

The New Utrecht Reformed Church

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

1st of April 2007



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We Welcome You to our Worship!

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OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Introit "Outside the Holy City"

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalms 24, 68 & 118

Lift up, O gates, your lintels:

REACH UP, YOU ANCIENT PORTALS, THAT THE KING OF GLORY MAY COME IN.

Your solemn processions are seen, O God,

THE PROCESSIONS OF MY GOD, MY KING, INTO THE SANCTUARY—

The singers in front, the musicians last,

BETWEEN THEM CHILDREN PLAYING TAMBOURINES.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

BIND THE FESTAL PROCESSION WITH BRANCHES, UP TO THE HORNS OF THE ALTAR.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 21: 1 -9A

Following verse 9A: The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting:

(Please join in together:)

HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID!

BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST HEAVEN!

The reading continues with verses 10 - 11

*Hymn: BB716 "The King Of Glory" vs 1,2,3

Let us be before our God in silence.

Unison Prayer: from the Hosanna Rabbah (Ps 145)

**I WILL EXALT YOU, MY GOD, THE KING, AND I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOREVER AND EVER.
EVERY DAY I WILL BLESS YOU. AND I WILL LAUD YOUR NAME FOREVER AND EVER. EACH
GENERATION WILL PRAISE YOUR DEEDS TO THE NEXT AND OF YOUR MIGHTY DEEDS THEY WILL
TELL. THE SPLENDOROUS GLORY OF YOUR POWER AND YOUR WONDROUS DEEDS I SHALL
DISCUSS. AND OF YOUR AWESOME POWER I WILL SPEAK, AND YOUR GREAT-
NESS I SHALL RELATE. A RECOLLECTION OF YOUR ABUNDANT GOODNESS WILL I UTTER AND OF
YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS I WILL SING EXULTANTLY. ALL YOUR
WORKS SHALL THANK YOU, LORD, AND YOUR DEVOUT ONES WILL BLESS YOU.
OF THE GLORY OF YOUR KINGDOM I WILL SPEAK, AND OF YOUR POWER
I WILL TELL. TO INFORM HUMAN BEINGS OF YOUR MIGHTY DEEDS AND THE
GLORIOUS SPLENDOR OF YOUR REIGN. YOUR REIGN IS A REIGN SPANNING ALL
ETERNITIES, AND YOUR DOMINION IS THROUGHOUT EVERY GENERATION.
LORD YOU SUPPORT ALL THE FALLEN ONES AND STRAIGHTEN ALL THE BENT.**

Kyrie (sung) LORD HAVE MERCY UPON US. CHRIST HAVE MERCY UPON US.
LORD HAVE MERCY UPON US.

A Word of Assurance

The Summary of the Law (Mk 12: 29-31)

This is the first commandment:

HEAR O ISRAEL, THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE! THEREFORE YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.

This is the second commandment.

YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.

There is no greater commandment than these.

Anthem "The Palms" Faure

THE WORD OF GOD

*Responsive Reading: Psalm 31: 9-16

*Gloria Patri (Hymn No 623) **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, AMEN!**

The Greeting of Peace

Announcements

Children's Moment

*Hymn 174 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Jewish Scripture: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Epistle: Philippians: 2: 5- 11

Gospel: Matthew

"The Passion of Our Lord"

at the conclusion of the Passion we pause in silence and then respond aloud:

WE ADORE YOU O CHRIST AND WE BLESS YOU, BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.

Meditation

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*The Offering, Doxology (625) and Prayer

PRAISE GOD FROM ALL WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW; PRAISE GOD ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW; PRAISE GOD ABOVE YE HEAVENLY HOSTS; PRAISE FATHER (CREATOR), SON (CHRIST) AND HOLY GHOST.

The Invitation to the Table

The Communion Prayer

The Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 304 "Lift High the Cross"

*Response to the Benediction

Hymn 173 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

The Breaking of Bread

"The Blessing of the Palms"

*Benediction

Postlude

The palms and flowers gracing the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our beloved Josephine & Henry, grandparents and all our loved ones by the Safay family.

This Sunday observes the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem that was marked by the crowds, who were in Jerusalem for Passover, waving palm branches and proclaiming him as the messianic king. The Gospels tell us that Jesus rode into the city on a donkey, enacting the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9, and in so doing emphasized the humility that was to characterize the Kingdom he proclaimed. The irony of his acceptance as the new Davidic King (Mark 11:10) by the crowds who would only five days later cry for his execution should be a sobering reminder of the human tendency to want God on our own terms.



Traditionally, worshippers enact the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem by the waving of palm branches and singing songs of celebration. Sometimes this is accompanied by a processional into the church. In many churches, children are an integral part of this service since they enjoy processions and activity as a part of worship. This provides a good opportunity to involve them in the worship life of the community of Faith.

This Sunday is also known as **Passion Sunday** to commemorate the beginning of Holy Week and Jesus' final agonizing journey to the cross. The English word *passion* comes from a Latin word that means "to suffer," the same word from which we derive the English word *patient*.

Easter Dedication: Today is the last day! If you would like to dedicate Easter Lilies in

Honor or memory of a someone, please fill out the form found in the basket on the table.

Place a donation in the envelope. Today is the last day for dedications. Thanks!

Holy Week Services: Please Join Us in Communal prayer on these most holy days!

April 5th Holy/Maundy Thursday: Feet Washing & Communion 8PM

April 6th Good Friday Tenebrae Service 8 PM

April 8th Easter Sunday Communion Service 11 AM