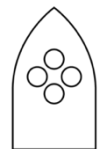


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WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors	Kristen Capel, Steven Delzer
Organist	Julie Urban
Lector	Christine Hurney
Sound	Dana Lonn

In our prayers this week: Casey Austad, Linda Austad, Jerry Casterton, Christopher Ferguson,
Lyn Gulbranson, Rich Gronner, Jennifer Harris, Dee Levine, Katie Slingsby, and Blanca
Raniolo's sister Nelly.

In-person worship in the Sanctuary, Sundays, at 10:00 am
Adult Forum in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am
Sunday School in the Nokomis Room at 9:00 am
Confirmation in the Youth Room at 9:00 am
Masks are required

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NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

APRIL 10, 2022

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

10:00 A.M.

THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS

POSTLUDE

“Andante on ‘All Glory, Laud and Honor’”

Burkardt

WELCOME

LITANY OF PALMS

BASED ON PSALM 95

LEADER: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation.

ALL: **Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

LEADER: Let us come before God with thanksgiving
and extol God with music and song.

ALL: **Hosanna in the highest heavens!**

LEADER: For the Lord is the great God,
the great ruler above all gods.

ALL: **Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

LEADER: Come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

ALL: **Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!**

THE GOSPEL

John 12:12-24

LEADER: The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!” Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

LEADER: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

ALL: **Hosanna in the highest!**

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

LEADER: Let us pray:

God of all creation,
we praise you for your love shown to us in Jesus Christ;
whose revolution of mercy turned water into wine,
gave sight to the blind, and
brought justice to those who, by the world, were set aside and cast out.
We praise you,
for though you could have come with all the might of an empire,
you chose instead to kneel and wash the feet of your friends.
We wave these palms,
knowing the irony that though we hail you as King,
you prefer the role of servant.
Though we gather in crowds shouting "Hosanna!"
you prefer intimate gardens, quiet conversation, and hidden acts of kindness.
Bless these palms, and those who carry them.
As we raise and wave them, may they be symbols of protest,
reminding us that you came to topple empires
and shine your light on the injustices
that tear this world and its people apart.
We praise you, O God,
and we pray for the courage and faith to follow where you lead.
In the name of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

ALL: **Amen**

LEADER: Let us go forth in peace.

ALL: **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.

GREETING

LEADER: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

ALL: Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: O God,
as we enter into this holiest of weeks,
turn our hearts toward you,
that in your suffering, we might understand the consequences of injustice;
in your dying, we might know the depths of your love;
and in your rising, we might witness the earth-turning promise
you share with all creation. Amen

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sara Birkeland

SONG

"A Song of Blessing"

Nelson/Weins

SERMON

Pastor Steve Delzer

SONG (st. 1-2)

"Great God, Your Love Has Called Us"

ELW 358

1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your

love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty

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LEADER: God of creation, as the earth thaws, and seasons turn from winter to spring, we are reminded of the wisdom of the earth. Help us to care for your creation, that the earth will continue the cycle of providing sustenance and life.

Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: **We turn to you, O God.**

LEADER: God of love, we pray for all who have been persecuted for any reason. We pray especially for the LGBTQIA+ community, who continue to face a world that cannot put love first. Help us to love with your love and see your reflection in all people.

Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: **We turn to you, O God.**

LEADER: God of all, we pray for those who seek your face, that you will hear their prayers and make yourself known. We remember today our Muslim neighbors, in this month of Ramadan, in search of truth and holiness. Protect those who fast through long, bright days, and join them in the rest and refreshments of this season. Reveal yourself in truth and grace and peace.

Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: **We turn to you, O God.**

LEADER: God of healing, our world is weary of COVID, yet millions still suffer its devastating effects. Help us to be gentle with one another as we navigate a continuing pandemic. Be with all who suffer from illness of body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for... (*members and friends in need of prayer*).

Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: **We turn to you, O God.**

LEADER: Almighty God, we turn to you. Shine your light. Transform our world. Guide us in the way shown by Jesus, the Word made flesh, living among us. In the name of God our Creator, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter, we pray.

ALL: **Amen**

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains two measures of music. The first measure is marked with a '1' above it and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The second measure is marked with a '2' above it and contains the notes B4, A4, G4, and F#4. Below the first staff is the lyrics: "Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion." The second staff contains two measures of music. The first measure contains the notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The second measure contains the notes B4, A4, G4, and F#4. Below the second staff is the lyrics: "Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in - vi - ta - tion."

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

LEADER: The peace of Christ be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

GENEROSITY MOMENT

There are many ways to support Nokomis Heights. You can drop cash or a check into the offering plate in the entry as you leave or mail a check to the church office. You can pick up a pledge card in the front entry and make a plan for weekly or monthly giving. You can also donate online at nokomisheights.org/give. The easiest way to make a donation to Nokomis Heights, though, is to use the Vanco Mobile app. Thank you for your generosity. Your contributions spread love throughout our community.

SONG (st. 1 and 3)

"Build a Longer Table"

ACS 1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

OFFERING PRAYER

ALL: **God of abundance,**
receive these gifts of our hearts and lives,
and use them to build the biggest table imaginable,
that all might be fed and live together in peace. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TURNING TOWARD THE CROSS

LEADER: Throughout Lent,
we have watched Jesus
turn toward the stench of the grave,
raising Lazarus from death to life,
turn toward servanthood,
washing the feet of his friends,
turn toward the cross,
staring death in the face.
Now, in this holiest of weeks,
we turn with Jesus,
observing,
remembering,
praying,
grieving,
giving thanks
for Jesus,
who turns toward suffering and death
for the sake of all creation.

ALL: **Amen**

BENEDICTION

HYMN (st. 1-3)

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

ELW 343



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es
4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might
stow; the world that was his own would not its
sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas
way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I that
Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my
to our king. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” is
life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to



for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

SENDING

LEADER: Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Moment of silence

POSTLUDE

“Love Unknown”

Osterland

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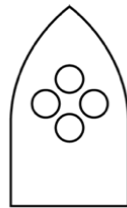
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