

March 24, 2024

# Palm Sunday

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Gather outside the Sanctuary

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS** Kevin McClure

**PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL READING...MARK 11:1-11** NRSV

Assisting Minister: When [Jesus and the disciples] were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and 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. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ”

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They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

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Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

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Then 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 PARADE OF PALMS**

### **PROCESSIONAL SONG #344** vs 1-5 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

**LITANY** (from Psalm 118:1, 27-28; Matthew 21:19)

~ written by Rev. Mindi

Assisting Minister: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: Hosanna in the highest!**

Assisting Minister: The Lord is our God, and has given us light;

**All: Hosanna in the highest!**

Assisting Minister: Hosanna to the Son of David!

**All: Hosanna in the highest!**

10:45 **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** *Hosanna*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY** [shephills.org/Events](http://shephills.org/Events)

Announcements: Holy Week, Holy Week Prayer Walk, Easter

Altar Flowers: In honor of Cole's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, from Earl, Amy and Clay Bishop.

## **JESUS IN THE TEMPLE**

### **SCRIPTURE READING...MARK 11:15-19** NRSV

Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple.

He was teaching and saying, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

**REFLECTION** Reverend Herb Palmer

**SONG OF RESPONSE W&P 136** vs 1,4,5 *The King of Glory*

**PRAYER**

## **THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS**

### **SCRIPTURE READING...MARK 11:27-33** NRSV

Again [Jesus and the disciples] came to Jerusalem. As he was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to him and said, "By what authority are you doing these things? Who gave you this authority to do them?" Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin? Answer me."

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They argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But shall we say, 'Of human origin'?"—they were afraid of the crowd, for all regarded John as truly a prophet. So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things."

## REFLECTION Joel Timmons

## SONG OF RESPONSE

**#333** vs 1&3 *Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land*

## PRAYER

## APOSTLES' CREED

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*after each petition... Lord in your mercy,*

**All: Hear our prayer.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

## THANK OFFERING

- To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link: [shephills.org/give](https://shephills.org/give).
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give.
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 7874



## GENEROSITY MOMENT Generosity & Giving Update

Passing of the plates

## OFFERING MUSIC

Choir ***Ride On King Jesus*** arr. R. Shaw & A. Parker

## OFFERING PRAYER

## GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW SETTING 3

## **PREFACE ELW SETTING 3**

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ACS SETTING 12**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **COMMUNION INVITATION**

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen presence of Jesus. Christ is really present—in bread and wine - forgiving sins and promising new life.

### ***Hear these words:***

*Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;*

*Wine— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

### ***Prayer Station***

*As you leave the communion table, a prayer minister is available to offer prayers of thanksgiving or healing prayers for the burdens and ills you carry.*

## **LAMB OF GOD ELW SETTING 3**

## **COMMUNION MUSIC** Choir ***Ave Verum*** Colin Mawby

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet in the trial of death!

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary.

## **POST - COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

## **GOSPEL READING...MARK 11:1-11** MSG

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When [Jesus and the disciples] were nearing Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany on Mount Olives, he sent off two of the disciples with instructions: "Go to the village across from you. As soon as you enter, you'll find a colt tethered, one that has never yet been ridden. Untie it and bring it. If anyone asks, 'What are you doing?' say, 'The Master needs him, and will return him right away.' "

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They went and found a colt tied to a door at the street corner and untied it. Some of those standing there said, "What are you doing untying that colt?" The disciples replied exactly as Jesus had instructed them, and the people let them alone. They brought the colt to Jesus, spread their coats on it, and he mounted.

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The people gave him a wonderful welcome, some throwing their coats on the street, others spreading out rushes they had cut in the fields. Running ahead and following after, they were calling out, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in God's name! Blessed the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in highest heaven!

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He entered Jerusalem, then entered the Temple. He looked around, taking it all in. But by now it was late, so he went back to Bethany with the Twelve.

Pastor: Deliver us, O God.

**All: Hosanna in the highest!**

**REFLECTION** Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

**SONG OF RESPONSE #349** vs 1, 2, 4

***Ah, Holy Jesus***

Extinguish candles on the altar

**VIDEO**

***We depart in silence.***  
***Our journey to the cross continues on Maundy Thursday.***

**PRAYERS**

**We pray** for Rodney Varner, Bob and Judy Moore, and Courtney and Lars Hjaltman.

**We pray** for family and friends of Shepherd members: Milton Volney, uncle of Debra Wissman.

**O God**, we give you thanks for all the saints who have gone before us in faith, and now rest in your eternal life, especially Carolyn Holmquist, sister-in-law of Mary Macaulay. We pray for your comfort and peace to surround all who grieve, as we trust together in the resurrection promise. We commend Carolyn to your never-ending love.

**God of Unity**, we thank you for the many different people and perspectives that fill your world and our lives each day. We pray that our church may continue to live out and share the welcoming love of Jesus for all people. As the root of conflict is so often misunderstanding and judgment of others, may we be instruments of your peace as you open our minds and hearts to see every person as your beloved.

**Holy God**, as war continues in the Holy Land, we lift to you prayers for peace and resolution. Draw near to the victims, and inspire leaders to seek your will and your guidance.

**Almighty God**, you inspire and equip us to serve your people, both here in our community and around the world. We thank you for our mission partners of Austin City Lutherans and the ministries of Mariposa Family Learning Center and Bread for All. We thank for our partnership with Upbring Ministries.

We are grateful to serve your people alongside Lutheran World Relief, Global Refuge, ELCA World Hunger, and other ministries across the world. We pray for our sister congregation in Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala, and the ministry of ILAG. We pray for the mission of Charis in Haiti. We thank you for our Butterfly Christian Preschool and the many young minds and hearts that are formed in faith here. May we be your hands and feet!

*\*Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*

## **WORSHIP TEAM**

**Pastor** Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

**Director of Worship/Arts** Kevin McClure

**Choir**

**Acolyte** (8:15) Madison Johnson;  
(10:45) Alicia Calvo, Austin Eckermann

**Altar Flowers**

In honor of Cole's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, from Earl, Amy and Clay Bishop.

**Altar Steward** (8:15) Kitt Richter; (10:45) Dawn Buffington

**Assisting Minister** (8:15) Deb Pollock; (10:45) Sara Enochs

**AV** Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols,  
Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Erin Courtney, Devon Schueppert and Vince  
Yokubaitis

**Bread** Kitt Richter

**Communion Servers** (8:15) Deb Pollock, Madison Johnson, Kitt Richter;  
(10:45) Sara Enochs, Dawn Buffington, Austin Eckermann

**Food For Fellowship** Anne McDonald, Linda Roesle, Cathy Thompson

**Hosts/Tellers** (8:15) Rick Burnight, Kendra Burnight, Terrie Thomas;  
(10:45) Christine Stern-Calvo, Jessica Borne and Kevin Garrett,  
Debi Schoenfelt, Amanda & Stephen Palmer

**Prayer Ministry** (8:15) Arlene Morris; (10:45) Tamara Allen

**Accompanist** Andrei Zimbalist

**Admin & Community Life Coordinator** Amanda Forsberg

**Campus Superintendent** Philip Perry

**Children's Ministry Coordinator** Megan Getman

**Communications Director** Dabney Gomes

**Digital Ministry & IT** Dave Wegner

**Executive Director** Bill Dawson

**Program Ministry Coordinator** Joel Timmons

**Spiritual Wellness and Spiritual Director** Rebecca Guengerich

***HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!***

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