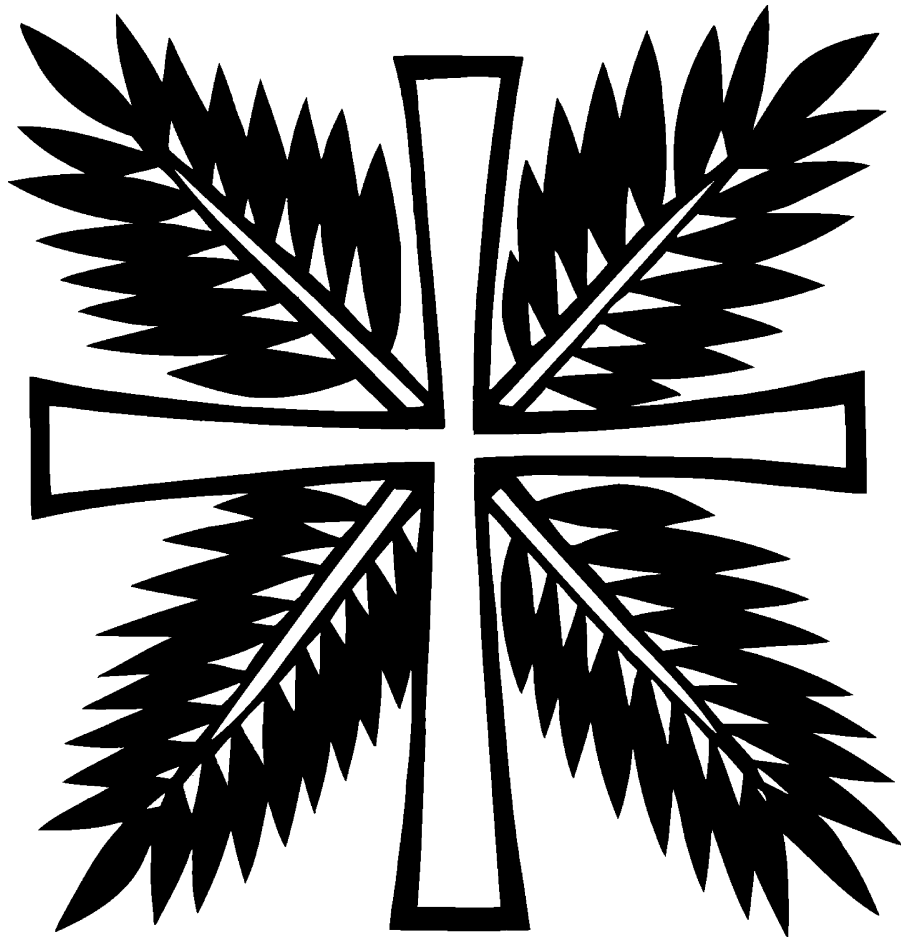


Dennison & Vang Lutheran Parish

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

Sunday, March 28, 2021



GATHERING – Procession with Palms

(All are invited to gather outside for the Procession with Palms)

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

(repeated 3 times)

Processional Gospel – Mark 11: 1-11

Before the gospel reading:

The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Following the gospel reading:

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Blessing of Palms

The Lord be with you/**And also with you**

Let us pray... **Amen**

Let us go forth in peace,

In the name of Christ. Amen

Processional Hymn – 344 - "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (vs. 1-4)

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

Hosanna in the highest!

Welcome

Children's Message

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

First Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11

A reading from Philippians.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation on Scripture

Prayer of the Day

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

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ. May we die with him and rise with him, claiming the true life which comes from you, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

"Were You There" (#353)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh . . . sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Oh . . . sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ from the Gospel of St. Mark

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Stay With Me (#348)

Stay with me, remain here with me,

Watch and pray, watch and pray.

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie)

Lord, have mercy/Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy/Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy/Lord, have mercy

Jesus Before the Council

“Ah, Holy Jesus” (#349)

Ah, Holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

That we to judge thee have in hate pretended?

By foes derided, by thine own rejected,

O most afflicted.

Peter Denies Jesus

“Ah, Holy Jesus” (#349)

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?

Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.

Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;

I crucified thee.

Jesus Before Pilate and Jesus is Crucified

Where You There? (#353)

Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?

Oh . . . sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?

The Death of Jesus

Where You There?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh . . . sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Following the gospel reading, silence is kept for reflection

Into your hands I commend my spirit

For you have redeemed me, O God of truth and love.

