

## Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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## PALM SUNDAY

## Order of Worship

The order of worship is set out in this bulletin. The congregation responds in parts marked in bold. Hymns are taken from our hymnal, the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW).

#### WE GATHER

**Centering Music** 

The ringing of the Morningstar

Prelude

Liturgy of the Palms Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest.

#### **Gospel Reading**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

Luke 19:28-40

28 After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" 32 So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 They said, "The Lord needs it." 35 Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 37 As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, 38 saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"
39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." 40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### **Blessing of the Palms**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.** 

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

#### Procession

Let us go forth in peace, In the name of the Lord. Amen.

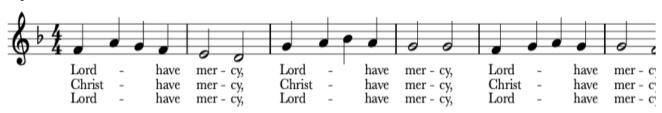


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#### **Apostolic Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all **And also with you.** 

**Kyrie** 



#### **Prayer of the Day**

#### Let us pray.

Holy Jesus, you sent your disciples to ask for a colt with no reason other than that you needed it. Increase in us the willingness to go where you send us, even when we don't understand the needs you call us to answer or the value of what we can offer. Amen.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### **First Lesson**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

- 4 The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.
- 5 The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.
- 6 I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

7 The Lord God helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

8 he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

9a It is the Lord God who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

#### Psalm

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.

# 11 I 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.
- 13 For 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.
- 15 My 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."

#### Second Reading

#### Philippians 2:5-11

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

6 who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

- 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,
- 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.
- 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
- 10 so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

## The Holy Gospel Gospel Reading Luke 23:1-49 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

1 Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. 2 They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." 3 Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." 4 Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." 5 But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

6 When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. 7 And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. 8 When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. 9 He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. 10 The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. 11 Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. 12 That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

13 Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, 14 and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. 15 Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. 16 I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

18 Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" 19 (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) 20 Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; 21 but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" 22 A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." 23 But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. 24 So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. 25 He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. 26 As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. 27 A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. 28 But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' 30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' 31 For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

32 Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35 And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

44 It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, 45 while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. 47 When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." 48 And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. 49 But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

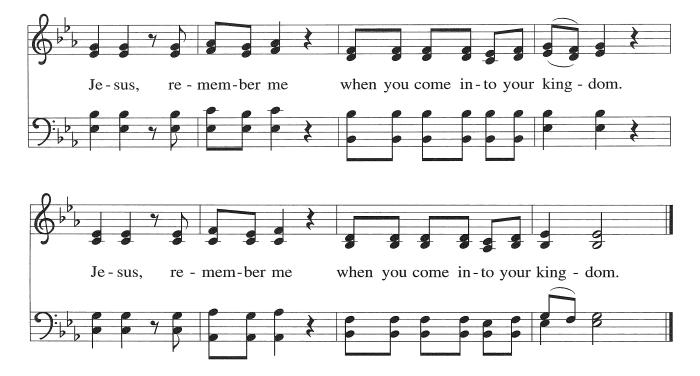
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### Sermon

Hymn

Jesus Remember Me





#### **Prayers of the People**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

#### A brief silence.

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,

#### receive our prayer.

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,

#### receive our prayer.

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy,

#### receive our prayer.

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering. God, in your mercy,

#### receive our prayer.

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

#### receive our prayer.

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,

#### receive our prayer.

#### Here other intercessions may be offered.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.** 

#### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you **And also with you.** 

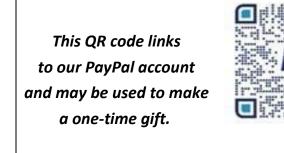
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

# Please be seated. Offering Prayer As we prepare to make an offering, we pray: God, you gave us what we needed to love you today. Now we offer you a portion of these gifts, a harvest of the love you planted.

#### Offering

Financial offerings are received in the plates. Please stand as the gifts come forward.

