



# St. John's

**LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

**MARCH 28, 2010**

**THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY**

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**Cherub Choir**      “Oh How He Loves You and Me”      *10:30 am*

**Prelude**      “The Holy City”      Stephen Adamn

**Chancel Choir**      *10:30 am*

“When Jesus Wept”      Wm. Billing, arr. Parker/Shaw

**Hymn**      “Lift High the Cross”      *LSB 827*  
*Please Stand for Last Verse*

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** *Amen.*

**Baptism**      *10:30 am*

*We rejoice at the baptisms of Lorissa Leona Grey Ryan and Damon Bradshaw Ryan  
Daughter and Son of Angie Miller*

*Sponsors are Erik and Tara Stortzum, Ramona Holdren,  
Aaron Miller & Casey Coombs*

## Confession and Absolution

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 24:7-10; antiphon Ps. 118:26*

**P** Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**C** **Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

**P** Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

**C** **Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

**P** Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

**C** **Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!**

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## Kyrie

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

*Today's Old Testament Reading from Deuteronomy is a portion of the Song of Moses and clearly proclaims that there is no other god than the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

## Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 32:36-39*

<sup>36</sup> The LORD will vindicate his people  
and have compassion on his servants,  
when he sees that their power is gone  
and there is none remaining, bond or free.

<sup>37</sup> Then he will say, "Where are their gods,  
the rock in which they took refuge,

<sup>38</sup> who ate the fat of their sacrifices  
and drank the wine of their drink offering?

Let them rise up and help you;  
let them be your protection!"

<sup>39</sup> "See now that I, even I, am he,  
and there is no god beside me;  
I kill and I make alive;  
I wound and I heal;  
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Ps. 111:9a*

**P** [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

**C** Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may received the promised eternal inheritance.

**P** He sent redemption to His people;

**C** He has commanded His covenant forever.

*These days of Holy Week will take us from the acclaim of the crowd to Jesus' rejection and crucifixion – and then to his glorious resurrection. The liturgical poem that is today's Epistle does exactly that. It describes the humbling of the one who is in very nature God, his obedient death – and his subsequent exaltation to the Father's right hand.*

## **Epistle**

*Philippians 2:5-11*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Chancel Choir**

*9:15 am*

“When Jesus Wept” Wm. Billing, arr. Parker/Shaw

*Today's Gospel lesson is just after John's account of Jesus' triumphal Palm Sunday entry into Jerusalem. Jesus points to His coming crucifixion at Golgotha for the sin of all the world.*

*Stand*

## **Holy Gospel**

*John 12:20-43*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

**C** *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup>So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” <sup>35</sup>So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. <sup>37</sup>Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, <sup>38</sup>so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,

and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

<sup>39</sup>Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

<sup>40</sup>“He has blinded their eyes  
and hardened their heart,  
lest they see with their eyes,  
and understand with their heart, and turn,  
and I would heal them.”

<sup>41</sup>Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.

<sup>42</sup>Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup>for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

## **Apostles' Creed**

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.**

*Sit*

**Hymn**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*LSB 442*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

**☐** *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.*

*Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

*Sit*

**Announcements & Record of Fellowship Is Shared**

**Offering**

**Organ Offertory**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*Stand*

**Response** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *LSB 805*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.*

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## **Prayer of the Church**

- P** Lord, in Your mercy...  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

*LSB Back Cover or LSB 241*

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:  
**C** **Our Father who art in heaven...**

## **Chancel Choir**

*8:00 am*

“When Jesus Wept” Wm. Billing, arr. Parker/Shaw

## **Salutation and Benedicamus**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** *And with thy spirit.*  
**P** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** *Thanks be to God.*

## **Benediction**

*LSB 202*

- 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. Amen. Amen.*

## Postlude

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### Assisting in Worship Today:

**Preacher:** Pastor Del Nack  
**Liturgist:** Pastor Troy Countryman  
**Organist:** Dr. Herman D. Taylor  
**Elder:** Dave Quick  
**Assisting:** Joe Dosien  
**Ushers:** 8:00 am Paul Welton, Jack Pierce, Randy Rappe  
 9:15 am Scott & Janet Uphoff, Kris Maleske, Lynn Farmer  
 10:30 am Laverne Schaal, Tom Jones, Greg Mauck  
**Acolytes:** 8:00 am Hannah Prevo & Holly Wohltman  
 9:15 am Rhett Farmer & Jamie Packer  
 10:30 am Kathleen Tomczewski & Chris Havlik  
**Altar Guild:** Jane Kendall, Cindy Phipps, Sarah Doehring  
**Interpreting:** Kim Janssen  
**Driver:** Roger Kearney (234-9810)

### Assisting in Worship Next Week - 4/4/10:

**Preacher:** Pastor Troy Countryman  
**Liturgist:** Pastor Del Nack  
**Organist:** Dr. Herman D. Taylor  
**Elder:** Dave Quick  
**Assisting:** Joe Dosien  
**Ushers:** 8:00 am Troy Walker, John Kendall, John Schaljo  
 9:15 am Robert Arnholt, Kurtis Rankin, Tom Roth  
 10:30 am Mike Love, Alan Severson, Myles Coverstone  
**Acolytes:** 8:00 am Zach Prevo & Hannah Prevo  
 9:15 am Colton Anderson & Rhett Farmer  
 10:30 am Matt Janosik & Alex Katz  
**Altar Guild:** Racheline Arnholt, Micki Rappe', Laura ZuHone  
**Interpreting:** Kim Janssen  
**Driver:** Barbara Degler (234-7552)

# Our Worship Schedule for Holy Week

## **April 1 – Maundy Thursday**

Worship with Holy Communion - 12 noon and 7 pm

## **April 2 – Good Friday**

Worship Service – 12 noon

Choral Cantata – “The Crucifixion” by John Stainer - 7pm

*The cantata will also include congregational singing*

## **April 4 – Easter Sunday**

Sunrise Service with Holy Communion – 6 am

Worship with Holy Communion – 8, 9:15, and 10:30 am

*Reminder – There is no Sunday School on Easter Sunday*

