

Worship Information from Holy Cross – April 6, 2022

Last Sunday, April 3, 2022, we continued our Lenten journey with a Service of the Word and Sacrament led by our Interim Pastor Curtis Zieske. We enjoyed the music of Holden Evening Prayer, along with a prelude from our bell choir. If you were unable to attend, you may watch a video recording of this service and other previous services on the Holy Cross YouTube channel at;
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiHbmFBDWLG1W-jcl8jRhOO>

This coming **Sunday, April 10, 2022, at 10:00 AM**, we will celebrate the triumphant entry into Jerusalem of our Savior by waving our Palms and singing. We will then move into a reading of the Passion of Christ voiced by several members in attendance. There will also be special music from both of our choirs (Voice & Bells) and the Sacrament of Communion led by Pastor Zieske. We invite you to worship with us. We continue to sit socially distant, and while wearing masks is now optional throughout the service, we request that you do wear one while singing. Please come if you are able.

Palm/Passion Sunday kicks off Holy Week here at Holy Cross. It will be followed by a Maundy Thursday service on April 14th at 6:00 PM to commemorate the Last Supper of Christ. This service ends with the stripping of the Altar during the reading of Psalm 22. Thus begins the glorious three days that culminates in the resurrection of our Lord that we will celebrate together on Easter Sunday, April 17th at 10:00 AM.

Even though Holy Cross is not holding services on Friday or Saturday, you are invited to attend events at either of our sister churches here in Salem. On Friday, April 15th, Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is holding a Good Friday service at 4:00 PM at 4440 State Street. At St. Mark's Lutheran Church in downtown Salem, they are conducting Stations of the Cross at 12:05 PM on Good Friday and an evening Tenebrae service at 7:00 PM. Then on Saturday, April 16th there will be an Easter Vigil service beginning at 7:00 PM, also at St. Mark's. Please take advantage of these additional worship opportunities and renew your Christian heritage with your fellow Lutherans.

Next week you will see an Easter message from our Interim Pastor Curtis Zieske, followed by a note from the transition team. These are meant to lead you in prayerful discernment about the future of our ministry here at Holy Cross and what hopes and dreams you would like to see happen.

May Christ's blessing be with you throughout this Easter season.

Worshipping at Home with Holy Cross Lutheran Church
April 10, 2022 – Palm Sunday

INVOCATION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we have wandered far from you:

we have not trusted your promises,

we have ignored your prophets in our own day,

we have squandered our inheritance of grace,

we have failed to recognize you in our midst.

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love.

In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ 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.**

READINGS AND PSALM

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the LORD submits to suffering

Psalm 31:9-16

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

Philippians 2:5-11

Humbled to the point of death on a cross

Luke 22:14--23:56

The passion of the Lord

Luke 23:1-49 (alternate)

The passion of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above ev'ry name. (Phil. 2:8-9)

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 344 “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make us unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the earth and all its inhabitants, created in love: Train us to recognize your divine goodness in the world around us. Rouse in us a reverence for creation, that we take greater care of its resources. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For those in positions of authority called to lead with integrity and compassion: Supply them with courage and vulnerability when challenged with new ideas. Deliver them from fear that limits imagination and impedes justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For those who suffer, waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Heal those who are ill (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For Christians around the world, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross: Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember those who have died, who were commended into your hands. Remember us when you come into your kingdom, and prepare a place for each of us with you in paradise. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

✠ GREAT THANKSGIVING

When our congregation gathered for the celebration of Holy Communion, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With thanksgiving we remembered that "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 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The people of our congregation were given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. Now we bring to you this same bread of

life and this same cup of blessing, that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me shall never hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

At this time, you may remember the gift of holy communion with your own bread and cup.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

BLESSING

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, † bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. **Thanks be to God.**