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In memory of

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ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
118 State Street ♦ Harrisburg, Pennsylvania



SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
PALM SUNDAY
April 1, 2012—10:00 a.m.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to St. Michael Church

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

Merciful God, your strength and courage pour forth to sustain the witness of your faithful people. Awaken in us the humility to serve wherever creation is broken and in need, that we may follow in the way of our brother, Jesus, die as he did to all that separates us from you, and with him be raised to new life. Amen.

Dear God, so much happened in the week we call "Holy." We thank you that we know there is a "happy ending." But we grieve over the suffering endured by Jesus for us. A few minutes, now, is too short of a time to grasp all that happened and the implications of each event. Help us to integrate each facet of this most holy part of Jesus' life into our lives. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year: Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God's final vindication. Mark's passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing his head, perhaps to proclaim him Messiah, and Jesus saying she has anointed him beforehand for burial. Mark's Easter story will begin with women going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God's living Anointed One.

Persons with impairments - St. Michael offers to those with any type of hearing difficulty a small, remote personal speaker which provides the user an amplified, high quality audio of the entire service. We invite our guests who may have the need for such an accommodation to ask an usher for a personal speaker. (They are available upon entering the Nave.) We welcome any comments concerning St. Michael's efforts to accommodate persons with impairments or disabilities.

An enlarged copy of the bulletin is available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

Readings for *Vigil of Easter* are:

Romans 6:3-11

John 20:1-18

Readings for *The Resurrection of Our Lord* are:

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8

Please return *The Passion of Our Lord According to Mark* booklet to the back table after service this morning.

Office hours this week will be Monday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Please make sure you check the calendar for Holy Week, and the April issue of *The Archangel* as there are many opportunities for you to worship and fellowship with St. Michael family and friends.

For the children of St. Michael and for those who are young at heart, please plan to help color and decorate eggs. On Good Friday morning at 9:00 the Ministry to Society committee will be meeting in Fellowship Hall to decorate twenty-five dozen eggs. On Easter, the eggs will be distributed to Downtown Daily Bread's clients in "Easter Bags" that are filled with the eggs and candy. The egg decorating party will be followed by an egg hunt in River Front Park and will conclude in Fellowship Hall with snacks and refreshments. If you have any questions, please see any member of MTS.

Jackie Smith contributes to the altar flower fund to the Glory of God, and in memory of Vickie Slippey's birthday. Her gift enables us to have altar flowers when there is no sponsor.

Bulletins are sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of the Candy Makers by Bob Gerberich.

Fellowship hour this morning is sponsored to the Glory of God by the Fellowship Committee.

We remember the following members and friends of St. Michael in prayer this week: Ray Border (Scarlett's grandfather) Pat Ennis Groeninger (Mike Ennis' sister), Pat Harm and Diana Pate.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Helping Hands Ministry	Today at 4:00 p.m.
Interfaith Alliance	Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Way of the Cross	Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Worship and Music Committee Meeting	Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Helping Hands Ministry	Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
Triduum Rehearsal	Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Pastor Hawkins' Day Off	Thursday
Office Opened	Thursday
Maundy Thursday Service	Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Office Closed	Friday
Easter Egg Decorating	Friday at 9:00 a.m.
Good Friday Service	Friday at 7:00 p.m.
Decorate Church for Easter	Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
Easter Vigil Service	Saturday at 8:00 p.m.
Helping Hands Ministry	Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

By water and the Spirit we are baptized into the body of Christ and made members of his church. We remember and rejoice with those who celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week: John Stoner on April 2; Keith E. Miller and Keni Atticks on April 3.

Readings for *Maundy Thursday* are:

Exodus 12:1-4[5-10]11-14
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Readings for *Good Friday* are:

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
 Psalm 22
 Hebrews 10:16-25
 John 18:1-19:42

+++GATHERING+++

As you are able, and weather permitting, please gather outside in front of the church for the Blessing of the Palms and the procession.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

MARK 11:1-11

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
 Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

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

The people raise the Palms to receive the blessing.