OffertoryBowdlerise Caprice- OSL Winds Ensemble- John Keil, trumpet; Thomas Keil, flute; Phill Greenland, soprano clarinet;<br/>Laura Keil, B<sup>L</sup> clarinet, Eleanor Keil, baritone horn- OSL Winds Ensemble



### **Musical Offering**

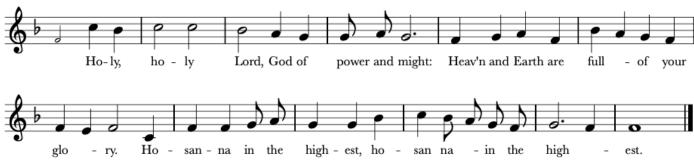


#### **Prayer of Dedication**

God, we have supplied the gifts, and you have supplied the purpose. Now bless our gifts and use them in your service. Amen. Eucharistic Prayer The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord! Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is not only right, but even needful for us to thank you, God, for the cosmos overflows with your goodness. You open your hand to satisfy the needs of everything that you have made, and all of creation sings its thankful praise. And so we join the echoing song:

#### Sanctus



#### Thanksgiving at the Table

Heaven and earth are full of your glory, O God,

brimming with your extravagant love.

In the beginning you created, not because you needed to

but because it delighted you:

#### you made the textures of feathers and fur, the fragrance of pine and saltwater, glinting minerals and sparkling stars, humankind in gorgeous diversity.

But we reached for more than what you freely gave.

## We sought to meet our own needs rather than to trust in your abundant provision.

Though you sent prophets to teach us compassion, calling us to share our bread with the hungry and our means with the poor,

#### we learned to fear scarcity and to seek safety in self-interest.

Still, your faithfulness to us is inexhaustible.

You became like us in Jesus Christ,

whose life magnified the abundance of your grace and the lavishness of your love.

He saw the richness of a widow's pennies and the surpassing fineness of a lily's petals and the towering greatness of a mustard seed and fed thousands with five loaves and two fish.

On the night of his arrest,

he gathered his friends for a simple meal and set a feast of love. He took bread, 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.

And so we remember: the command to love as he has loved. We remember: the life of God poured out for us like wine. We remember: the resurrection that shattered the power of death. We remember: Christ's ascension into heaven and promise to come again.

Extravagant God, pour out your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup. Let the fragrance of your love fill this house. **Come, Holy Spirit.** 

Let it fill our noses with the sweetness of grapes and the earthiness of wheat. **Come, Holy Spirit.** 

Let it fill our hearts as lavish compassion for the little, the lost, and the least. **Come, Holy Spirit.** 

Let this bread and cup magnify your prodigal love, mirroring the heavenly feast that has no end. Bring us at last to the infinite table where you have gathered all your holy ones in the new creation where every tear is wiped away, and every need has been met in you. All honor and glory is yours, O God, who is both Giver and Gift, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever. **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,

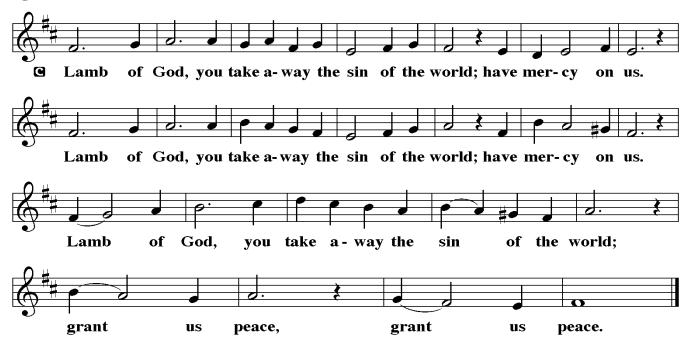
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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

#### **Agnus Dei**



#### Please Sit

#### The Distribution

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

All are invited to come forward to receive the holy gifts. Those not receiving may come forward for a blessing or remain in the pews in prayer.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen** 

