how to best utilize your tax credits.

Thank you for your support and generosity. Respectfully, Eileen Floyd

Yavapai Family Advocacy Center – Volunteers are needed for the following:

1. Reception: includes answering telephones, greeting visitors, overseeing children in the playroom, and miscellaneous office projects. Knowledge of Microsoft Office preferred.
2. Oversee children in our playroom during weekly support groups.
3. General facility maintenance.
4. Special events and fundraising.

Because we work with children and adults in confidential situations, all volunteer applicants are required to submit an application, be fingerprinted, and undergo a background check.

Apply on line at www.yfac.org/volunteer or Call 928-775-0669 for more information.

Additional information is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall along with tabs you can pull with address and phone number.

Drumming

One Bread, One Body, One God of all...that unity of purpose can be demonstrated through the beating of drums. All over the world people have used drums to call one another, to gather around, and to send one another out into the world. Drumming is born of our heartbeat and of our breath and exemplifies the rhythms of life. The times we are enduring call for another voice that can cross cultural divides and bring innovative ways to worship together. And so all will be invited to take part in expressing the rhythms of life and worship through drumming as you are willing, and as we hear the heartbeat of God in one another.

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