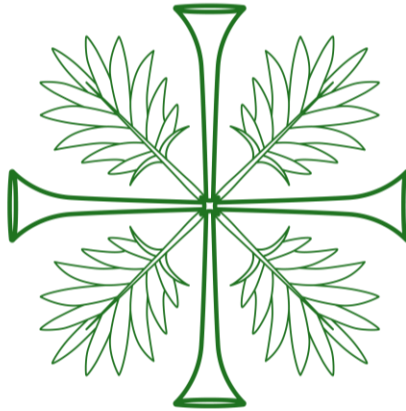


Christ Beatrice – 8AM

St. Paul's Plymouth – 10AM

March 24, 2024



Palm Sunday

Welcome!

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Welcome

THANK YOU for joining us for worship today! We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through the Gospel that comes to us through the Word and Sacraments.

- † If you do not want to use a paper bulletin this morning, you can access the bulletin on our website – www.stpaulsplymouth.org. The entire worship service is printed out so that you do not need to use the hymnal.
- † Offering plates can be found at the entrances. After the sermon, the offering plates will be brought to the altar during the singing of a hymn. This is a reminder that giving offerings for gospel ministry is an act of worship.
- † May the Lord bless the time we spend together around his Word this morning! If you are looking for a church to call home, please contact Pastor Berger (pastorberger@gmail.com; call/text 402-239-4509) or Pastor Dauck (justin.dauck@gmail.com; call/text 402-806-9082) or stop by the church office. They would love to serve you with God's Word!
- † If you desire, there is a nursery in the back on the west side of the church, but please know that **your children are ALWAYS welcome** in our service no matter how much noise they make. We're happy to have them hear the Word and join us praising God with their voices!
- † Before you leave, please sign the **guest register**. It is located on the top of the stairs in the church entryway.
- † Please talk to one of the **Elders** (seated in the back of the church) if you have questions about the service or the congregation.
- † **Large print service folders** are available. Please speak to one of the Elders if this would be of assistance to you.
- † **Listening assist devices are available at St. Paul's. Please speak to one of the Elders if you would like one for this morning's service.**
- † Our Sunday morning service can be heard on KWBE 1450AM (94.7FM) and viewed live and archived at www.stpaulsplymouth.org. Please share this information with those who are not able to attend.
- † **Prayers before Worship** can be found in *Christian Worship: Hymnal*, pp. 255-258.

Focus for Our Worship

We have come to Holy Week. It begins with Jesus humbly riding a donkey colt straight into the hands of his enemies. As the week progresses, it will appear that Christ's adversaries are the ones in a position of power and Jesus is in a position of weakness. Yet what Christ does this holy week—setting his divine strength aside, being passive in the face of death—would change the world. To do what Christ did for us and our salvation took real strength.

Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday

Christ Lutheran Church

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

8:00 p.m.



Easter Sunday



St. Paul's in Plymouth

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Festival Service at 10:00 a.m.

Christ Lutheran in Beatrice

Festival Service at 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast after church

resurrection **REALity**

Is it real? In a world where intelligence can be artificial, news can be misinformation, reality can be called virtual, and conversations can be had with a chatbot, how do you prove what's real? Two thousand years ago, Jesus of Nazareth proved that he is the Son of God and Savior of the world. How? By rising from the dead. The reality of his resurrection means peace, forgiveness, and your resurrection are just as real. [Come and see!](#)

"He is not here. He has risen, just as he said.

Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

Matthew 28:6

The Service, Setting 1

Christian Worship 21

Lift High the Palms of Praise *St. Paul's Lutheran School & Sunday School PreK-8th Grade*
(by Roger Thornhill/Brad Nix)

Holy Baptism

Please remain seated

Invocation

Matt. 28:19

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Matthew 28:18-20; Psalm 51:1-5; Romans 5:8; Luke 18:13

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

Baptism means that the sinful nature in us

**should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance,
and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.**

It also means that a new person should daily arise

to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

Titus 3:5; Rom. 6:1-4; Heb. 2:14; Acts 2:39; Heb. 13:5b; Mark 2:5; Gal. 3:26-27

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

CW 682 st. 4

4 In bap - tism we now put on Christ, our shame is ful - ly
cov - ered with all that he once sac - ri - ficed and free - ly
for us suf - fered. For here the flood of his own blood pre -
sents us ho - ly, right, and good be - fore our heav'n-ly Fa - ther.

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Sacrament of Baptism

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.

Justus, by the power of the Word, the Holy Spirit has led you to believe that this new life in Christ is yours. Now in Holy Baptism the Lord Jesus assures you of your salvation. That you may give testimony of your faith, I therefore ask you:

Do you believe that you were born in sin and therefore eternally lost?

Justus: Yes, I believe.

Do you believe in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Justus: Yes, I believe.

Do you believe that this Triune God planned and carried out your salvation?

Justus: Yes, I believe.

Do you believe that God grants you the forgiveness of sins in Holy Baptism?

Justus: Yes, I believe.

Do you desire to be baptized?

Justus: Yes, I do.

Justus, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head (†) and heart (†) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Let us pray. We give thanks, most merciful Father, that You have received Justus as Your own child and made him a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to him and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into His death, we may also share in His resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

CW 682 sts. 5-6

5 O Chris-tian, firm - ly hold this gift and give God thanks for -
6 So use it well! You are made new— in Christ a new cre -
ev - er! It gives the pow - er to up - lift in all that
a - tion! As faith - ful Chris-tians, live and do with - in your
you en - deav - or. When noth - ing else re - vives your soul, your
own vo - ca - tion, un - til that day when you pos - sess his
bap-tism stands and makes you whole and then in death com-pletes you.
glo-rious robe of right - eous-ness be-stowed on you for - ev - er!

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Please stand

The Word

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

The prophet Zechariah foretold a king who is both infinitely strong and perfectly humble. He would enter Jerusalem riding on the colt of a donkey.

⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion!
Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!
Look! Your King is coming to you.
He is righteous and brings salvation.
He is humble and is riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the horse from Jerusalem.
The battle bow will be taken away,
and he will proclaim peace to the nations.
His kingdom will extend from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you,
because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will release your prisoners from the waterless pit.
¹²Return to the stronghold, you prisoners who have hope.
This very day I declare that I will restore double to you.



The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm of the Day

Psalm 118 (CW:OS)

Refrain



Let the Lord enter; he is the King of glo-ry.

Psalm tone



Give thanks to the LORD, for / he is good;
his love endures for- / ever.

Open for me the gates of / righteousness;
I will enter and give thanks / to the LORD.

This is the gate / of the Lord
through which the righteous may / enter. **Refrain**

O LORD / save us;
O LORD, grant / us success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name / of the LORD.
From the house of the LORD we / bless you.

The LORD / is God,
and he has made his light / shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal pro- / cession
up to the horns of the / altar. **Refrain**

You are my God, and I will / give you thanks;
you are my God, and I will ex- / alt you.

Give thanks to the LORD, for / he is good;
his love endures for- / ever.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1–3

Jesus demonstrated strength by enduring the cross. He did so for the joy set before him: redeeming us from our sin.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us get rid of every burden and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and let us run with patient endurance the race that is laid out for us. ²Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the author of our faith and the one who brings it to its goal. In view of the joy set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God's throne. ³Carefully consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinful people, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Please stand

Verse of the Day

John 12:23

Now has come the time, the hour, For the
Son of Man to be Glor - i - fied, ex - alt - ed,
hon - ored, Lift - ed high up - on the tree.

Gospel Mark 11:1–10

The almighty Son of God demonstrates real strength by humbly riding into Jerusalem knowing he will soon be put to death.

¹As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and told them, “Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it, and he will send it back here without delay.’ ”

⁴They left and found a colt on the street, tied at a door; and they untied it. ⁵Some who were standing there asked them, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶The disciples answered them just as Jesus had instructed them, and the men let them go.

⁷They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their garments on it, and Jesus sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their garments on the road. Others spread branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹Those who went in front and those who followed were crying out,

Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Hosanna in the highest!

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!



Please be seated

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

CW 411



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his
pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to



sue your road, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won-d'ring eyes to see th'ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.

Sermon – Zechariah 9:9-10

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

Philippians 2:11; Matthew 10:32-33

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

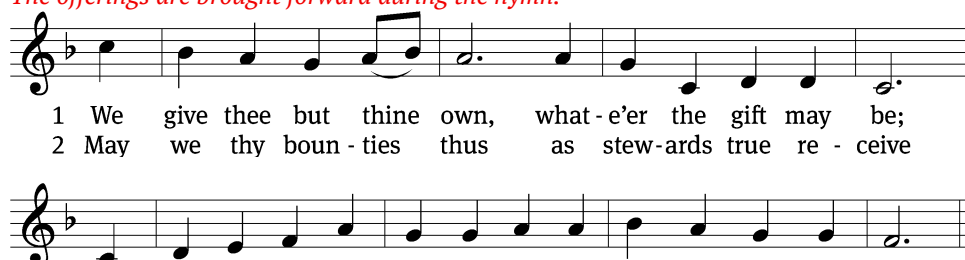
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

We Give Thee but Thine Own

CW 750

The offerings are brought forward during the hymn.



1 We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-12; Luke 11:2-4

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.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

CW 412

St. Paul's School Hymn of the Week



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 is prais - ing you on high,
- 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
- 5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
and we with all cre - a - tion 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.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, our good and gra - cious King.

Please stand

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Please be seated

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

CW 413



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil-dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an-cient song we sing,



thro' pil-lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing and chant-ing clear and loud.
for Christ is our Re - deem-er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim-plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid-ding wait.
and in his roy - al pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

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