Welcome
Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021
10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Sunday Worship during Lent retains a spirit of praise and thanksgiving, while yet being more penitential in character than usual.

UNION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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The choir and youth will gather outside. The palm branches are distributed before the service begins. The minister, standing in the Narthex.

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
C Hosanna to the Son of David.
P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray, mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: John 12:12-16

12 The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” 14 And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, 15 “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

The minister begins the thanksgiving. The members of the congregation raise their branches.

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give thanks to the Lord our God.

P 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.
C Amen

P Let us go forth in peace.
C In the name of the Lord.

The procession into the church begins, the congregation following the minister.

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
C Hosanna in the highest.

PRELUDE "O Worship the King " arr. Lopez
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
2 The company of angels are praising you on high;
3 The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
4 To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,

now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12

9Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. 10I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. 11As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. 12Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

PSALM 118:19-29 spoken in unison

19Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

20"This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."

21I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

22The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

23This is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.


26Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

27God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,  
6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.  
8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.  
9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name;  
10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lay Reader

Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 11th chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples,  
2 saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.  
3 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”  
4 They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it,  
5 some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?”  
6 They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go.  
7 When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.  
8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.  
9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”  
10 “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”  
11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the
Twelve.
P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON Pastor Heidi Punt

What’s a parable about anyway? Will we go? Jesus is...

Please stand as you are able.

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

1 All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
2 Crown him, you martyrs of our God, Who from his altar call;
3 O seed of Israel’s chosen race Now ransomed from the fall,
4 Hail him, you heirs of David’s line, Whom David Lord did call—

Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.
Exalt the stem of Jesse’s rod And crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace And crown him Lord of all.
The God Incarnate, man divine—And crown him Lord of all.

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NICENE CREED
C 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

THE PRAYERS
P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:
P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:
P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

THE PEACE
In an attempt to be vigilant and responsible, please use Hand Sanitizers provided at each entrance. Please refrain from shaking hands and reserve a little space between one another. Nods, elbows, or gentle pat on the shoulders, etc., are welcome!

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

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS
The Offering is received as the Lord’s Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards Lutheridge Scholarship Fund. If you wish to contribute to Benevolence, please mark your envelope accordingly. For the month of March, offerings towards Benevolence Fund will go towards Lutheran Services Carolinas unless otherwise designated.
SPECIAL MUSIC

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P  Blessed are you,  
C  O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

Amen
THE LORD’S PRAYER

C 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

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

As the minister gives the bread and wine, and says these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen

At Union Evangelical Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord’s Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

1 Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;
   free to all, a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain.

2 Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
   there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.

3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
   help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever;
   till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

Refrain
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.
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Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, Ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, Tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,

Come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; Quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
That the bread of life is bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less;
Peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, Joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:

Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing ban - quet foun - ed;
O - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, Say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
Hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, Love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;

He, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; Dwell with-in my heart for - ev - er."
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
Wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, And, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.
Please stand as you are able.

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.

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

C Amen

CANTICLE

A post-communion canticle or an appropriate hymn or song may be sung.

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
PRAYER
The following or a similar post-communion prayer is said.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

BLESSING
The minister blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate blessing.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
   The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
   The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Ride on, Ride on in Majesty!

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry;
2. Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die!
3. Ride on, ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky

O Saviour meek, pursue thy road With palms and scattered garments strowed.
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.
Look down with sad and wondering eyes To see the approaching sacrifice.

4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
   Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh:
   The Father on his sapphire throne
   Expects his own anointed Son.
5. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
   In lowly pomp ride on to die!
   Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
   Then take, O God, thy power and reign.
THE SENDING
*The minister may dismiss the congregation.*

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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**Those Serving in March**

- **Acolytes:** Felisaty and Dusty Morgan
- **Altar Guild:** Cathy Painther and Jennifer Curlee
- **Communion Assistants:** Tara Davis, Vicki Hunter, and Franklin Merrell
- **Lay Readers:** Dusty Morgan Jr. Family
- **Ushers:** Mike Cauble, Phil Cauble (HU), Elbert Kluttz, and Ronald Vellines
- **Offering Counting Team:** Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt ~ Sonya Mulkey ~ Vivian Sprinkle

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OUR MISSION: And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

OUR VISION: One Relationship at a Time

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (please remember to practice social distancing)
9:00 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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