PALM SUNDAY APR 5

you hid from me, and so I called to you,
then you accused, and so I blessed you.
your heart was cold, so jealous was I for you,
you had contempt, and I just held you.

you closed your ears, so I displayed for you,
you shut your eyes, so I fed you.
you fought but I, was patient to wait for you,
you yelled and cried, while I clothed you.

you, you were not my people, but I called you my own.
you, you had been so hateful, I brought you to my home.

your mind was bent and so I sang for you,
your feet were bound, I untied you.
you could not speak, and so I taught you to,
you were so scared, but I gently drew.

you, you were not my people, but I called you my own
you, you had been so hateful, I brought you to my home
you, your own hands shed my blood, I have made you mine
you, illegitimate, uncovered, now you are my child.

you spit on me, even as I kissed you,
you struck my face, while I bathed you.
you raged, I poured my spirit all over you,
you crucified, and I let you.

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you, your own hands shed my blood, I have made you mine
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Nathan Partain

Call to Worship
Luke 19 + Psalm 92

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Play 'Luke 19'

Sheet music is available here.

“Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!"
"Peace in heaven and glo - ry
in the highest!", we shall shout

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Leader: Praise the Lord, for it is good to make music to His Holy Name.
All: Proclaim His love in the morning and His faithfulness in the evening.

The Lord makes the righteous flourish like a palm tree;
they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon planted in the house of the Lord.
They will flourish in His courts; they will still bear fruit in old age.
The Lord will cause them to stay fresh and green.

The Lord is upright, and all His works are faithfulness;
He is the rock of our salvation. Hosanna!
Praise the Lord, for it is good to give Him thanks and praise!

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Play 'Hosanna, Loud Hosanna'

Sheet music is available here.

Ho - sanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd
the vict'ry palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n, our King
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
2 Let Israel say:
"His love endures forever."

19 Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
20 This is the gate of the Lord
through which the righteous may enter.
21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

22 The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
23 the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
24 The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

25 Lord, save us!
Lord, grant us success!

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.
27 The Lord is God,

and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession

O Spirit of God, help our weakness and unbelief.
If you see in us any wrong thing encouraged, any evil desire cherished,
any delight that is not your delight, any habit that grieves you,
any nest of sin in our heart,
then grant us the kiss of forgiveness,
and teach our feet to walk the way of your commandments.

Help us to walk the holy life with firm and brave steps,
and to wrestle successfully against self-centeredness.
Teach us to praise, adore, and magnify you,
and make us a perfume of praiseful gratitude to you.

We do not crouch at your feet as a slave before a tyrant,
but exult before you as children with a father.
Give us power to live as your children, and root our hope in Christ.

- adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

Let's take a few moments to reflect silently on these words and to be directed into prayer, offering confession before the Lord, knowing forgiveness and rest are freely available in Jesus.

Receiving of Grace

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy. (from Titus 3:4-5)

Let us live in light of the gospel and receive the forgiving love of God. **Amen**.

Matthew 5:17-26

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not
come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven
and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is
accomplished. 19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these
commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the
kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called
great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness
exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of
heaven.

21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and
whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' 22 But I say to you that everyone
who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his
brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable
to the hell of fire.

23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that
your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in
front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your
gift.

25 "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it
while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to
the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be
thrown into prison. 26 Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the
last penny.

A Reflection from R.J.

Sing to Jesus

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Play 'Sing to Jesus'

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Come and see, look on this mystery
The Lord of the universe nailed to a tree
Christ our God spilling his holy blood
Bowing in anguish his sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer
Sing to Jesus, honor his name
Sing of his faithfulness, pouring his life out unto death

Come you weary and he will give you rest
Come you who mourn, lay on his breast
O Christ who died, risen in paradise
Giver of mercy, giver of life

Sing to Jesus, his is the throne
Now and forever, He is the king of Heaven
Sing to Jesus, we are his own
Now and forever, Sing for the love our God has shown

Grateful Giving

Freely you have received; freely give. (Matthew 10:8)

All we have is given to us by God. Our offerings express this joyful dependance and our commitment to join God in his work of renewal.

Whether we have much or little, God calls us to treasure and trust Him above all. So we are to give as generously as we are able, knowing that He who met our most dire need through Christ will continue to provide for every need we have. All gifts go toward ministry initiatives of All Souls and the relief of those in need.

Giving Link

Benediction

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine,
according to the power at work within us,
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, forever and ever. **Amen**. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Let us go forth and serve our world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Lord's Supper

This week, in an effort to cooperate with the state-wide 'stay at home' order and in an attempt to love our neighbors by limiting the spread of the coronavirus, we will not be hosting communion at the Loft. Please let us know how we can pray and care for you using the form linked below. If you would like to regularly pray and connect with other people in the community, you can sign up to join a prayer triad below.

Request Care

Join a Prayer Triad

Holy Week

This week we begin our journey through Holy Week, which draws our attention and imagination to Christ's last days on earth. Over the past several years we have gathered around tables in our community to eat together on Maundy Thursday, walked through the stations at Dakota Place on Good Friday to remember the moments in Jesus' journey to the cross, and reflected together on Silent Saturday when Jesus' death left the disciples wondering if God was dead, and if they were fools to trust Jesus after all.

This year, we've added a guide for meditation on Holy Wednesday and while we long to be together as in years past, we have made a together-in-spirit, yet physically-apart kit for Holy Week. Those of you who reserved your kit last week will be able to pick up it at your designated location. Those of you who would still like to participate can access the guides for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday as Lent culminates and we anticipate celebrating Easter together on Sunday.

Holy Week Kit

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