

9:15 a.m.

Palm/Passion Sunday

Hosanna
in the highest

Welcome to Epworth and our celebration of Palm Passion Sunday. Today we begin this week called Holy. Together we will trace Jesus' last week, by experiencing the Palms, the Last Supper, and the final journey to Golgotha. Our artists for today will bring to life these three scenes and we know it will be a blessing to our worship experience. This is an invitation for all of us to experience the depth of Christ's great love for us and to listen to our call to follow Him. Thank you so much for joining us today. May your Holy Week journey be blessed!

☞The Palms☞

The branches of the palm tree served as symbols of royalty and victory in the days of King Solomon. Jesus' followers used them as symbols of hope for their King Jesus and His Kingdom. "So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Jesus crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.'" Join in the celebration!!!

Praise Gathering

Rise Up and Praise Him

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
 Let the people of God sing His praise all over the land.
 Ev'ryone in the valley come and lift your voice.
 All those on the mountaintop be glad and shout for joy!

(refrain 1) Rise up and praise Him, He deserves our love. Rise up and praise Him, worship the Holy One. With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might, Rise up and praise Him! (verse)

(refrain 2) Rise up and praise Him, He deserves our love. Rise up and praise Him, worship the Holy One. With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might. (refrain 1)

Tag: Rise up and praise Him! Rise up and praise Him! ¹

Welcome to our Lenten Journey – a few announcements / overview of Artists

Glenn

*Lesson on the Palms

Mark 11:1-11

Vicky

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."
 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Glenn

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

CONGREGATION: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”

The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

This is the Word of the Lord

§ Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message

Rev. Vicky

*Dedication of the Palms

Vicky

(Congregation are invited to hold their palms up for blessing)

God of hope, in Jesus You came to visit and redeem your people. The people spread their garments and palm branches along the way and proclaimed him King.

§ Let these palms we dedicate be a sign of our commitment to proclaim Jesus Messiah, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, through our faithful living as your disciples.

WE WILL WORSHIP THE LAMB OF GLORY

We will worship the Lamb of glory, We will worship the King of kings;
We will worship the Lamb of glory, We will worship the King.

*And with our hands lifted high, we will worship and sing;
and with our hands lifted high, we come before You rejoicing.
With our hands lifted high to the sky, when the world wonders why.
We'll just tell them we're loving our King.*

We bless the name of the Lamb of Glory, We bless the name of the King of Kings;
We bless the name of the Lamb of Glory, We bless the name of the King. {Refrain}

We give all praise to the Lamb of Glory, We give all praise to the King of Kings;
We give all praise to the Lamb of Glory. We give all praise to the King {Refrain 2X}.²

Sermon

The Palms

Rev. Vicky Starnes

*Sermon Response

OUR GOD

1. Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind.
There's no one like You, none like You.
2. Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You, none like You

Our God is greater, our God is stronger; God, You are higher than any other.

Our God is healer, awesome in power our God, our God. (verse 2, refrain 2X - instrumental)

(Bridge) And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?

And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?

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Then what could stand against? (*refrain 2X*) (*bridge*) (Tag) What could stand against? ³

✠ HOLY WEEK ✠

*Gospel Lesson

John 13:1-17

David King

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Sermon

The Rest of the Story

Rev. Glenn Catley

Sermon Response

THESE HANDS

The sun and moon and ev'ry star are there to show me who You are.

I can be sure Your fingerprints are everywhere.

My every move, my every breath were meant to point to Your greatness.

There's nothing made that was not made to show Your power.

*These hands were made to praise You, these lips were made to lift You up. I give to You my life in worship.
These feet were made to serve You, this tongue to sing of Your great love. I give to You my life in worship.*

A tender thought, a caring deed, a gift of love to one in need;
Bringing honest acts of worship to You, Lord. *(Chorus 2X)*

Lifting holy hands in worship to You, Lord;
God, receive this humble sacrifice of praise. *{Refrain} TAG: I give to You my life in worship. ⁴*

Joys & Concerns and Morning Prayer **(No Microphones this week)**

Rev. Glenn

The Lord's Prayer

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§ 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. Amen.