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 pro-

claimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. 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. **Amen.**

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

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 - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems 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.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Hosanna We Sing

Stan Pethel

Refrain



him hope of glo - ry, in him all our love.



3 In him our re - demp - tion, in him all our grace. In



Refrain
him our sal - va - tion, in him all our peace.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are *sick/homebound/imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+++SENDING+++

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements related to our participation in God's mission for the world are made prior to our being blessed and sent as workers in the Kingdom of God.

BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

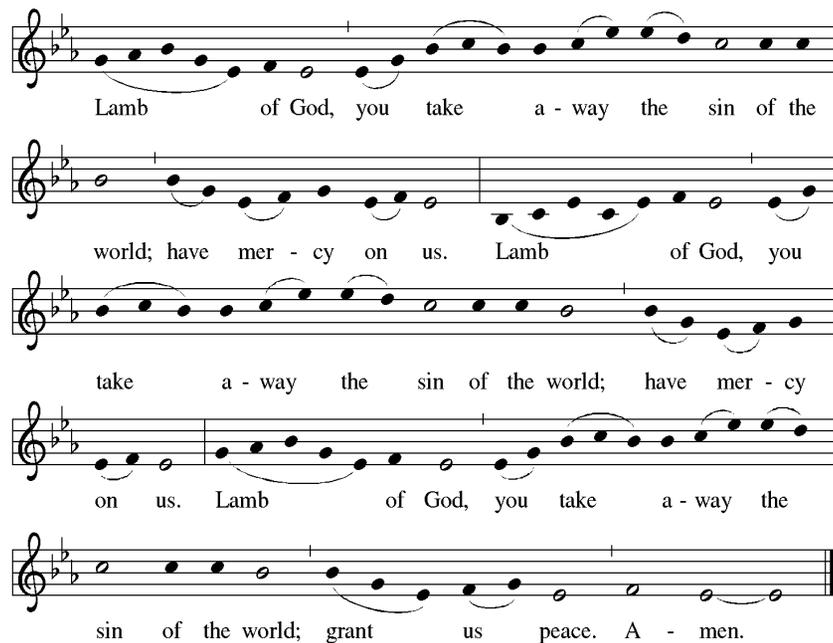
Go to Dark Gethsemane

ELW 347

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMN

For the Bread Which You Have Broken ELW 494

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Refrain
Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for us and is ris - en from the
dead. He is our sav - ing Lord; he is joy for all a - ges.
1 If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.
Refrain
If we en - dure with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.
2 In him all our sor - row, in him all our joy. In

PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, 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.

Amen.

+++WORD+++

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 50:4-9a

- ⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens —
awakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
- ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
- ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
- ⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
- ⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
- ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

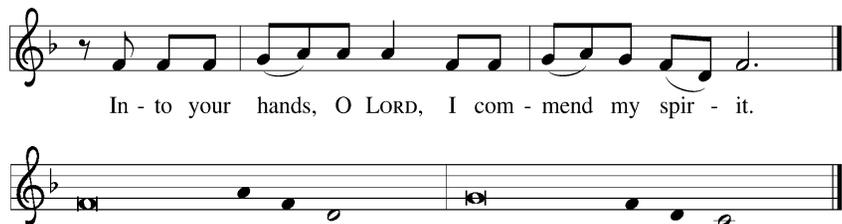
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 31:9-16

The refrain is sung by the choir, repeated by the assembly. The psalm is sung antiphonally by the cantor and assembly, beginning with the cantor. The assembly sings the refrain where marked.

