

**Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church  
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**Celebrating the Passion of our Lord**

**April 5, 2020**

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**Hosanna in the Highest**

**Welcome to Christ Hamilton:** worship is much different now that we cannot gather with one another in person and yet thank God for the technology that enables us to connect even if remotely to worship! Please print a copy of this bulletin so you might follow along with the video of our service: share in the responses, sing the hymns, and pray the prayers.

Know that we are praying for you, our community, nation and world as we wander the wilderness this virus has caused us to walk together. This forty day journey of Lent began with a reminder of Jesus being tempted for 40 days. We too will be tempted to think only of ourselves and our needs throughout our wandering, wondering, and walking through these next weeks and perhaps months together.

Just as Moses wandered with the Israelites as they sought the promised land – know that the staff at Christ Hamilton are walking with you as well. Call us and connect with us whenever you need. Visit us on our website: [christhamilton.org](http://christhamilton.org) and check out our Facebook page.

**Today's service:** *Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We normally wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.*

**PRELUDE**

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

J.W. KERR

**WELCOME**

## **GATHERING**

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

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.**

## **PALM SUNDAY ANNUNCIATION**

## **LUKE 19:28-40**

Minister: 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.”

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, “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.”

## **PRAYER**

Minister: Let us pray. . . . 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.

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.

**All: Amen.**

## **RESPONSE**

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

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.**

## HYMN

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor**Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais-ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais-es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tal s in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 our praise and prayer and an - them s be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.



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

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Minister: 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.

**All: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### **READING**

**Philippians 2:5-11**

Minister: A reading from Philippians, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.   **All: Thanks be to God.**

### **REFLECTION**

#### **READING OF THE PASSION**

Narrator: Janet Catina

Judas: Pastor Steve Claycomb

High Priest: Tassy Gilbert

Servant Girl 1 & 2 witnesses: Eileen Daval1

Servant girl 2 & 2 witnesses: Bonnie Claycomb

**Matthew 26:14-27:66**

Jesus: Jeff Gilbert

Peter: Rob Provitera

Pilate: John Field

# O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still.  
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear.  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

## Apostles Creed

Minister: Let us confess our faith together.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
peace to all people, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

God, our peace and our strength, we pray for our nation and the world as we face new uncertainties around coronavirus. Protect the most vulnerable among us, especially all who are currently sick or in isolation. Grant wisdom, patience, and clarity to health care workers, especially as their work caring for others puts them at great risk.

O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and purpose. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

**And we sing together.**

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.

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.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, we especially Shirley, JP and Eve.

**And we sing together.**

Be with all of those who have lost loved ones. You alone remind us that when we breathe our last, you raise us to eternal life. Grant your comforting presence to all who mourn.

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

**All: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Minister: We pray together with confidence in the words our Savior gave us.

**All: 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**

Pastor: God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**Worship Leaders**

Minister	Rev. Steven C. Claycomb
Organist	Donna Molan
Vocalists	Jeff & Tassy Gilbert
Announcements	Amanda Balas
Videographer	Ed Jones

**Please be advised:** All events, gatherings, activities and worship services will be cancelled until the coronavirus begins to abate. Stay up to date with any other Christ Hamilton information by checking our website, [www.christhamilton.org](http://www.christhamilton.org), or Facebook page.

**Sunday Bulletins:** Hard copies of the Sunday bulletin and text study will be available in the yellow Tupperware container on the front porch of the Covenant House for anyone who wishes to have one.

**Grocery shopping ministry:** During this time we are going to try and start a grocery service for our elderly shut-ins and those who are afraid to leave their homes. This will involve picking up money from someone's home, buying the items on their grocery list and then leaving full bags of groceries, along with any change on front porches—this way contact is limited. If you are interested in being a volunteer in this ministry or utilizing it for your own benefit please contact the church office 570-992-4085.

**Please check out** Pastor Steve's bible study of the upcoming week's bible lessons, as well as our Friday night family movie selection on our website, [www.christhamilton.org](http://www.christhamilton.org).