Invitation to Offering *Please sign the blue Connections Pad and pass it down the row.*

Glenn

*Offerings are given through cash and check, on-line giving, Texting at 302-488-0038
and by using our Giving Kiosk in the main lobby. There are Giving Cards in the pews to place in the plate, if you wish.
Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!*

Song of Offering

HELP FROM HEAVEN

There is a moment ev'ry heart needs a rescue. There is a season ev'ry soul needs a breakthrough.
Help from heaven; we all need help from heaven.

There is a whisper, a voice of hope inside you. There is an answer, a name above to guide you.
Help from heaven; we all need help from heaven. Help from heaven.

When the world is on our shoulders and we need a hand to hold us,
when no miracle is found, still believe;
When the sea of night surrounds us and all questions try to drown us,
just believe, just believe in help from heaven, help from heaven.

There is a reason these tears will not be wasted. There is a future for all these broken pieces.
Look to heaven; all we need is help from heaven, help from heaven.

When the road ahead is hidden and we need a new beginning.
When the battle's closing in, still believe,
One more step into the promise and the hands of grace that hold us,
Just believe, just believe in help from heaven.

Taking heart and holding on, hope is closer than we know.
Heaven will not let us go, help from heaven! *(Repeat section)⁵*

Don't bring offering plates up!

☞THE PASSION OF OUR LORD☞

The Plot to Kill Jesus

GLENN: It was two days before the Passover when the chief priests began looking for a way to arrest Jesus and kill him. They knew if they arrested him during the festival, the people would riot. Judas Iscariot went to the chief priests and offered to betray Jesus to them and began to look for an opportunity for his betrayal.

Peter's Denial Foretold

VICKY: When they had finished the Passover meal, Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'" Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

TO SEE THE KING OF HEAVEN FALL

1. To see the King of Heaven fall in anguish to His knees;
The Light and Hope of all the world now overwhelmed with grief.
What nameless horrors must He see, to cry out in the garden:
"Oh, take this cup away from me, Yet not me will but Yours;
Yet not my will but Yours." (*The Music continues under*)

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

GLENN: They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He threw himself on the ground and prayed, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." When he finished praying, he found his disciples and said to them, "The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. See, my betrayer is at hand."

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

VICKY: Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. He went to Jesus and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

TO SEE THE KING OF HEAVEN FALL (CONT)

To know each friend will fall away, and heaven's voice be still,
For hell to have its vengeful day upon Golgotha's hill.
No words describe the Savior's plight to be by God forsaken.
Till wrath and love are satisfied, and ev'ry sin is paid, and ev'ry sin is paid.

Jesus before the Council

GLENN: They took Jesus before the chief priests and the elders, who were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death. Many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus said, "I am."

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy!" They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so."

VICKY: Pilate had Jesus taken before the crowd at the festival, and he asked them, "What do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back,

CONGREGATION: "Crucify him!"

VICKY: Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more,

CONGREGATION: "Crucify him!"

VICKY: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, handed him over to be crucified.

TO SEE THE KING OF HEAVEN FALL (CONT)

What took Him to this wretched place? What kept Him on this road?
His love for Adam's cursed race, for ev'ry broken soul.
No sin too slight to overlook, no crime too great to carry,
all mingled in this poisoned cup, and yet He drank it all; The Savior drank it all. ⁶

The Death of Jesus

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

AT THE CROSS (LOVE RAN RED)

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies,
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide,
where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life. I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white, I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.*

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless,
where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness,
where all the love I've ever felt comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life. I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white, I owe all to You, I owe all to You.*

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground. Here I bow down, here I bow down.
Here, arms open wide, here You saved my life. Here I bow down, here I bow.

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life. I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white,
I owe all to You, Jesus.*

Savior of the world. Jesus, Savior of the world. Jesus, Savior of the world. Jesus. ⁷

☞ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ☜

*Benediction

Invitation to leave in silence

Bulletins for the month of March are sponsored by Epworth.

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- In memory of H. Douglas Jones by Gil Thompson;
- In loving memory of his mother, Bobbie, by Tom Trlica.

Stephen Ministers, wearing blue name badges, will be at each service if anyone in the Epworth family wants to talk about any life challenges.

The special Peace Candle on the Chancel shines to remind us of God's desire for peace throughout our world and our call to be God's peacemakers.

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Assisting with Today's Service

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Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee
Usher Coordinator – Worship Pathway:
9:30: Reber Whitner, Stephanie Manos, Jerry Alexander, Joy Glass, Jean Waters, Ginny Refsnider

Worship Resources

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