#### **Post-Communion Sentence**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray. O Jesus, you have fed us with the bread that has no price, the precious gift of your own self. Now send us out like Mary with her perfume, prepared to give the best we have to dignify the world you so loved. **Amen.** 

#### WE ARE SENT

#### Blessing

Now may God, who who makes a way in the wilderness, who walks the path to the cross, who passes into our very hearts, bless you and sustain you. Today God has answered your need, and now the Spirit sends you out to answer the world's need. **Amen.** 



#### Charge

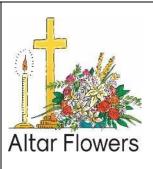
Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### Postlude

Congregation adjourns to engage in loving service in the World

#### **Worship Service Today**

Greeters/Ushers	Inga Colbran
Lector	TBD
Worship Assistant	Deacon LeeAnn McCarthy
Hospitality	Karen Magerlein
	Deacon LeeAnn McCarthy Karen Magerlein



No Altar Flowers Donations

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

You are invited to a Maundy Thursday Dinner Church this year on April 17 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest Lena Warren will lead us through this unique service. If you are able to bring a dish, let us know by signing up. (Sign-up sheets for Dips, Salads, Main Dish, Dessert & Attendance are on the link table).

Join us in adorning our Easter Altar this year. Easter Flower Order Forms can be found on the narthex and link tables. All orders are <u>due today</u>. You can take your flowers home following our Easter Service.

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-9; Hebrews 9:11-15; Psalm 36:5-11; John 12:1-11.

Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36.

Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; John 13:21-32; Hebrews 12:1-3.

**Thursday:** Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35.

Friday: Psalm 22; Isaiah 52:13-53:13; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42.

Saturday: Psalm 46; Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13; John 20:1-18.

#### Easter Sunday – April 20, 2025:

Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12.

Those With Special Needs & Concerns		Other Concerns of Our Community
PRAYER LIST	SERVING IN ARMED FORCES	Bishop Paul Egensteiner and his staff.
John Nurmi Arlita Hoyt Christine Olszanski	Jack O'Brien John Picucci anski tt Biel Remember	For those who would dare to bring peace.
Kolbe Olszanski Deanna Platt Bob Riekert		For the President and his administration.
Catherine Biel Jim Murtha		Communities of Faith in & around Croton.
Jim Befanis		For refugees suffering in camps around the world.
		For food to feed all those who hunger.

# Welcome to Our Saviour

Do you want to live life to its fullest? Do you want to have resources to cope with the challenges of life? Since his disciples first followed him, Jesus' teachings and example have been providing enduring answers for life's most troubling questions. Jesus' life was given for us. His life remains a gift to be received and God's Word through him waits to be heard. Come and see! The Lord is good!

Our Saviour is a safe, friendly, welcoming place for you and your family to hear Good News and find warm, caring community. We welcome people of all races, ethnicities, political affiliations, sexual orientations and gender identities or expressions. We invite you to join us in any or all of the activities. Please ask any member for further details.

You will find the Order of Worship set out in this bulletin. You will also find a schedule of devotional readings and next Sunday's scripture set out inside the back cover.

**HOLY COMMUNION**: All are invited to the Lord's Table, as Jesus welcomed all without condition, to commune with Him. You need not be Lutheran or a church member. Young children may receive at their parents' discretion.



#### Welcome to Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church

Rev. Dr. Justin Johnson, Pastor Phill Greenland, Music Minister LeeAnn McCarthy, Deacon

Sunday School Sunday Worship Service 9:00 am 10:00 am

Pastor's Office Hours: Mon & Tues: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon; Wed, Sat & Sun: by appointment; Thurs & Friday: Pastor's Days Off.

Church Secretary's Office Hours: Mon, Tues & Fri: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Church Office Phone: 914-271-4632 Pastor's Phone: 914 863-1601

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