

Liturgy for Palm / Passion Sunday

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Zion UCC, Lowden

BOLD PRINT = congregation

**Indicates those who are able, please stand*

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US!

Those who would like to be part of the palm processional are invited to take your palms and make a circle around the edge of the sanctuary. After the blessing, we will sing and process around the sanctuary before returning to our seats.



RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"Rejoice"

by Laurel Gonzalo and Val Gonzalo

*BLESSING THE PALMS

Please raise up your palms for the blessing.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise and thank you, ever-living God, for these branches that promise to become for us signs of Jesus' suffering and victory. Bless them and us that their use this day may announce in our time that Christ is Lord and King. Amen.

*GREETING

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel!

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

Hosanna!

ALL: Hosanna in the highest!

[All those who wish parade through sanctuary waving their palms]

*PROCESSIONAL SONGS OF TRIUMPH & PRAISE

*HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

No. 213

"Hosanna, loud hosanna," the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed amid a cheering crowd
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The one whom angels worship rode on in lowly state,
and glad to see the children, slowed down the donkey's gait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song is ours.
We hail our great Redeemer and sing with all our powers:
"Hosanna, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.
Hosanna! In your presence for ever we'll rejoice!

JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY Mark 11:1-11 *(adapted)*

. . . The people gave Jesus a wonderful welcome, some throwing their coats on the street,
others spreading out leafy palm branches they had cut in the fields. Running
ahead and following after, they were calling out:

ALL: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna to the Son of David!

*HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* No. 216

All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's Name coming, our King and Blessed One.

The company of angels are praising Thee on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before You went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before You we present.

To Thee before Thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION - ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"I Will Glory in the Cross"

Dottie Rambo

*DOXOLOGY

No. 34 - *Old Hundredth*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

God of compassion, Your love goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life. By your Spirit, strengthen us to follow You. Bless and use these gifts to serve You always and everywhere. Amen.

HYMN

My Song is Love Unknown

No. 222, vss. 1, 3-4

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what has my Lord done? What
makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.



The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

A Dramatic Reading from the Gospel of St. Mark (NRSV)
Mark 14:1 – Mark 15: 47

~ THE LAST SUPPER ~

Mark 14:1 – 26

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, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."
... When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

No. 219, vss. 1-2

Go to dark Gethsemane, you that feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned.
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.

~ PRAYING IN THE GARDEN ~

Mark 14: 26-42

~ JESUS IS BETRAYED and ARRESTED ~

Mark 14: 43 – 52

~ JESUS BEFORE CAIAPHAS, THE HIGH PRIEST ~

Mark 14:53-65

...the cock crowed for a second time & Peter remembered that Jesus had told him "before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times" & Peter broke down and wept.

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

No. 219, vs. 3

Calvary'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 of Jesus Christ to die.

~ JESUS IS PUT TO TRIAL and CRUCIFIED~

Mark 15: 1- 39

. . . the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas for them instead.
"Then what would you have me do with this man you call the King of the Jews?"

**ALL: "CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY!
CRUCIFY! CRUCIFY HIM!"**

"But why? What evil has he done?" Pilate asked. But the crowd shouted all the more.

**ALL: "CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY!
CRUCIFY HIM! Crucify!"**

So Pilate did as the crowd wished. He released Barabbas and then after flogging Jesus, he
handed him over to be crucified.

[Silence for Reflection]

SUNG RESPONSE

Were You There?

No. 229

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

~ **JESUS IS BURIED IN A BORROWED TOMB** ~

Mark 15: 40 – 47

[S i l e n c e]

*HYMN

Were You There?

No. 229, vs. 3

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh!
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

*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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Living God, you give us this day, full of hope and promise.

You give us this coming week, full of betrayal and sorrow.

Take our lives and transform us into your faithful disciples.

Holy is the week before us, we walk it in humility and faith.

