Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion The Preservice Music and Call to Worship

T Procession of Palms T

Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.
- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C Hosanna to the Son of David.

Collect for the Procession of Palms

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

c Amen.

The Holy Gospel: John 12:12-19

- P The Holy Gospel according to John, the twelfth chapter.
- c Glory to You, O Lord.

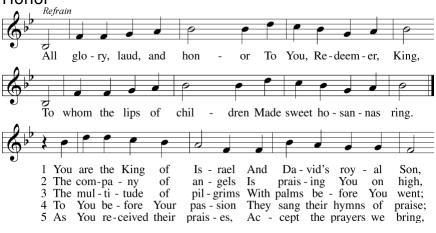
The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of

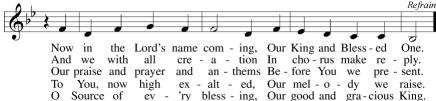
Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- c Praise to You, O Christ.

Processional Hymn: LSB 442, "All Glory, Laud and Honor"





- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C Hosanna in the highest.

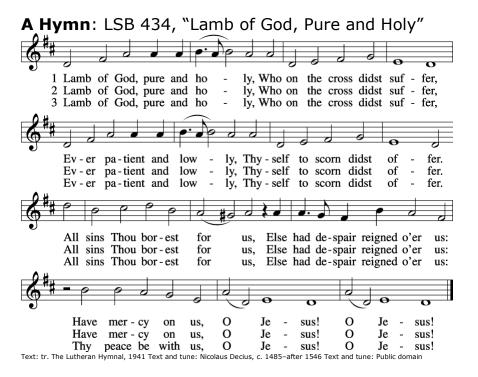
A time of silence is observed to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

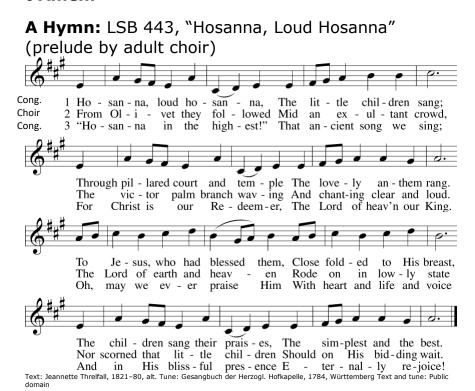
c Amen.



The Absolution

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

c Amen.



Old Testament Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12

L The Old Testament Reading is from Zechariah, the ninth chapter.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a

donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

A Song: "In Christ Alone" (Getty)

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain

Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Epistle Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

L The Epistle is from Philippians, the second chapter.

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

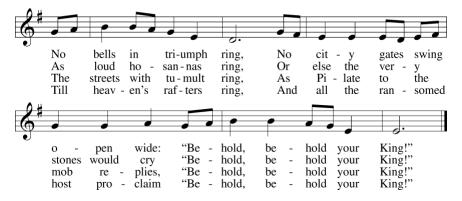
We rise out of respect for our Lord and Savior

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 23:1-56

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty third chapter.
- c Glory to You, O Lord.
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- c Praise to You, O Christ.

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 444, "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"





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The Sermon: Luke 23:43 and Romans 8:15, "Lent: A Time for Renewal of Godly Fear"

Luke 23:43

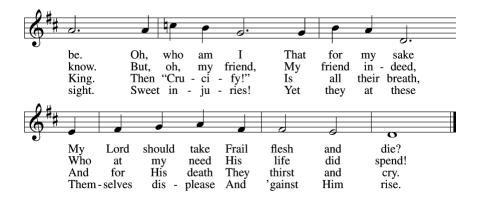
⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Romans 8:15

¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

The Offering





- 5 They rise and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save,
 The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He
 To suff'ring goes
 That He His foes
 From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have; In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine! Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!

The Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

- P 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 T give you peace.
- C Amen.

The Closing Hymn: LSB 441, "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"



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Then take,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: April 10 - April 17

TODAY: Coffee Hour following the service

11:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Friends in Faith
3:30 p.m. Butler Baby Shower
4:00 p.m. Installation of Pastor
Nuttelman at Hope Lutheran

Monday: 6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Worship

Service w/ Holy Communion

Wed: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Darrell

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service

Friday: 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. EASTER BREAKFAST
8:00 a.m. Gizmo Devotions on FB
9:30 a.m. EASTER WORSHIP at St

James & FBL.

