

THE PASSION

ACCORDING TO MARK



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***"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known
to all as we worship, serve and grow together."***

All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace
is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health,
race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression,
education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do,
have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God.
God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise,
prayer and the work of our Lord, including ongoing work
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty

ACCLAMATION

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11: 1-11

The holy gospel according to Mark.

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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

May our Savior Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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 Jesus in the way of the cross,
so that, joined to 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.

Amen.

Blessed Is the One

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes

in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is the one who comes

in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Text: Psalm 118:26

Music: BLESSED IS THE ONE, Nathan Houge, b. 1977

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of Jesus and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent Jesus 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.

GOSPEL: Mark's Passion Story

NARRATOR: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

NARRATOR: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

NARRATOR: While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

DISCIPLES: "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor."

NARRATOR: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

JESUS: "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

NARRATOR: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

DISCIPLES: "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

NARRATOR: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

JESUS: "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

NARRATOR: So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

NARRATOR: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

DISCIPLES: "Surely, not I?"

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

NARRATOR: While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

JESUS: "Take; this is my body."

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

JESUS: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

NARRATOR: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

JESUS: "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

NARRATOR: Peter said to him,

PETER: "Even though all become deserters, I will not."

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: But he said vehemently,

PETER: "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

NARRATOR: And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

JESUS: "Sit here while I pray."

NARRATOR: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them,

JESUS: "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake."

NARRATOR: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

JESUS: "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

NARRATOR: He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS: "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

NARRATOR: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

JESUS: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

NARRATOR: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

JUDAS: "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."

NARRATOR: So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

JUDAS: "Rabbi!"

NARRATOR: and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS: "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

NARRATOR: All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

ACCUSERS: "We heard him say, `I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'"

NARRATOR: But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

HIGH PRIEST: "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

NARRATOR: But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

HIGH PRIEST: "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "I am; and `you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and `coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

NARRATOR: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

HIGH PRIEST: "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?"

NARRATOR: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

ACCUSERS: "Prophecy!"

NARRATOR: The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

SERVANT GIRL: "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: "I do not know or understand what you are talking about."

NARRATOR: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

SERVANT GIRL: "This man is one of them."

NARRATOR: But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

BYSTANDERS: "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."

NARRATOR: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

PETER: "I do not know this man you are talking about."

NARRATOR: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

JESUS: "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: And he broke down and wept.]

NARRATOR: As 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. Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He answered him,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

PILATE: "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

NARRATOR: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for

whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

PILATE: "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

PILATE: "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: They shouted back,

CROWD: "Crucify him!"

NARRATOR: Pilate asked them,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done?"

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

CROWD: "Crucify him!"

NARRATOR: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

SOLDIERS: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

NARRATOR: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

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

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

BYSTANDERS: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

NARRATOR: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

NARRATOR: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

JESUS: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

NARRATOR: which means,

JESUS: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

BYSTANDERS: "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

NARRATOR: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

BYSTANDERS: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

NARRATOR: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

CENTURION: "Truly this man was God's Son!"

NARRATOR: There 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. These 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.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph 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. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then 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. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

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SILENCE

HYMN OF THE DAY

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

ACS #910

(The choir will lead us)

1. A stable lamp is lighted
whose glow shall wake the sky;
the stars shall bend their voices,
and ev'ry stone shall cry.
And ev'ry stone shall cry,
and straw like gold shall shine;
a barn shall harbor heaven,
a stall become a shrine.
2. This child through David's city
shall ride in triumph by;
the palm shall strew its branches,
and ev'ry stone shall cry.
And ev'ry stone shall cry,
though heavy, dull, and dumb,
and lie within the roadway
to pave his kingdom come.
3. Yet he shall be forsaken,
and yielded up to die;
the sky shall groan and darken,
and ev'ry stone shall cry.
And ev'ry stone shall cry,
for hearts made hard by sin;
God's blood upon the spearhead,
God's love refused again.
4. But now, as at the ending,
the low is lifted high;
the stars shall bend their voices,
and ev'ry stone shall cry.
And ev'ry stone shall cry,
in praises of the child
by whose descent among us
the worlds are reconciled.

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NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*(Response to each petition is Now Is the refrain from Time of Grace, ACS
#918)*

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church,
the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week.
Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our
sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection
hope.

Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth.
Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, gardeners, and river keepers.
We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants.

Hear us, God, as we sing:

**Now is the time of grace,
now is the day of salvation.**

**Turn now, and seek God's face,
now behold God's invitation.**

Establish peace and justice among the nations, most specifically we name the Middle East, Ukraine, and Haiti. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion.

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or long-term care, that they may know your love.

Hear us, God, as we sing:

**Now is the time of grace,
now is the day of salvation.**

**Turn now, and seek God's face,
now behold God's invitation.**

Give energy and joy to our pastor, associate lay minister, worship leaders, and musicians. In this holiday season, watch over those who travel.

