

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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Resurrection Lutheran Church is called by God, to reach beyond our walls and share the Good News, bringing Christ to the world through Prayer, Love, and Action.

Sunday, April 2, 2023—9:30 AM

Palm/Passion Sunday – Where are you headed?

Holy Communion

All are welcome to commune and receive Christ in bread and wine. Please fill out a communion card and give it to the usher when coming forward for Communion.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

OPENING LITURGY

- A Where is he going?
- B Isn't he from Nazareth?
- C Can anything good come from Nazareth?
- D Is he headed to Jerusalem?
- A Do you think Jerusalem is safe?
- B Does he know that Pilate is here?
- C Where is he going?
- D Does he know the city is dangerous?
- A Does he see the Pharisees watching?
- B Is this the one we've been waiting for?
- C Could this be the Messiah?
- D Where is he going?

- A The crowds are singing, "Hosanna!"
 - B Should I lay down my cloak?
 - C Is this the beginning of the end?
 - D Should we follow?
 - A Should we watch?
 - B Should we sing, "Hosanna"?"
 - C Stay awake!
 - A He's on the move.
 - B Where is he going?
 - C Listen.
 - D Where is he going?
 - A Watch.
 - B Where is he going?
 - C Stay close.
 - D Where is he going?
 - A Sing, "Hosanna."
- All voices Hosanna! Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (*Featuring Matthew 21:1-11, NIV*)

- P For today's prayer of confession we are going to read the Palm Sunday story together. As we read through the story, we will pause to admit the places where we so often and so easily could change the narrative. So follow along with me, trusting that no matter what we do or don't do, this story ends with love. From Matthew 21: As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."
- C God, forgive us for the times when we do not trust your word and do not follow where you lead. We long to be the ones who can go into the village ahead of you. Forgive us when we play it safe.**
- P This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"
- C God, forgive us for forgetting that you are always coming toward us. You are drawing near, like a king on a donkey. Help us find you in our midst.**
- P The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

C Creator God, forgive us for the moments when we choose greed over generosity, or when we choose our self-image over our loyalty to you. Give us the courage to be unabashed in our faith. Give us the strength to throw our coats on the road.

P The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

C Son of David, give us the conviction to shout your name from the rooftop. Give us the wisdom to sing, “Hosanna!”

P When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

C With hope in our hearts we pray to you, Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee. Amen.

P Family of faith, there will be days when we withhold our praise. There will be days when we dare not follow. There will be days when we ignore God’s call, when we choose comfort over courage, and ourselves over others. But even on those days, even on our worst days, we belong to God. Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

C Nothing can separate us from God’s love. We are loved, forgiven, and sent out to serve. Hosanna! Amen.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

BLESSING OF PALMS

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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 our Lord 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.

C **Amen.**

PROCESSION

L Ride On, King Jesus.

C **No one works like him.**

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

SHARING OF PEACE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Holy God,

C **Sometimes it's hard to hear you over the hosannas. Sometimes it's hard to hear you over the noise of city streets. Sometimes it's hard to hear you over our racing thoughts, our mental to-do lists, or our desire to fit in. Sometimes it is hard to hear you in this noisy world. So just as you stopped traffic in Jerusalem, stop traffic here. Pause the rush. Open the gates. Dwell among us, until your Word is all we can hear. We are listening. We are laying down our cloaks. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

⁴The 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 awakens—
awakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I 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.

⁷The 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;
⁸he 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?

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16 (read responsively)

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I¹ am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat¹ and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my¹ years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones¹ are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to¹ my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street¹ they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten,¹ out of mind;
I am as useless as a¹ broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is¹ all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to¹ take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in¹ you, O LORD.
I have said, “You¹ are my God.**

¹⁵My times are¹ in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who¹ persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine up-¹ on your servant;
save me in your¹ steadfast love.”**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

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

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

P The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14--27:66

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P The gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell

HYMN OF THE DAY

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

ELW #343

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

**2 He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own
would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!**

**3 Sometimes we strew his way
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to our king.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath,
and for his death we thirst and cry.**

**4 We cry out; we will have
our dear Lord made away,
a murderer to save,
the prince of life to slay.
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes
that he his foes from thence might free.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

C We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world’s suffering, who lights a candle in the darkest night, who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars. We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth, who is bold in seeking justice, and humble in taking power. We believe in a God who sees our hurt and wraps love around it, cocooning us in hope, tethering us to one another. We believe in a God who is always carrying us from the pain of the world into the hope of a new day. That is where God is headed. That is where we follow. May it be so. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION—Sustained by God’s abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence. Each petition ends:

P Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

“We Are an Offering”

ELW #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering.
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours:
we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering,
we are an offering.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING SONG

ELW #616

Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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The image shows two systems of musical notation for the song 'Jesus, Remember Me'. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system shows the first two lines of the score, and the second system shows the next two lines, ending with a double bar line.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION - *all are invited *gluten free wafers are available*

LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

TABLE BLESSING

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

C **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 and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

P As you leave this place, may God bless you with seeking. Seek out the hungry. Seek the weary. Seek the good in every person you pass. Seek out the hopeful. Seek the faithful. Seek God in each of us. As you seek and as you wonder, may you find what

you are looking for. In the name of our loving God, who is always seeking us, go now in peace.

C Amen.

SENDING MUSIC

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and do something. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

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Henrietta Atkin
Oboe

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30 am Worship, Holy Communion

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION

Monday, April 3

12:00 pm Food Pantry & Clothing Closet

Tuesday, April 4

Wednesday, April 5

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

2:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday, April 6

1:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7

1:00 pm Good Friday Service

7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 8

7:00 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9-Easter

9:30 am Worship, Holy Communion

Online services are available via Facebook (www.facebook.com/rlcfp/live), YouTube (www.youtube.com/rlcfp or search for “Resurrection Lutheran Franklin Park YouTube”) and Twitch.

Bible Study can be accessed via Zoom online (bit.ly/rlcfp-zoom) or by phone (312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 230 167 8868, Password: 9777). You can also watch without participating on YouTube (www.youtube.com/rlcfp).



The flowers today are from Donna & Wayne Molley honor of all of the Molley birthdays.



We are continuing “**mac & cheese Sunday**”. We are also in need of **chicken and beef Ramen soup**. All donations are are very much appreciated. Thank you!

Holy Week 2023

Maundy Thursday (4/6): 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Good Friday (4/7): 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil (4/8): 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday (4/9): 9:30 am

Join us in person or online at Facebook/rlcfp or YouTube/rlcfp

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY FOR MEMBERS: June K and family, Wayne R, Barb Z, Dolores B, Janet G, Irwin K, Marvin K, and Donna T.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF RLC MEMBERS: Susan, RoiAnne and her daughter Cyndy, Billie O, Rocio, Walter M, John M, Mike I, Sharon V, Gary V, Warren, Marina, Luisa, Nathan, Ruth, Cyndy W, John B, Feodore, Atour, Billy G, Joyce S, Judy K, Sue Koevenig’s nephew Kevin, Terry, Stan and Darlene M, Sue Flanagan’s son Robert, housekeeping staff at hospitals and nursing homes, the homeless, Karen Shumaker’s brother Curtis, Lynn, Elaine R, Lamone C, Russ Sprenger’s daughter Kimberly S, Linda B and Janet Grace’s son-in-law Scott B.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Josiah Gross, Edward Scharlow, Mike Brimie, Robert Dilks, and Mike Ignoffo.