

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

PALM SUNDAY

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

March 28, 2010 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence and turn off all electronic devices for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship.

Prelude: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
"Musique Royale"

Pethel
Wolff

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

Zechariah 9

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See your King comes to you, righteous and endowed with salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, the foal of a donkey.

He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth.

* Hymn: PH 376

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

ST. THEODULPH

* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be God,

And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

* Prayer of the Day:

Lord Jesus Christ, as your faithful disciples blessed your coming and spread their garments before you in the way of your entrance into the city of Jerusalem, covering it with palm branches, make us ready to lay at your feet all that we have and are, and to exalt you, the One who comes in the name of the Lord. And grant that after having confessed and worshiped you upon the earth, we may be among the number of those who shall hail your eternal triumph, and bear in our hands the palms of victory, when every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that you are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

* Response: PH 635

“Gloria Patri”

MEINEKE

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.

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

The Reading of the Passion of Jesus Christ from the Gospel of Matthew

Prayer of Confession:

Lord Jesus Christ, looking on you whom we have pierced, we mourn for our sins of thought, word, and deed which we have committed against your holy majesty. We have not loved you with all of our heart, nor have we humbly served one another as you have taught us. In the midst of our earthly comforts, we have forgotten the pains and mortal anguish that you endured for our salvation. Grant us a true vision of all that you suffered; your betrayal, your lonely agony, your false trial, your mocking and scourging, and your shameful death upon the cross. O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for all of our sins, and as you have given yourself utterly for us, may we give ourselves entirely to you as the Lord of our lives.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Romans 8

Reading from the Psalms:

Psalm 27 (p. 546)

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 378

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

ELLACOMBE

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave during the hymn.]

Reading from the Gospel:

Mark 11:12-21

Sermon: *A Barren Temple and a Withered Fig Tree*

Prayer

* Hymn

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

WINCHESTER NEW

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund
Faith Promise for Missions

Offertory: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Krapf

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Blessing:

Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God our Father, and the abiding fellowship and peace of the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you now and forever. **Amen.**

* Doxology: PH 501, stanza 7 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.

Postlude: "Trumpet Recessional"

Manfredini/Burkhardt

Minister: Rev. Raymond Coffey

Organ: Marie Haringa

Brass: Lucas Foppema, Brandis Haagsma, Connor Kuik, Tony Pacheco,
Duane Vanden Akker, Kyle Vanden Akker

Readers: June Bloem, Brandon Hehn, Ken Moore, Bill Thompson, Dawn Vanden Akker

Matthew's Account of the Passion of Jesus Christ

Matthew 26:57-68; 27:1, 2, 11-66

(The congregation is asked to read the parts indicated with bold print.)

Narrator: Those who arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. But Peter followed at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. But they could not find any, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'" Then the high priest said to him,

Caiaphas: "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?"

Narrator: But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him,

Caiaphas: "I charge you under oath by the living God; Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

Jesus: "It is as you say. But I say to all of you: in the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Narrator: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

Caiaphas: "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?"

Narrator: "He is worthy of death," they answered. Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him and said, "Prophecy to us, Christ. Who hit you?"

Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death. They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate, the governor. Now Jesus stood before the governor and the governor asked him,

Pilate: "Are you King of the Jews?"

Jesus: "It is as you say."

Pilate: "Do you not hear the testimony they are bringing against you?"

Narrator: But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge-to the great amazement of the governor. Now it was the governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them,

Pilate: "Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas, or Jesus, who is called Christ?"

Narrator: For he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him. While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: Do not have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

Pilate: "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"

All: "Barabbas!"

Pilate: "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"

All: "Crucify him!"

Pilate: "Why? What crime has he committed?"

Narrator: But they shouted all the louder,

All: "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Narrator: When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said,

Pilate: "I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your responsibility."

Narrator: All the people answered,

All: "Let his blood be on us and on our children."

Narrator: Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to be crucified. As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. They came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of the Skull.) There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but, after tasting it, he refused to drink it. When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachtani," which means, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" And when Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God."

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!