Hear us, God, as we sing:

**Now is the time of grace,
now is the day of salvation.**

**Turn now, and seek God's face,
now behold God's invitation.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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DIALOGUE

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God most mighty,
God most merciful,
God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void,
you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,
you sent them a child;

When the Israelites were enslaved,
you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

Amen.

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

Amen.

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

Amen.

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

COMMUNION

You may come forward for communion using the center aisle. After receiving bread from Pastor, please take an empty glass from the small table. If you prefer grape juice, take a full glass. Proceed to the person with the pouring chalice. After receiving your wine/blessing, place your empty glass in the basket you will see as you walk toward the side aisle.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Forgive Your People

Perdona a tu pueblo

Refrain / Estribillo



Per - do - na_a tu pue - blo, Se - ñor. Per -
For - give your . . . peo - ple, O Lord. For -



do - na_a tu pue - blo, per - dó - na - le, Se - ñor.
give your . . . peo - ple, for - give . . . us, O Lord.



1 Por e - sos hie - rros que te cla - va -
1 For cold and cru - el nails that im - pale
2 For all the dead - ly blows that have torn
3 For bear - ing all our wounds, we a - dore
4 May your whole life out - poured now flow through



ron, por las es - pi - nas que te pun -
you, for rag - ged rings of thorns that as -
you, for all the bit - ter words that still
you. Show us your feet, your hands, we im -
us, and may your death re - store and re -

Refrain / Estribillo



za - ron, per - dó - na - le, Se - ñor.
sail you, for - give . . . us, O Lord.
scorn you, for - give . . . us, O Lord.
plore you. For - give . . . us, O Lord.
new us. For - give . . . us, O Lord.

2 *Por tus sangrientas llagas tan crueles,* 3 *Por tus heridas de pies y manos,*
por los insultos y por las hieles, *por los azotes tan inhumanos,*
perdónale, Señor. *perdónale, Señor.*

4 *Por la abertura de tu costado,*
por haber muerto abandonado,
perdónale, Señor.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Head That Once Was Crowned

Thomas Kelly,
Jeremiah Clarke

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+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

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Jesus: Pastor Paul Drees

Judas, High Priest, Centurion: Pastor Joanne Richmond

Pilate, Servant Girl: Jeanne Johnson

YOU'RE INVITED—PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST TODAY!

Sunday, March 24, 10:15 am—Fellowship Hall

The Youth & Family Ministry Team is hosting their annual Palm Sunday Breakfast after worship today. The cost is a free will offering. Proceeds benefit youth events throughout the year, including the youth trip to the National Youth gathering in New Orleans this summer.

JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK WITH US

Come to church this Holy Week. Come just as you are, with your doubts and fears and questions and uncertainty. Holy Week is when we can be our most human, our most broken, our most vulnerable... and it's ok. Come hear that there is more mercy in God than sin in us. Come hear that when death does its worst, that's when our God does God's best. Come hear that a glorious new day is coming! Come hear that YOU are who God came to save. Just come.

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 12pm & 6:30pm

Join us as we anticipate the intimacy of the last supper Jesus had with his disciples, and the despair of his lonely vigil in the garden with a worship & communion.

Good Friday, March 29, 12pm & 6:30pm

Join us as we remember the path Jesus walked to his death, carrying the cross he was to be hung on with a worship service of readings and reflection.