Those who serve Today:

Deacon: Bryan Ensing

Ushers: Nate, Kim, Hayden and Heath

Lector: Cindy McAuliffe

Organist/pianist: Beth McKay

Video/Sound/Recording: Nathan Urbanski

Those who serve Maundy Thursday: April 14

Deacons: Jerry Talen and John Weiss

Ushers: Dale & Grace, Orlin and Jim Spears

Those who serve Good Friday: April 15

Deacon: Bryan Ensing

Ushers: Walt & Karen Kryzanowski

Those who serve EASTER Sunday: April 17

Deacons: Bryan Ensing and Craig Popma

Ushers: Jim & Nancy Spears, Ben & Ashley Johnson

Lector: Pastor Schaeffer

April Altar Guild: Deb, Kelsey and Lynelle Butler

HOLY WEEK CALENDARS are available in the main entryway for children ages 5-12. Please note ISJ students will receive the calendars at school.

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: April 3, 2022

General Fund		\$6,675.00
Future Building Expansion		175.00
Plate Collections		7.00
Evangelism		4.00
Tessaro Ministry Nigeria Mission		50.00
Memorials - Therese Kirt		1,025.00
	Total:	\$8,186.00
On-line giving		1,034.50
	Total:	\$9,220.50

Easter Breakfast

Friends in Faith is planning for the Easter Breakfast on Easter morning, **April 17**th, before the 9:30 AM church service. Everything will be provided through a generous donation so all we ask is that you preregister how many people will be attending. This way we know how many to plan seating for and how much food to order. There is a **sign-up sheet** by the office entry door. We will be serving promptly by 8:00 AM.



Brendan & Nikki's shower is **TODAY** at church beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Dear members of St. James,

Thank you for the many cards I was blessed to receive on my 97th birthday. It was a nice surprise and it made me happy to receive such nice mail.

Dagney Leach

LWML COLLECTION:

A box is located in our church entryway for anyone from our congregation who would like to donate to Phil's Friends. **Items needed**: women's fuzzy socks, fragrance-free 5oz. or smaller lotion, puzzle books (word search), journals (not spiral bound) and decks of playing cards.

Also offered on a table in our entryway are *cards* to color and directions/examples of short messages of hope to write within. Phil's Friends will include these cards, and the other items we collect, in care packages that will be sent to individuals battling cancer.

Walk for Good Food

The North End Wellness Coalition has invited our church to participate in the **45th Annual Walk for Good Food** (formerly known as the **Hunger Walk**). By donating to support Access of West Michigan, you can help create a good food system for everyone in our community.

Our plan is to support this effort as a church. There are **envelopes in the bulletin** during the month of April that you can use to make a donation. Once we have the donations, we will present them to NEWC at the kick-off event at **Briggs Park** on **May 1**. Please consider donating to this worthy event cause. If you have any questions, please see Dale Rosema.

Please make any checks payable to Access of West Michigan.

Details on how to donate electronically is on the insert included with this bulletin. Thank you.



Who are you inviting to the Easter Sunday service? Easter is wonderful time of the year to invite someone to attend worship with you so that they can hear the life-changing, hope-filled news that Jesus is victorious over death. And, He promises that everyone who believes in Him will have everlasting life with Him!

Holy Week Services

- Maundy Thursday (with Holy Communion): April 14 at 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday: April 15 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday** (with Holy Communion): April 17 at 9:30 a.m.

(**Easter Breakfast** prior to worship at 8am. Register on the sign-up sheet by the office)

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Time to join the women from the **Dorcas Society** for lunch! We will meet **Thursday, April 21** at **1 pm** at **Russ' on Plainfield**. All women are welcome and bring a friend.

Prayer Chain Requests – If you have a prayer request that you would like added to the prayer chain, please call Karen or Pastor Schaeffer at the church office (616-363-7718) or send an email prayer request to office@stjamesgr.com. Thank you!



Happy Birthday to all our Spring birthdays! You should receive an envelope in your church mailbox to support the Tessaro Nigeria Mission Ministry very soon.

Just a reminder: Rev. Chuck and Karen Tessaro first set foot in Nigeria, where there are over 500 different language groups, in 1985. Since finishing the Eleme New Testament in 2002 and assisting with the consultant checking of the Ikwerre New Testament in 2010, Chuck and Karen are principally responsible for mentoring LBT's international associates in Nigeria and training and consulting with various Old Testament translation teams. Thank you for your LOVE, HELP and SUPPORT.



St. James will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on **Easter Morning** at **8:45 a.m.** sponsored by our Youth Group. No donations needed. Questions? Contact Kelsey Butler.

There will be a special **Butler Cinnamon Roll Sunday** to help raise funds for the ISJ
Academy fifth through seventh grade class to go to Camp Manitoulin.
Mark your calendar for **April 24**th after worship and help a kid go to camp.
Questions? Please contact Kelsey Butler.

Quarterly financial giving statements are in your church mailboxes.