And in the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALL: AMEN

*POSTLUDE

"Glory"

Geoff Bullock

*Those who would like may bring their palms home to remind them
through all the events of Holy Week that Jesus is King.*

Thank you to our Worship Leaders

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| Acolytes | Senior Youth Fellowship |
| Organist | Sandra Horman |
| Liturgists | Jaydon Nabb & Leighton Tjaden Jessica Coppess & Kelly Nabb |
| Videographer | Johny Amina |
| Power Point | Nathan Nabb |
| Ushers | Senior Youth Fellowship |
| Council Ushers | Aaron Horman & David Niermeyer |
| Ministers | All believers |
| Pastor | Rev. Susan Schneider-Adams |

Passion Narrative:

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| Narrators: | Terry Lasack, and Julie Hoffmeier |
| Jesus: | Merlin Conrad |
| Peter: | Aaron Horman |
| Judas: | SHF |
| Pilate: | David Niermeyer |
| Disciple: | Jaydon Nabb |
| Chief Priest: | Diane Esbaum |
| False Witnesses: | Leighton Tjaden |
| Servant Girl: | Kelly Proesch |
| Centurion: | Carter Horman |



Join us for worship at Zion this Sunday at 9:30 am.
PALM SUNDAY

COMING UP AT ZION

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Holy Week Begins

We begin our Holy Week journey toward the cross with a palm processional and shouts of “Hosanna!” Our worship concludes with a dramatic reading of the Passion Narrative from Mark’s gospel.

Christian Education at 9:30 am (begin in the sanctuary)

Worship at 9:30 am *In-Person and Online*

[VIEW THE WORSHIP BULLETIN FOR MARCH 28](#)

10:40 am Sr. High Fellowship (SHF)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

After School - 3 PM Zion Youth Club (ZYC) - A.; Youth Grades 3-8
Welcome!

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Gather for Worship & Holy Communion

We will gather to worship in-person or online at 7 pm, and celebrate the “Main Meal,” as we remember the events of the last night of Jesus’ life – as He institutes the Lord’s supper, washes the feet of the disciples, and gives the Great Commandment to “love one another as I have loved you.” (John 13) All the ingredients of our Lenten study will be experienced: gathering as individuals, following the “recipes” of worship handed down for generations, breaking and sharing the bread and the cup, and being sent forth as the Body of Christ.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation

Sanctuary open from Noon to 3 pm

Everyone is welcome to attend Good Friday Worship at St. John's UCC in Clarence at 7:00 pm.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord

6:30 am: Sunrise worship with Holy Communion, planned and led by SHF

9:30 am: Worship with Holy Communion

No Christian Education Classes

Worship is livestreamed on [FACEBOOK](#) and posted to our [YOUTUBE](#) channel later in the day and later in the week on local cable channels. The livestream video begins about 9:20 am.



MEET TANYA DEMMEL

Tanya Demmel is our new Administrative Assistant and started in the office on March 8. At work, she likes working on computers, organizing things and researching answers for questions. She is from Tipton and is also the Office Administrator at the Tipton Foursquare Church. Her mom, Nancy, resides in Tipton and Tanya spends some of her free time helping her out around the house and running errands. Some of Tanya's hobbies include spending time with her four small dogs and five cats, reading and working on cross stitch. Tanya is in the office Mondays and Wednesday from 10 am to 3 pm and Thursdays from 2 to 5 pm. Please stop in and say, hello!

COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

Due to COVID-19, it is REQUIRED that face coverings be worn at all time inside the church building for worship services, meetings, and other church functions. Also, please practice social distancing throughout the church. In-person meetings are currently limited to small groups and serving snacks only are permitted. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to prevent the spread of the virus.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

April 4: Cody Fields

April 5: Jacob Holst

April 6: David Niermeyer

April 7: Steve Kahl

April 8: Megan Hamdorf

April 9: Evan D. Tjaden

BOLD indicates 80 or over birthday and we encourage sending cards.

ANNIVERSARIES

April 2, 1966: Dennis & Diane Mostaert

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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday and Wednesday from 10 am to 3 pm, Thursday from 2 to 5 pm

If you have church news or information to share in the weekly Zion News, please e-mail news@zionucclouden.org.