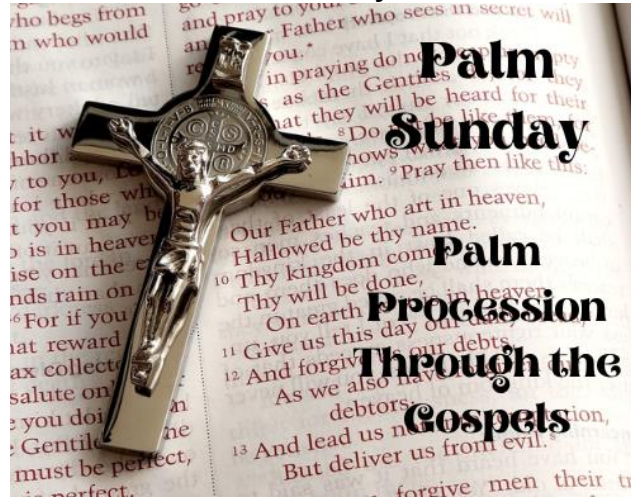


Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches
Sunday, March 24
Palm Sunday
Rock Creek 8:30AM Faith 10:30AM
Pastor Bethany Walker



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Welcome

Call to Worship

Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna and honor. Hosanna and praise. Hosanna and glory.
Honor, praise, and glory are yours. Almighty God, now and forever.
Hosanna in the highest!
In celebration, we join the crowds of old,
waving branches, giving honor to the Messiah.
Hosanna in the highest!

Blessing of the Palms

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray...
We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus
Christ. Today Jesus enters the holy city in triumph and is proclaimed Messiah
and King by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless
these branches and those who wave them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in
the way of the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Palm Procession & Opening

All Glory, Laud and Honor LBW 108

(refrain) All glory, laud and honor to you redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children, made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son. Now in the Lord's name
coming, Our King and Blessed One. (refrain)

All glory, laud and honor to you redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children, made sweet hosannas ring.

The company of angels, are praising you on high; creation and all mortals in
chorus make reply. (refrain)

All glory, laud and honor to you redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children, made sweet hosannas ring.

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went. Our praise and prayer
and anthems before you we present. (refrain)

All glory, laud and honor to you redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children, made sweet hosannas ring.

To you, before your Passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high
exalted, our melody we raise. (refrain)

Confession and Forgiveness

Our hosannas are humbled. **Our celebration is bittersweet**
for our story doesn't end here. **We know the pain of what lies ahead.**

Today anticipates the rest of the story—a story of betrayal and death,
a story of hope and resurrection.

Let us humbly confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

Lord Jesus, we are a fickle people, quick to turn away. We are quick to flock to
you when all is well, but we are prone to scatter when there is opposition or
criticism. Too often we have kept silent before you, afraid to proclaim your
praise. It is easy to join the crowd as you ride triumphantly into Jerusalem
singing our joys and expectations, dancing our hopes and dreams. It is far
more difficult to stand by you as the crowd cries for your crucifixion. Forgive
our weakness when we turn away. Strengthen us for the journey ahead as we
relive your suffering and death, that we might stay beside you to the end. Give
us the courage to shout our hosannas, not only today, but always. Amen.

The Lord is our strength and might. Jesus is our salvation. In Jesus your sins
are forgiven. In Jesus your cries are answered, your salvation is at hand.

Blessed be the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!**

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the whole 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.

Children's Message

Centering Song

Come Thou Fount by Salt of the Sound

Welcome the Word

The glory of these forty days, we celebrate with songs of praise; Through Christ, the Word, all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed. Then grant O God, that we may too, return in fast and prayer to you; Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Scripture

Palm Procession through the Gospels

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

I Love to Tell the Story LBW 390

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory,
Of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true.
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

(refrain)

I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory and tell the old, old story, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, how pleasant to repeat what seems each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the
message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (refrain)

I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory and tell the old, old story, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Faith)

Apostles' Creed (Rock Creek)

Prayers of Intercession (Rock Creek)
Lord, Listen to your Children Praying WOV 775

Peace

Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Jesus, we draw close to you in prayer. You are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

First Communion (Faith)

Words of Consecration "Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'"

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and good to give you thanks and praise, O God, because from the beginning, you invited us on a journey with you, a journey of wonders and miracles, a journey of healing and joy, a journey of mystery and prayer, a journey full of life and love. And so in thanks and praise we join our voices in the song of the angels and saints, who forever sing to you, as we say these words:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is your son, O God, our Savior Jesus Christ, who joined us on our

journey, who was so full of grace and truth that we cannot help but follow him. When his path went back to you, you sent us your Spirit to continue alongside us, to empower and inspire us to continue to be your people. To remind us that on the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, broke it, gave thanks and gave it to his disciples saying “take and eat this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Again after supper Jesus took the cup and gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying “this cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.” Now we pray that the same Spirit will be among us, and among these elements of bread and wine, that our ordinary meal will become our sacred feast, to nourish us for the next part of the journey. As we break bread together, as we drink from the same cup, unite us as people who are grateful for the journey, for each other’s company, and for your guiding presence. Hear us as we are bold to say together the prayer that Jesus taught us

Lord’s Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Giver of every gift, you are our daily bread. At this table you have fed and nourished us with your grace. Strengthen us to be your prayerful people for a weary yet hopeful world. Amen.

Blessing

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross ELW 335

Jesus keep me near the cross, there’s a precious fountain; free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.

In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever, till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.

In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever, till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me; help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever, till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever, till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Invitation to Holy Week

Passing from joy into sorrow and on to elation, we come to Christ this Holy Week. Today is only a part of the story. Jesus' triumph leads to his death, his death to his resurrection. May the journey of this week lead you out of the ordinary and into the extraordinary love of God.

Now go in peace. Holy week has begun.

Thanks be to God!