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US

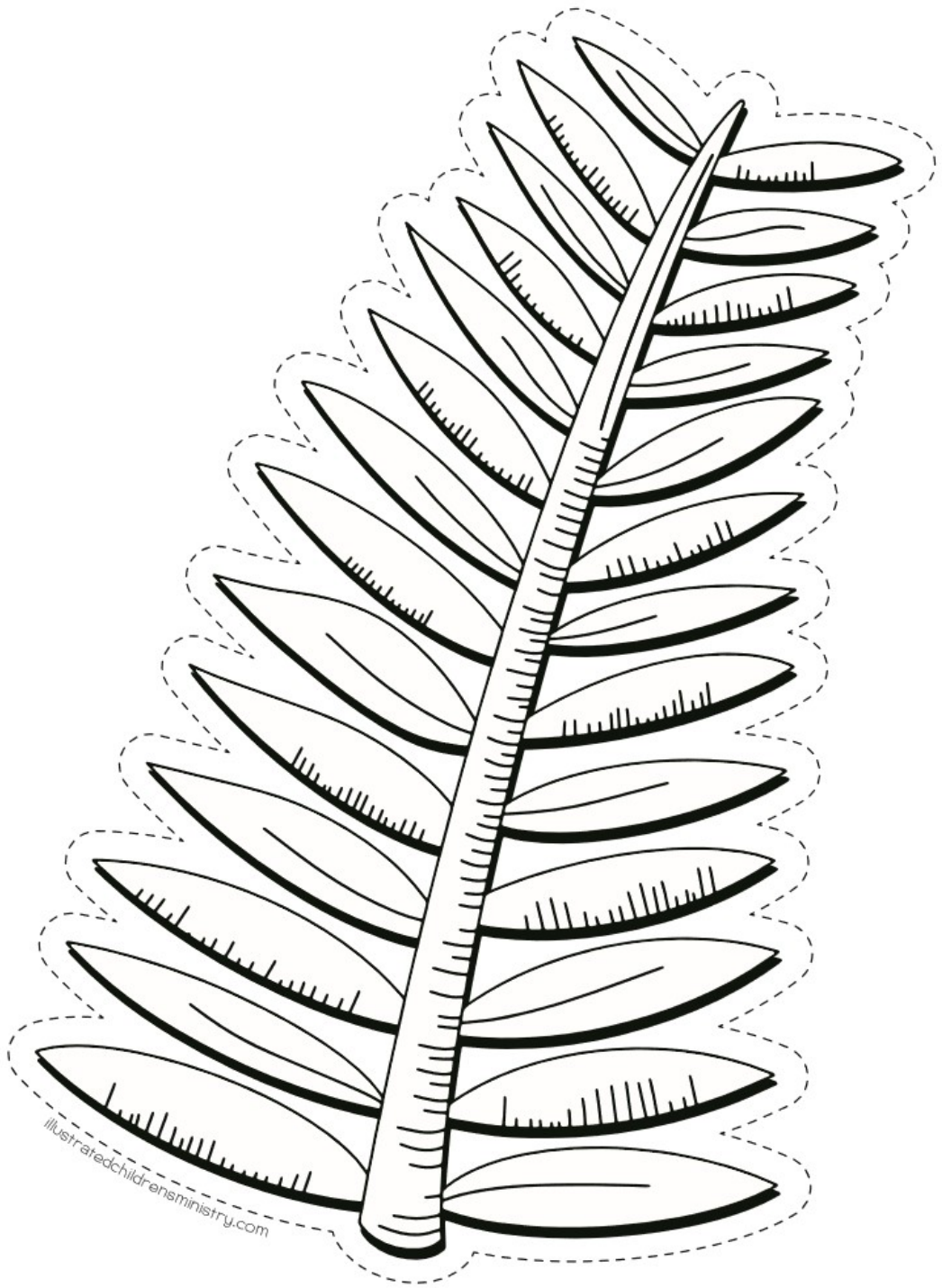
Easter Sunday, March 31, 9:30 am

Join us as we sing, worship, and celebrate the most important day in the life of the church. Come hear, for the first time or the 50th, that the best news this world ever received came from a lonely graveyard. "*He is not here! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!*" Come see what all the excitement is about. **Don't forget to bring your bells to worship!**

This is Christ's church and there is a place for you here.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the church office will be closed, Monday, April 1, 2024.





OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

CALENDAR

Passion Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:45am Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Palm Sunday Breakfast
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Monday

9am—1pm Office Open

Tuesday

9am—1pm Office Open
9am Quilters
1—5pm WCC Open
4pm CFS—Doors Open
4:15—5:30pm Meal Served

Wednesday

9am—1pm Office Open
9am Staff meeting

Maundy Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open
12 noon Worship/HC
6:30pm Worship/HC

Good Friday

12 noon Worship/HC
6:30pm Worship/HC

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC Open

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

9:30am Worship/HC
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion
CF—Coffee Fellowship
CFS—Come For Supper
WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Athena Burg, **Bev** Hanson, **Carol** Kant, **Casey** Kanter, **Cheryl** Zoerb, **Cindy** Moe, **Dale** Duresky, **Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos, **Debbie** Dukatz, **Erik** Rudrud, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni, **Jane** Speer, **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie** White, **Jessie**, **John A.**, **Joyce** Gosman, **Juliana A.**, **Karen** Geoglein, **Kilian** Crary, **Lane C.**, **Lois** Horne, **Kelly** Olson, **Margaret** Namejunas, **Mary** Covey, **Rich** Pitz, **Robert** Onsrud, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Sally** Vaaler, **Sandy** Kjos, and **Tom** Cade

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Jacob Johnson, **Sarah** Twaite, **Rachel** Muehlenkamp, and **Edie** Habhegger

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

Gabriel W. Kleven, **Greg** Phillips, **Ricky** Macon, and **Stacie** Phillips

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Brittany Taylor	March 24
Nylan Hynek	March 26
Virginia Bentzen	March 29
Theresa Cravens	March 29
Mariah Deal	March 29
Jeff Franko	March 29
Louise Temte	March 30
Jenifer Bahr	March 31
Colleen Cartwright	March 31