



Palm Sunday

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## About Us

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been firmly planted in the Phillips Community since 1912. A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, we celebrate our diversity of age, race, gender identities, sexual orientations, culture and citizenship.

### Welcome, Visitors!

**Welcome to all visitors and guests.** If you live here, we hope you'll consider joining. If you are here for a short time, we hope you'll feel at home. Please pick up a copy of our newsletter, *The Sentinel*, from the entry table.

**Need hearing assistance or larger print?** Please ask an usher.

**Children** are welcome to participate fully in worship. We feel strongly that children's spirituality develops through experience. In our community, children lead as ushers, musicians, readers and communion servers. We expect that children will behave as children – giggles, wiggles, and all. Kids (and their parents) sometimes need a break. In our reading corner in the Hospitality Center, we offer books, toys and more. Kids and parents are invited to go in and out of the sanctuary as needed.

**Safe Church.** For the safety of all children, we ask that children be attended at all times. Please accompany your child to the bathroom and reading corner. Copies of our Safe Church Policy are available from the church office.

### Transportation and Parking

**Parking.** Handicap access is available in the small lot at the back of the church, accessed from the alley. Sunday morning, we may use the Hope Academy lot (across Chicago Ave). Please note street parking is limited to residents only during certain hours.

**Buses.** The D line runs every 10 minutes and stops right at 24th. The 5 bus line still does run on Chicago Ave, but it is about every hour, and does stop at the new bus shelters, along with other intersections. For more options, please check our

website: [oursavioursmpls.org](http://oursavioursmpls.org), call Metro Transit at 612-373-3333 or visit [metrotransit.org](http://metrotransit.org).

## Palm Sunday

*Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for all, even those set in the ways of betrayal or injustice. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.*

## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*We gather outside of the sanctuary.*

### Dialogue

L: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Living God!

**P: Hosanna! Rejoice, for God is in our midst!**

L: Christ has come to lead us in the way of justice and hope.

**P: Christ has come to set us free from fear.**

L: Hosanna!

**P: Hosanna! Glory to God in the highest heaven. Amen.**

### Processional Gospel Luke 19: 28-40 (Spark Bible p.545)

After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, “God has need of it.’ ” 32 So those who were sent departed and found it as Jesus had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” 34 They said, “God has need of it.” 35 Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 37 As Jesus was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, 38 saying,

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of God!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” 40 He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

*Follow the worship leaders in a parade of protest and praise!*

**Song**            ***“Jesus is coming – pave the way with branches –  
Jesus is coming – Hosanna!”***

***2 – Homes for the homeless...***

***3 – Peace for the war-torn...***

***4 – Release for the captives...***

***5 – Debts are forgiven...***

**Procession<sup>1</sup> on Chicago Ave.**

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<sup>1</sup> The PROCESSION has been a liturgical (worship-related) activity throughout most of Church history. The procession recalls Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) and his procession to Calvary (the “way of the cross”: Good Friday), but is not limited to these two events in the life of Christ. Bringing the gifts to the table at the offertory is a procession. Liturgical dance is a form of procession. Often choirs process. People process. Procession can be an act of solemnity (e.g., a funeral procession) or an act of celebration (e.g., a procession to Baptism). How do we today have the mind of Christ and use our voice to proclaim the last shall be first?

**\*Opening Song**                    *“Hosanna! Come and Deliver”*

*Refrain*

Ho - san - na!                    Come and de - liv - er,  
come and de - liv - er your                    peo - ple from death. Ho -  
san - na!                    Come and de - liv - er,                    come and de - liv -  
er your                    peo - ple from death.