I trust in you, O Lord;

I say, "You are my God."

My times are in your hand;

deliver me from danger

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

all you who wait for the Lord. *(From Psalm 31)*

Stay With Me

Stay with me, remain here with me,

Watch and pray, watch and pray.

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer – pg. 154

SENDING

Benediction

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion worship notes – Following Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, which drew joyous shouts from a jubilant crowd, God's word for this day speaks of Christ emptying himself of power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable. We are invited into the agony Jesus in the reading of Jesus' passion. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, and await God's promise of new life. Holy Week will continue with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

Announcements

Vang Congregational Meeting on April 11

There will be a brief Congregational Meeting at Vang on Sunday, April 11, following the 11:00 AM service. The purpose of the Congregational Meeting is to approve two additional council members. This is to correct an incomplete ballot from the annual meeting due to incomplete information given to the nominating committee. Approving the amended ballot will be the only agenda item, so we anticipate the meeting to be very brief.

Worship Schedule:

Easter Sunday

Worship at Dennison – 9:00 AM **Reader:** Tonya Sauer

Worship at Vang 11:00 am **Reader:** Larry Enfield

Special Prayers for: Liala Hedstrom, Danny Brockton, Bob Mitchell, Nick Iverson, Norma Sands, Lowell Anderson Larry Buchta, Marianne King, Tim Larson, LuAnn Lervik, Stanley Nord, Suncha Buchta, Chuck Wells, all of our homebound people, service members and their families, and for all those in need of healing and strength.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Blessing of the Palms

Congregations across the world were asked to refrain from worshipping in person during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 to stem the spread of the deadly virus. For many, the loss was felt most sharply on Palm Sunday just as Holy Week services were scheduled to begin.

One congregation in Central Washington State worshiped in their homes that morning via conference call. They hadn't been able to distribute palms to one another, so pretending to wave imaginary branches in their own homes felt inauthentic and strange. Absent their usual practices, the pastor of the little church composed a non-traditional "Blessing of the Palms" for worship as they gathered in the safety of their homes. Instead of blessing palm branches on that Palm Sunday morning, the assembly was invited to bless the palms of their own outstretched hands.

The word *hosanna*, shouted by those witnessing Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in Mark's gospel, can be translated, "Help, please, now!" With this very word on our lips, today we are invited to lay down more than coats and leafy branches at the foot of Jesus. We are invited to lay down our very own palms just as they are.

Imagine today that the palms laid out at the feet of Jesus today are the very palms of hands we meet every day in our own community and in the world. Some of these will be cracked, old, and tired with work; others will be sweating and nervous with worry; still others might be hopeful and open, excited or twitching with anticipation. Today we are invited to lay every one of those things that excite, demand, and trouble us at the foot of Jesus with a word of "Hosanna!" on our lips.



Holy Week begins March 28 on Palm Sunday. Please mark your calendars for these Holy Week services. Please also note that all services are being planned in accordance with safety guidelines.

Palm Sunday (March 28) - 9:00 AM at Vang. Processional with Palms, and hearing the Passion story.

Maundy Thursday (April 1) – 7:00 PM at Vang – On Maundy Thursday, we remember Jesus’ last supper with his disciples. The fifth graders will receive their first communion at the Maundy Thursday service.

Good Friday (April 2) – 9:00 AM at First Lutheran and 6:00 PM at First Lutheran

We are collaborating KW area churches for Good Friday. The 9:00 AM service will be an in-person worship service at First Lutheran, and will also be recorded and available online. The 6:00 PM Good Friday service will be a community “Way of the Cross” service in the parking area at First Lutheran. Around a bonfire, there will be an outdoor worship time based on Stations of the Cross. The worship experience will feature the passion story, prayer, and music, and reflections on Jesus’ journey to the cross.

In case of rain or bad weather, there will be a Good Friday service at Vang at 6:00 PM

Easter Sunday (April 4) Dennison – 9:00 AM

Vang – 11:00 AM

Easter Breakfast – 10:00 AM at Vang. The Easter breakfast this year will be outside in the lawn area. Prewrapped baked goods, coffee, and juice will be available. Funds from the Easter Breakfast will go towards the ELCA Youth Gathering in the summer of 2022.

Easter Egg Hunt-10:00-11:00 am during the Easter breakfast on the Vang church lawn.