

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Below is the service for Palm/Passion Sunday along with the links for music and for a brief message from me. While we are separated physically, let us join as a community in worship and prayer. Have a blessed sabbath and Holy Week and stay safe.

A few details to note:

I have included the instructions and wording for the traditional palm procession. In place of palms, some time today you are invited to go outside and find a green branch. You might place it on your door or on a windowsill or on your coffee table. The green branch can be a visual reminder of the procession.

After each hymn, there is a link which should allow for you to hear an arrangement of that particular musical selection.

Prior to the reading of the Passion, there is a link to a video message from me. (This is my first time venturing into video, so be kind!) :)

· After the close of the service, if you continue to scroll down, you will find the names of those on the prayer list.

For the service, you are invited to have a bible ready so you can look up the readings.

Consider using this service on Sunday morning at 9:30 as a way to be in prayerful solidarity with other congregation members.

God's Peace and Well-Being be with you all,

Pastor John

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
5800 Long Beach Blvd. Brant Beach, NJ 08008

Morning Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Rev. John Anderson, Pastor

GATHERING

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

If possible, the assembly gathers at a designated place outside the usual worship space, so that all may enter in procession. Palm branches, or branches of other trees and shrubs, are distributed before the service begins.

ACCLAMATION

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

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL:

Matthew 21:1-11

BLESSING OF PALMS

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

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. Amen.

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

“All Glory, Laud and Honor” is an English translation of the Latin hymn, “Gloria, laus et honor,” which dates back to 820 AD. (Imagine that!) The hymn is based upon Matthew 21:1-11 and, hence, frequently sung on Palm Sunday. As you listen to its lyrics, you will hear its reference to Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, as found in all four Gospels.

Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REfNtrjJWPs>

PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

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. Amen

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READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

MESSAGE - Pastor John

<https://youtu.be/XaGRN-dQDzo>

Matthew 26:14- 27:66 (see link below for a narration of the Passion)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfvuL4zCNlc&feature=youtu.be>

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of mercy, awaken your church to new proclamations of your faithfulness. By your Spirit, give us bold and joyful words to speak, that we sustain the weary with the message of your redemption. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, quiet the earth where it trembles and shakes. Protect vulnerable ecosystems, threatened habitats, and endangered species. Prosper the work of scientists, engineers, and researchers who find ways to restore creation to health and wholeness. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, drive away fear and anger that cause us to turn against one another. Give courage to leaders who seek liberation for the oppressed. Bring peace and hope to those who are in prison and those who face execution. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, send your saving help to all who suffer abuse, insult, discrimination, or contempt. Heal the wounded. Comfort the dying. Bring peace to those suffering chronic or terminal illness. Grant your healing presence to all in our nation and elsewhere who suffer with Covid 19. Strengthen all medical personnel as they go about their vital work and keep them well. Tend to all who cry out for relief (especially). Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, we pray for all who will prepare and lead worship in this Holy Week. In all things, show us the ways that you call us to die to self, to live for you, and to give of ourselves for the sake of others. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of mercy, when we breathe our last, you raise us to eternal life. With all your witnesses in heaven and on earth (especially), let us boldly confess the name of Jesus Christ, our resurrection and our hope. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-HaEoCqH47Y&feature=youtu.be>

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.

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

The service closes in silence.

In your prayers this week, remember Mary Ellen Twomey and family upon the recent death of her mother.

We are praying for these people:

Dawne . Frank . Alice

Jean . Bev . Pat

Robert . John . Sandy

Candy . Mary Ellen . John C.

John Jr. Dick . Dot

Dennis . Bobby . Carol

Tim . Kathy E. Jackie

Phyllis . Pat . Alice

Michelle . Carol

Family of Sandy Medford

Cody . Bob

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Ann . Irene Mary Ellen T.

Lynn . Emmett Maddie

Dot . Jeanette