



PALM SUNDAY

"Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ's love."

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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

Prayer Before Worship: Compassionate God, your love finds full expression in the gift of Jesus Christ your Son, who willingly met betrayal and death to set us free from sin. Give us courage to live obediently in these days until we greet the glory of our risen Savior. Amen.

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

***Visitors**, if you are worshipping with us online today, we are glad to have you with us.*

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡

Palm Sunday Litany *(waving Palm Branches)*

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

Hosanna in the highest!

Palm Sunday Gospel

Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he 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.

Blessing of the Palms (*with Palm Branches raised*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise and bless you, O God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

Song of Praise

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

**ELW #344
vv. 1, 3**

**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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting 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. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

Lenten Verse

**Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

Sermon

(A time for Reflection and Meditation.)

Pastor Sheryl

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

Profession of Faith: The 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.**

Prayers of the Church:

Each petition ends with:

Holy God we pray...**save us, O Lord.**

The prayers conclude with:

...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Offering Prayer

Gracious God,

were we to place the whole of our fortunes upon your altar; still it would not be enough to buy our salvation. So accept these gifts, O God, as a token of our gratitude for all that you have already given us, and as offerings in service to your mission on earth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

✠WE DEPART TO SERVE✠

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen**

Hymn:

“Go to Dark Gethesemane”

ELW #347

vv. 1, 2

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.

Dismissal

Marked with the cross of Christ,
Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Bill Thomas, 4/5; Gregg Gingrich, 4/6; Will Voss, 4/6;

Monty Copsey, 4/9; Tanner Blumenkamp, 4/9; Ruth Harris 4/9

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.

‡In Our Thoughts and Prayers‡

Prayers for healing: **Betty Kenyon** (recovering from emergency surgery—friend of Valerie Rahrs), **Alan** (recovery of vision after surgery--Kathy Randall's cousin), **Kenny & Alice Shriver** (recovering), **Mylah Buckley** (RSV—granddaughter of Jim & Sheila Miller), **Jordan Hein** (cancer surgery—former member of Calvary), **Wes Sell** (recovering), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering from surgery), **Dee Brady** (recovering from surgery), **Steve Kaufman** (recovering), **Norman Stevens** (Dave Steven's brother), **Michael Luenenborg** (heart surgery—brother of Deanna Zweifel), **Ron Hettinger** (heart & medical conditions—Marcy Miller's father), **Mabel Dedlow** (healing), **Candy** (cancer surgery--friend of Susan Martin), **Michael Dietrich** (friend of Dave & Penny Stevens), **Julie** (cancer treatment--Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer--Marlene Downer's sister-in-law), **Joan** (cancer--niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Kevin Feil** (healing--Melissa Guerrero's father), **Bonnie Noble** (Leah Nikont's mother).

Prayers for comfort and peace: For the family and friends of **Florence Kasza** (Fran Johnson & Barbara Tallmon's sister)

Prayers for our church, community, nation and world: in this time of Covid-19.

APRIL FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: canned meats
BACKPACKS: mac n cheese bowls



WOMEN OF THE ELCA April MISSION PROJECT:

We encourage every member of Calvary to participate in our monthly Mission Projects. April's project is the Bake-less Bake Sale. Monetary donations may be dropped off at the church office. Mark CLCW Mission Project on the envelop and leave it with, Christy, the Office Manager.





YOUR GIVING ONLINE

Scan the **QR code** to the right, go to our website: www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org and click on the **Give Online** button OR download the **Give+Church App** on your smartphone. It's safe and secure.



Join us for Men's Bible Study via Zoom (online) every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to join please call or email the church to let us know!



We are Here to Help You!



We're Here To Help: As we all deal with the uncertainty of the days ahead in light of the Covid-19, please know that we, your church family are here to offer support, prayer, and assistance. If you need help with anything, including getting supplies and/or groceries, or running errands because you do not feel comfortable getting out in public, please call the church office at 632-8023 or Pastor Chris 402-694-9189 or Pastor Sheryl 402-694-9182 for any assistance you might need. Also, if you would be willing

to run errands for people in our congregation, please let us know that as well.



Your Offerings: Dear friends, we hope that you will remember the expenses of the church (utilities, salaries, insurance, and more) all continue on, even if we do not gather together for worship. So please consider this your gentle reminder to send or drop off your offerings to the church office. You may also scan the QR code in this bulletin or go to our website and use the 'give now' button on our home page to give

electronically. If you have not already created a profile for giving electronically, you will need to do so first. If you need any help with this, do not hesitate to contact us.

HOLY WEEK

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 5th

Facebook Live Worship at 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 9th

Facebook Live Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 10th

Facebook Live Worship at 6:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday, April 12th

Easter Facebook Live Worship @ 10:00 a.m.

Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord!

**All Services will be broadcast LIVE on our Facebook Page:
Calvary Lutheran Scottsbluff**

Can't worship with us live?
A link to the worship video will be posted
on our website by noon on Monday

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – April 5

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

SONG LEADERS: Bill Huelle, Ron Wegelin,
Marti Wegelin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 5

PALM SUNDAY

10 a.m. – Online Worship

Tuesday, April 7

9:00 a.m. – Men's Online Bible Study

Thursday, April 9

MAUDAY THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. – Online Worship

Friday, April 10

GOOD FRIDAY

6:30 p.m. – Online Worship

Sunday, April 12

EASTER SUNDAY

10 a.m. – Online Worship

We are still in the process of trying to figure out what our Holy Week and Easter services will look like, but we are looking to find ways to make our worship more interactive. For example, look in your April newsletter for a couple of printable palm branch sheets. We invite you to print off a copy for each person in your family so that when we do the Procession of Palms litany, you will have a palm branch to raise and wave. And don't forget to check out our Website, Facebook page and your email as Holy Week gets closer for other possible ideas to help make our worship together, even though we are scattered, meaningful and special.



Palm Sunday

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The crowds shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David,” as they approached Jerusalem with Jesus. David was a mighty warrior and they surely expected God’s triumph to include military victory. Instead God’s triumph would look very different, being accomplished with sacrifice, suffering, death on the cross, and resurrection on Easter.

Daily Bible Readings @ Home

Sunday – Read Mark 11:1-11; 14:3-9 Jesus enters Jerusalem, praised by the crowds around him. He then is anointed by one of his followers. Take some water or olive oil and put it on your thumb, then anoint your forehead making the sign of the cross.

Monday – Read Deuteronomy 15:7-11 The law instructs us to care for those in need. Make a donation to a local food pantry or backpack program.

Tuesday – Read Mark 14:10-21 Judas plots to kill Jesus. What do you think Judas’ motivation was? Reflect on a time when your thoughts or actions were a betrayal of Jesus. Don’t forget to ask for forgiveness if you have not already done so.

Wednesday – Read Mark 14:22-31 Jesus institutes the Lord’s Supper while celebrating the Passover with his disciples. During this time when we are unable to gather together to celebrate the Lord’s Supper, reflect on how God is present with us, not only in the bread and wine of Holy Communion but in our everyday lives.

Thursday – Read Mark 14:32-42 Jesus prays in Gethsemane. What does Jesus mean by “remove this cup from me?” Have you ever prayed God would remove a trial from you? How did God answer your prayer?

Friday – Read Mark 15:16-39 Jesus is crucified. Reflect on the gift Jesus gave us by willingly going to the cross for us. Sing the hymn “Were You There?” or prayerfully read through the lyrics.

Saturday – Read Mark 15:40-47 Jesus is buried. How do you think the disciples felt on the day between Jesus’ death and resurrection? Pray for those you know who are grieving today.