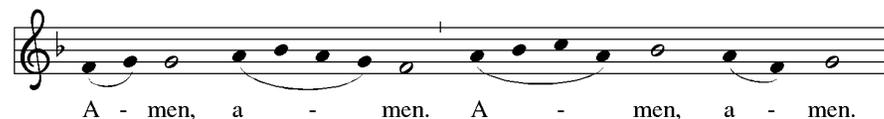


⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I¹ am in trouble;
 my eye is consumed with sorrow,
 and also my throat¹ and my belly.
¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my¹ years with sighing;
 my strength fails me because of affliction,
 and my bones¹ are consumed.**
¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,
 a dismay to¹ my acquaintances;
 when they see me in the street¹ they avoid me.
¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten,¹ out of mind;
 I am as useless as a¹ broken pot. R**
¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is¹ all around;
 they put their heads together against me; they plot to¹ take my life.
¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in¹ you, O LORD.
 I have said, "You¹ are my God.**
¹⁵My times are¹ in your hand;
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
 and from those who¹ persecute me.
¹⁶**Let your face shine up-¹ on your servant;
 save me in your¹ steadfast love." R**

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

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.



LORD'S PRAYER



COMMUNION

To receive Holy Communion come to the altar as directed by an usher. The pastor will place the Host (bread) in your open hand; an assisting minister will offer you the wine. Wine is offered either from the common cup, or in your own small glass which you can pick up from a tray at the front of the center aisle. Trays for the used glasses are at the front of the side aisles on a window sill. If you are in doubt about any direction, please look to an usher for assistance.

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.
 Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
 we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

O God of resurrection and new life:
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.
 Bless this feast.
 Grace our table with your presence.



Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
 Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
 Breathe new life into us.
 Send us forth,
 burning with justice, peace, and love.



Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
 with the earth and all its creatures,
 with sun and moon and stars,
 we praise you, O God,
 blessed and holy Trinity,
 now and forever.

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.

GOSPEL

The Passion of Our Lord According to Mark

The people remain seated until invited by the pastor to stand.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Song Is Love Unknown ELW 343, SUNG TO ELW 640

APOSTLES' CREED

**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 INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, / **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly shares the Lord's peace with those nearby.

+++MEAL+++

CHOIR ANTHEM

Behold the King

Joseph Martin

OFFERTORY HYMN

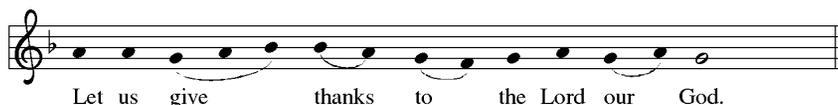
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise ELW 310

OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

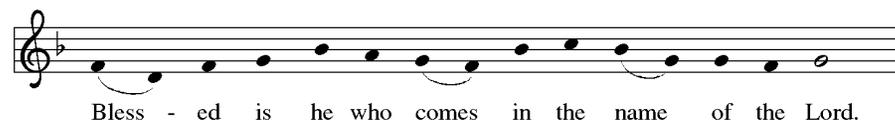
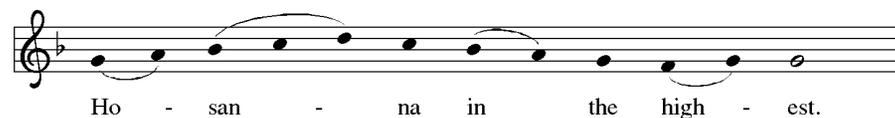
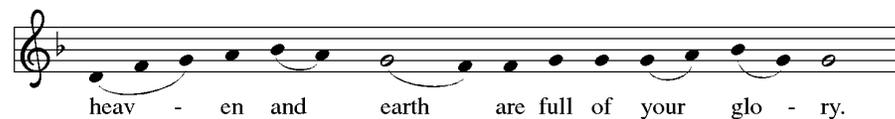
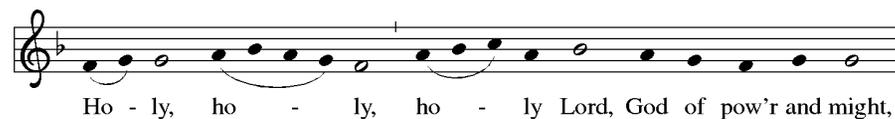
Amen.

DIALOGUE



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: