The Passion of our Lord Sunday
Sunday, March 28, 2021

Prelude
"*Trio for Oboe, Clarinet, & Bassoon No. 1, Op. 30*" by Charles Huguenin

Procession of the Palms

The congregation is invited to assemble outside.

On this day, united with Christians around the world, we mark Jesus' triumphant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem to complete the work of our salvation. We follow in his footsteps as we enter the church, our Jerusalem, acclaiming the one whose throne was the cross. In today's gospel reading we hear the passion narrative of Jesus' suffering and death for our sakes.

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

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 through which you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

[1]When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of
Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples [2]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. [3]If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord
needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " [4]They went away and found a colt tied
near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, [5]some of the bystanders said to
them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" [6]They told them what Jesus had said; and
they allowed them to take it. [7]Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks
on it; and he sat on it. [8]Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread
leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. [9]Then those who went ahead and those who
followed were shouting,
"Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
[10]Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

[11]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 congregation lifts their palms up high for the blessing of the 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.**

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

The congregation follows the cross into the sanctuary during the singing of the Processional Hymn. We will process around the church pews and come up the center aisle. As we come up the center, please take your place in the pew.

Processional Hymn

ELW 334 "*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,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

2 The company of angels
are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals
in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

3 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. *Refrain*

4 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

5 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

Congregation lifts up their palms.

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

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

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.

P: Let us pray.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-19a

4 The 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 wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
6 I 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.

7 The 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;
8 he 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: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Taize: *"Bless the Lord"*

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

P: The Gospel according to St. Mark.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Passion Readers: ***Gary Radtke, Mary-Ann Lupa, Ruth Thiede***

Our church musicians will sing verses from the hymn "Your Heart, O God, is Grieved" at key points in the Passion Reading.

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

Hymn: *"Your Heart, O God, is Grieved"*

1 *Leader*
O God, Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.

All
Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know,
by ev'ry evil, ev'ry woe;
upon your cross-forsaken Son
our death is laid, and peace is won.

2 *Leader*
O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

All
Your arms extend, O Christ, to save
from sting of death and grasp of grave;
your scars before the Father move
his heart to mercy at such love.

3 *Leader*
O God, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us.

All
O lavish Giver, come to aid
the children that your word has made.
Now make us grow and help us pray;
bring joy and comfort; come to stay.

Apostle's Creed

A: Let us confess our faith:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

A: Remembering the Church, the world, and all those in need, let us offer our prayers to God.

A: Mighty and loving God, you make us your children through your word of promise in the water of baptism. For Jesus, the Word of life, we thank you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You wash away our sin and make us clean and new. For the peace of forgiveness, we praise you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send us your Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us. For all the gifts of the Spirit, we thank you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You nourish us with your word and welcome us to your table. For all the ways you care for us, we praise you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You call us to tell others about Jesus. For willingness to show Jesus by what we say and do, we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send us to help other people and to work for what is right. For strength to follow Jesus, we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send your spirit of healing and strength to all who call upon you. For those who seek your healing presence, especially *Carol*, *Nancy*, *Pastor Steve Swanson*, *Betty*, *Bob*, *all those diagnosed with COVID-19*, and those we hold in our thoughts, we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O Lord our God,

through Jesus Christ, for your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

C: Amen.

Anthem

"Qui Tollis" from *Missa in Anguistiis* by Joseph Haydn

Eucharist Liturgy

Setting 3

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

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface

Sanctus

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

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.

With this bread we remember our Lord's Passover
from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on the gift of bread we share. Grace our table with your presence.
C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: We praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
C: Amen.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

Communion Distribution

You are invited to come to the altar for Holy Communion. Places are marked where you may stand. Communion will be by the distribution of bread alone. After you have communed, please return to your place in the pews. We ask that everyone observe the protocols of social distancing and wear your mask when approaching and leaving the altar.

Lamb of God

ELW 357 "*Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless*"

1 Lamb of God, pure and sinless,
once on the cross an off'ring,
patient, lowly, guiltless,
forsaken in your suff'ring:
from sin's grasp you have torn us,
from gloom to hope have borne us.
Grant us your mercy, O Jesus.

2 Lamb of God, pure and sinless,
once on the cross an off'ring,
patient, lowly, guiltless,

forsaken in your suff'ring:
from sin's grasp you have torn us,
from gloom to hope have borne us.
Grant us your mercy, O Jesus.

3 Lamb of God, pure and sinless,
once on the cross an off'ring,
patient, lowly, guiltless,
forsaken in your suff'ring:
from sin's grasp you have torn us,
from gloom to hope have borne us.
Your peace be with us, O Jesus. Amen.

Post Communion Blessing

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

Post-Communion Prayer

A: 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.
C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

ELW 347 *"Go to Dark Gethsemane"*

1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.

3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time,

God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn from Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb,
where they laid his breathless clay;
all is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

Benediction and Dismissal

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God.

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Joshua Fit de Battle ob Jericho", arr. by Fela Sowande

Announcements

- We invite you to join us for worship each week, either in-person or virtually. Please note that registration is required for in-person attendance. Read our safety protocols for worship and reserve your spot at www.concordiafaith.org/worship . All services will still be available virtually either by livestream via YouTube or recordings will be available later on our YouTube channel: Concordia Church Chicago.

- Support the music ministry at Concordia Church by participating in the next virtual choir piece for Easter Sunday! We are seeking recordings for "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" which will be the jubilant opening hymn on Easter Sunday. If you feel comfortable recording on your own, you can follow the link below to listen to a recording and then record yourself singing (with video) on a separate device. Use headphones while recording so that we only hear your voice. Then send your recording to Marisa at marisabuchheit@yahoo.com. If you would like assistance with recording, Luke can help arrange a time for you to come to church to record in a COVID-safe manner. Contact Luke at ldurocdanner@gmail.com to arrange a time for recording. Check out www.concordiaifaith.org/worship for full details!

Link to the recording:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/16BR1XtigILZ3FhBdUOoYTNdBP_a20os3/view?usp=drivesdk

- Do you have pictures of past Concordia Church events? We would love for you to share them with us for use in our service slideshows. If you have any photos of Concordia Church, members engaged in church activities, or other memories from past years, please send them to Desirae in the church office at ddiehl@concordiafaith.org .

- We appreciate your continued gifts to Concordia Church! Remember, you may give in three ways:
    1. Text-to-give: Text“Concordia”to73256 and follow the link you receive
    2. Give online at onrealm.org/concordiafaith/give
    3. Send a check via mail to the church