**\*Greeting**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### First Reading

*A reading from the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor and theologian who was executed for resisting the Nazi regime in 1944. This passage is from a letter he wrote to his friend Eberhard Bethge from Tegel Prison on July 21, 1944.*

I discovered later, and I'm still discovering right up to this moment, that it is only by living completely in this world that one learns to have faith. One must completely abandon any attempt to make something of oneself, whether it be a saint, or a converted sinner, or a church person (a so-called priestly type!), a righteous person or an unrighteous one, a sick person or a healthy one. By this-worldliness I mean living unreservedly in life's duties, problems, successes and failures, experiences and perplexities. In so doing we throw ourselves completely into the arms of God, taking seriously, not our own sufferings, but those of God in the world - watching with Christ in Gethsemane. That, I think, is faith; that is *metanoia*; and that is how one becomes a person and a Christian. How can success make us arrogant, or failure lead us astray, when we share in God's sufferings through a life of this kind?...

May God in God's mercy lead us through these times; but above all, may God lead us to Godself.

Word of Wisdom, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Children's Sermon**

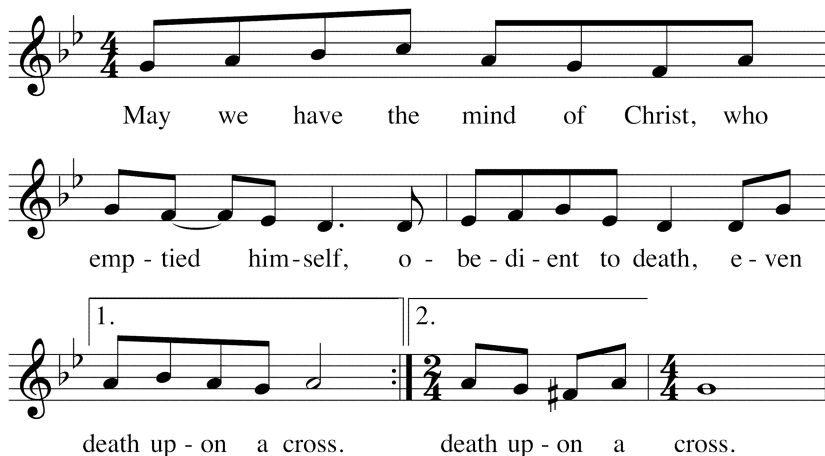
*After the children's sermon, children may go with the nursery minister to the nursery for children's church time. Or, they are most welcome to stay in the sanctuary.*

### **The Passion According to Luke**

## Sung Response

Based on  
Philippians 2

Words and music by  
Marty Haugen



May we have the mind of Christ, who  
emp - tied him - self, o - be - di - ent to death, e - ven  
1. death up - on a cross. 2. death up - on a cross.

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**\*Hymn of the Day**    ***“When We Are Living”***  
*Sing verse 1 in Spanish*

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**\*Prayers of the People**

*As we pray together we make room for  
spacious, spoken, and silent prayers to God.*

## Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**\*Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*(The people greet each other: **“Peace be with you.”**)*

## Gathering our Gifts (Noisy Offering)

*All present, even those who contribute through automatic payments, are invited to lay hands upon the collection plate symbolizing their contributions. Those worshipping online may contribute on our website: <http://oursavioursmpls.org>.*

*All may join the choir on the last verse of the anthem:*

In the day this world is fading faith and hope will play their part;  
but when Christ is seen in glory love shall reign in every heart;  
may love be ours, O God.

### \*Offertory      “Come, Bring Them to the Table”

The musical notation is written on three staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. Above the first staff, the word "All" is written. The lyrics are written below the notes: "Come, bring them to the ta - ble— bring the gifts of bread and wine, the hopes and dreams of all the peo-ple, the of - f'ring of our lives, the of - f'ring of our lives." The music consists of a single melodic line with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, and rests.

### \*The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Living God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*It is indeed right...join their unending hymn:*



# \*Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav - en, heav - en, heav - en and

earth are full are full of your glo - ry.

Ho-san-na in the high - est, Ho-san-na in the high - est,

ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed,

bless - ed, bless - ed is the one who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-

- est, ho-san-na in the high - est,

ho-san-na in the high - est.

## **\*Eucharistic Proclamation and Prayer**

*As part of the eucharistic prayer we confess the great mystery of faith to the tune of the Civil Rights Movement anthem, "We Shall Overcome." We learned this from Trinity Lutheran in Manhattan:*

**Jesus Christ has died, Jesus Christ is risen,  
Jesus Christ will come again.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
Jesus Christ will come again.**

## **\*Lord's Prayer**

Joining with the people of God throughout the ages, let us pray with confidence.

**Our Mother, our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*\*As part of our unfolding commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are choosing to modify the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites everyone into loving relationship with God and neighbor.*

## Invitation to Communion

### Distribution

*All are welcome at Christ's table. We will serve from the front of each section. Ushers will guide you. After you have received bread, or a gluten free wafer; hold out your glass to the server and indicate whether you would like wine (the dark liquid), or grape juice (the light liquid in the second pitcher which has a shiny band attached to it). You are invited to eat and drink and then deposit your compostable cup with a server. Those who do not commune may indicate a preference for a blessing.*

### ***“Now Behold the Lamb”***



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who  
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why  
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain; the pre - cious Lamb of God.  
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre - cious Lamb of God.  
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre - cious Lamb of God.

Text: Kirk Franklin, b. 1970

Music: NOW BEHOLD THE LAMB, Kirk Franklin

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### ***“Holy God, Holy and Glorious”***

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## ***“I’m Going to Love You Anyway”***

Call me names, say I’m crazy  
Put me down, say I’m lazy  
I’m gonna love me anyway.  
I’m gonna love you anyway.

It’s not what you call me, it’s what I answer to.  
It’s not what you call me, it’s what I answer to.  
I’m gonna love me anyway.  
I’m gonna love you anyway.

**\*Blessing**

## **Sending**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Announcements**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song**

***“Beautiful Savior”***

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**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**



### Today's Worship

Ministers: You!  
Preacher: Martha Schwehn Bardwell  
Presiding: Esther Sianpar  
Prayers: Maggie Wells  
Readers: Craig Johnson, Ralph Baumgartner, Kristie Hennig, Oby Ballinger, Naomi Bardwell, Amy Blumenshine, Nate Blumenshine, Estelle Ivory, Sheryll Mennicke, Julie Abrahamson, Harmon Abrahamson, Karen Stevensen  
Musicians: Elizabeth & Paul Damico-Carper

For prayer requests or updates, please contact Pastor Esther

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*You can see the Prayer List in the Sunday e-announcement*

## **This Week at Our Saviour's**

### **Holy Week - You don't want to miss this!**

**Thursday, April 17 at 6:30pm - Maundy Thursday** - We remember how Jesus washed the disciples' feet and taught them - and us - to love one another. The service will include footwashing, handwashing, and Holy Communion.

**Friday, April 18 at 6:30pm - Good Friday** - We will listen to the Passion according to Mark with contemporary reflections on suffering love. We will pray around the cross for the whole world, remembering Christ's passion and solidarity with all who suffer still.

**Saturday, April 19 at 6:30pm - Easter Vigil** - We begin worship outside on Chicago Ave around a new fire. We come in and listen to the stories of our faith as told by many members. We gather at the font for Holy Baptism and to welcome new members. We share in Holy Communion and in a Vigil Feast! As we sing - "This is the night!"

**Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday** - Come at **9am** for Easter Breakfast! Worship at **10:30am** featuring OSLC brass players, a new song by Bret Hesla, and of course at the center - the good news of Christ's resurrection! We will share in Holy Communion and lots of Alleluias and bell ringing will resound as we proclaim: "Alleluia, Christ is risen!"

**Wednesday, April 16**

8:30-9:30AM DABS (Bus Stop)  
10:15AM Bible Study (HC/Zoom)

**Saturday, April 19**

10 AM - Noon Easter Vigil rehearsal  
9AM-Noon Quilting

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**Mission of the month is Reconciling Works, Lutheran  
Campus Ministry**

**Interested in Membership at Our Saviour's, or just  
learning more?**

Please talk with one of the pastors.  
We will be glad to share more with you.



## **OUR SAVIOUR'S Lutheran Church**

*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is a dynamic community,  
centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent –  
to celebrate, serve and do justice.*

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