

PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA TO THE KING



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pearland, TX

Worship at 10:30 AM

Palm Sunday

Holy Communion

April 2, 2023

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Worship begins outdoors.

WELCOME – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

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

All: Hosanna in the highest.

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P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: “⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!” (Matthew 21:7-9)

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: 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. 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.

All: Amen.

A: Let us go forth in peace,
All: **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*



- 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,



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.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

GATHERING SONG *Amazing Love (You Are My King)*

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken,
I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I am alive and well, Your spirit is within me,
Because You died and rose again.

Chorus

Amazing love, how can it be?
That You, my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true.
It's my joy to honor You,
In all I do, I honor You. *(Repeat verse, Chorus x2)*

You are my King
Jesus You are my King *(Repeat x4, Chorus)*

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PRAYER – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A: 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 the Lord GOD wakens—wakens 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; ⁸the one who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16***Please read responsively.***

A: ⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my
belly.

**All: ¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with
sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my
bones are consumed.**

A: ¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a
dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they
avoid me.

**All: ¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

A: ¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my
life.

**All: ¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.**

A: ¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those
who persecute me.

**All: ¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

A: ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who,
although being in the form of God, did not regard equality with
God as something to be exploited, ⁷but relinquished it all, 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.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Amazing love, how can it be?
That You, my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true.
It's my joy to honor You,
In all I do, I honor You.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:1-17

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵"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." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!" ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee." ¹²Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers." ¹⁴The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry ¹⁶and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths

of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?" ¹⁷He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

SERMON – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

SONG OF THE DAY

Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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APOSTLES' CREED

P: Joining together let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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 INTERCESSION

A: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church,
the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every
time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a
servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings
to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has
purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor
in the fields, service animals who accompany their human
companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to those affected by the Nashville school shooting. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for your saints of old who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

The ministry of New Life Lutheran Church is made possible through the tithes, gifts, and offerings of the people. We encourage you to give as an act of worship today. You can offer a gift by texting to 281.864.3278, adding a dollar amount to the message box, and send. A link will appear for a one time set up. Once it is set up, it takes seconds to give again. You can also give through our website by scanning the QR code on the pew.

OFFERTORY – New Life Houseband

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: 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: 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.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.

P: Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God.

SHARING THE MEAL

Everyone is welcome to receive Jesus in bread and wine. This is Jesus' table and he welcomes all. Pre-filled communion packets are available in the Narthex if you would prefer to receive communion that way. Everyone else is invited to come down the center aisle maintaining two continuous lines. You will receive a piece of bread with the words, "The body of Christ given for you," and you can respond with, "Amen." Remain on the side of the section of pews you are sitting in. You will receive an individual cup of either wine (red) or grape juice (clear) with the words, "The blood of Christ shed for you," and you can respond with, "Amen." There is a basket available for your empty cup. You will then return to your pew from the side aisle.

COMMUNION SONG *At the Cross*

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood, comes flowing down

Chorus

At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood, comes flowing down (*Chorus*)

Here my hope is found. Here on holy ground
Here I bow down, here I bow down
Here arms open wide. Here You saved my life
Here I bow down, here I bow (*Chorus*)

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BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you,
strengthen you, and keep you in God's grace.

All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the
goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your
promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and
touch the world with your love.

All: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

BLESSING

P: God, the giver of love, ☩ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG *The Wonderful Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all (*Chorus*)

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve in love.

All: Thanks be to God.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Today is Palm Sunday: April 2

Traditional Worship: 8:00 AM

Sunday School: 9:15 AM

Contemporary Worship: 10:30 AM

Welcome Rebecca McDonald: Please say hello to Rebecca, our new Director of Worship and Music! We are very excited to welcome her to the New Life family.

Welcome Marissa Zuniga: We are excited to welcome Marissa as our new administrative assistant. Her first day in the office will be Monday, April 3.

Easter Lilies: Sign up sheet to order Easter lilies is in the narthex.

Good Friday Fish Fry: April 7 from 4:30-6:30 PM. Menu: fried fish, coleslaw, french fries, hush puppies. Cost: free will donations to support summer camps for youth.

Children's Easter Party: Everyone is invited to the Easter Party on Saturday, April 8 at 11:00 AM. Candy donations are appreciated!

Easter Sunday Brunch: Join us for brunch at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall on Easter morning. Coffee, juice, and pastry items will be provided. You're welcome to bring other breakfast food to share. Sign up sheet to bring food is in the narthex. Free will donations to support summer camps for youth will be accepted.

Holy Week Schedule:

Maundy Thursday, April 6 – Worship at 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 7 – Fish Fry at 4:30-6:30 PM; Worship at 7:00 PM

Easter Party, Saturday, April 8 – Food, fun, egg hunt, and games at 11:00 AM

Easter Sunday, April 9 – Worship at 8:00 and 10:30 AM; Brunch fundraiser at 9:15 AM

Mission Trip Fundraiser: Everyone is invited to a Mexican food dinner and silent auction on Saturday, April 22 at 4:00 PM that will raise money for the mission trip to New Orleans. Hear music from Bubba Flowers! See Korie Williams to volunteer.

Today's Worship Leaders (10:30 AM)

Assisting Minister

Evelyn Baldauf

Communion Assistants

Tamsey Mims, Linda Hudgens

Usher

Cathy Scott

Technology

Korie Williams

Altar flowers are given by Mary Ann Marcha in celebration of the Castillo sisters' birthdays, Mary Ann, Rosalie, and Linda.