

Palm Sunday
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“SHARING CHRIST, SERVING THE COMMUNITY”
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Welcome to worship at Mt. Olive, we're glad you're with us today!

As We Gather

The words of the prophet Zechariah echo throughout this special day: "Behold your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9). On this day, we remember how Jesus Christ, the King of all creation, came down the Mount of Olives riding "a colt, the foal of a donkey." We know the time and the place of that coming down the hill and traveling in procession across the valley and up to the city of Jerusalem. Jesus rode down a real mountain in a definite time in history and at a place still very much there today. All this was for a most certain purpose. On this day of celebration and of sorrow, we have reason to rejoice in the salvation our humble King brought for us to and through Jerusalem and to the cross on Calvary's hill. The people there called out *Hosanna!*—which means "save us now!" And Jesus fulfilled their—and our—heart-felt request.

+ WE TURN OUR FOCUS TO WORSHIP +

Welcome

♪ Opening Hymn ♪

Offering

All

The sun can not compare to the glory of Your love;
There is no shadow in Your presence; No mortal man would dare to stand
before Your throne, Before the Holy One of heaven; It's
only by Your blood, and it's only through Your mercy, Lord, I come.
I bring an offering of worship to my King. No one on earth

— de- serves the praise - es that I sing. Je - sus may You
 — re- ceive the hon-or that You're due. O Lord, I bring an of - fer- ing to You.
 — O Lord, I bring an of - fer- ing to You.
 — O Lord, I bring an of - fer- ing to You.

God is with Us

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious, heavenly Father.
 People: **Eternal God, we confess that we were born sinful and have continued to sin in thought, word, and deed. O God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and renew Your Spirit within us that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.**

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.

People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Prayer for the Day

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 32:36-39

³⁶ For 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.
³⁷ Then he will say, 'Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,
³⁸ 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!
³⁹ "'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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Letter

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 12:20-43

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see

Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ 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.

²⁷ “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. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴ 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?” ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ 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. ³⁷ Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸ 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?”

³⁹ Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰ “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.”

⁴¹ Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴² 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; ⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

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.

♪ Hymn of the Day ♪

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hymn #443

Sermon

Pastor Carlos Hernandez

Prayers of God's People

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

We pray for the Church as it observes this Holy Week around the world that all people come to see in Christ alone the Redeemer of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for all nations, that conflicts cease and that the kingdom of God come to bless our world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As we anticipate the celebration of Holy Week and Easter, we pray for our families and the people closest to us. Grant that we share with them our faith in Christ and live together as God's sanctified and thankful people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those with special needs and concerns this day, especially the hospitalized, the grieving, the unemployed, and all those whose special

situations are on our hearts at this time and for whom our petitions are desired, [*including . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As this holiest week of the Church Year begins, Lord, we remember before You those many faithful Christian people who have been part of our lives and our fellowship in times past, especially those who have departed this life and now are rejoicing in the glory of Your promised heavenly Kingdom. Direct our ways on earth that we may complete this life in faith and may at last sing eternal hosannas together with them and all the company of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

People: Amen.

Offering

To limit the contact of surfaces, your offerings and prayer requests may be placed in the wooden box on the way to the communion rail.

+ SACRAMENT +

The Preparation 2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Hymnal P178

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

Hymnal Back Cover

People: 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.

The Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26, Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death
until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Reception

♪ Distribution Song ♪

What Is This Bread

Hymn #629

Post Communion Collect

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, who in giving Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to come among us, bringing His salvation, has fulfilled the vision of the prophets and the hopes of Your people. We thank You for calling us in this time and place and for inviting us to Your holy Table. Joined together in the name of our Lord and in the communion of saints, we pray You to send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

♪ Closing Song ♪

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Hymn #924

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives to us in this meal not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may proclaim Jesus death and resurrection until He comes again. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that noted above and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23-24.; 10:32-33.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34. In preparation to reception of the Lord's Supper I invite you to consider these 4 questions: Am I a sinner? Am I sorry for my sin? Do I believe Jesus meets me with His body and blood and forgives me at this meal? Do I desire to live turning from my sin and walking in His ways?

Serving Him this week as...

Worship Leader	Pastor Carlos Hernandez
Elders	Eric Baer, Bruce Betts, Gary Kilbourne, Kyle Swan, Jim Rowe, Drew Wilson and Roger Zittel
Musician	Mount Olive Gospel Group
Readers	Gary Mark, Gary Kilbourne, Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Krista Hess, Kyle Swan and Amy Swan
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Week Services

Maundy Thursday – April 14, 6:30pm

Good Friday – April 15, 6:30pm

Easter Sunrise Service with Communion – April 17, 6am
Mount Olive Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 7am-12pm
Easter Worship Service 10am

Sunday Service with Communion

Please join us for Sunday service at 10am. We will be following current county mandates regarding face masks at our indoor worship services.

If you are not able to join us in person, our Sunday Services will be available on YouTube or Facebook. You can access the links on our website at www.mountolivefolsom.com.

Easter Lilies

Can you donate a lily? We need a selection of lilies to decorate the sanctuary and altar for our Easter celebration! Donations need to be delivered by the 7pm Good Friday Service to allow the Altar Guild time to finish their work before Easter morning! You may retrieve your plants following the last worship on Easter Sunday.

Bible Study

Men - Saturday at 8am in F-2 - Gary Kilbourne 916-203-7556

Women - Tuesday at 9:30am in F-2 - Inge Rhodes 916-983-0351

All - Sunday at 9am in the Annex - Kyle Swan 916-642-5810

LWML

LWML will be meeting the second Saturday of the month at 10am in the F2 classroom.

Upcoming Youth Fundraising Events

March/April Dates TBD - Spring Yard Clean-up

Excited for Spring but not the yard clean up? WE have helpers for you! The MO Youth would like to come and provide yard clean up help. They are ready to roll up their sleeves and get your yards spring and summer ready! Please let us know of a Saturday mid-March through the end of April that works for you. (The rate will be \$50/hour for the youth clean up team.)

Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast - April 17

He is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Please join us before Easter Services on Sunday April 17 from 7-9:30am in the Fellowship Hall where, for a donation, the youth will serve you a full pancake breakfast. Lead by the Tweets.

Therapeutic Stretch Class

If you have any aches or pains, then join me at my THERAPEUTIC STRETCH CLASS, you will feel better when you leave the class. We will start the class with a fifteen-minute devotional using Jesus Calling and a prayer and end the class with the evening devotional from Jesus Calling. Class will be located in the Annex as follows:

Thursday 3:30 to 4:45 Starting April 7, 2022

There will be no class on the 14TH.

Please wear comfortable clothing to stretch in and bring a mat if you have one. This class is free. If you have any questions, please call Jo Wazac 530-601-8251

Prayer Requests and Praises

If you have a prayer request, please feel free to call the office to add it to the prayer chain as well as the Prayer Request/Praise section of the weekly announcements.