

Welcome!

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“A Fellowship of
Hope, Teaching,
Serving, and
Proclaiming”

Pastor

Mike Burdick

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

Welcome

We welcome you to God's Service in worship at St. John's, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Little Children's Worship bags are available in the Atrium.
- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5th floor.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God's Kingdom.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card. They will be collected by ushers after the sermon. Thank you!**
- Share prayer requests using the yellow cards in the pews.

Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's	The Body of Christ
Rev. Mike Burdick.....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Carrie Collier.....	Preschool Director
Ms. Jerry Starner	Organist
Mrs. Melissa Goldstein & Lilli Wernsing.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30am Music
Mason & Max Stewart, Aleece & Evan Lotz, & Avery Bohnhoff	Acolytes
Mr. Ray Hartman	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Keith Knight.....	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis.....	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Keith Knight 217-821-6719.....	Elder on Duty for April 3 – April 7
Chatelain School & Baja School	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins.....	Stephen Ministry Leader
Mrs. Julie Scott	(1-217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions	through our District and Synod

As We Gather

Today is a very special day. This is true not only because it is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week; today is a very special day because the Word of God is proclaimed in our hearing. In this present hour, in this very house of the Lord, His Word delivers to us the saving work of Jesus. Far from being a detached dispatch from a distant deity, this Word of God is living and active, inspired by the life-giving Spirit who, this very day, brings us to the King who humbled Himself by becoming “obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:8). As we gather again in the presence of our crucified and risen King, may we join with the ancients and say, “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24).

You will find the songs for our 10:30am Service in italics.

“How Can I Keep From Singing”?

Preservice #1

*There is an endless song
Echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though storms may come
I am holding on
To the rock I cling*

*How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough?
How amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing*

*I will lift my eyes
In the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with You
Knowing You see me through
And sing the songs You give*

*How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough?
How amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing*

*I can sing in the troubled times
Sing when I win
I can sing when I lose my step
And I fall down again*

*I can sing 'cause You pick me up
Sing 'cause You're there
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord
When I call to You in prayer*

*I can sing with my last breath
Sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels
And the saints around the throne*

*How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough?
How amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?*

*I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart
I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart
I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing*

“Glorious Day”

Preservice #2

*One day when Heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He
Word became flesh and the light shined among us
His glory revealed*

*Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He’s coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day*

*One day they led Him up Calvary’s mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me*

*Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He’s coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day*

*One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose, over death He had conquered
Now He’s ascended, my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him
From rising again*

*Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He’s coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day, oh glorious day*

*One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the skies with His glories will shine
Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing
My Savior, Jesus, is mine*

*Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day
oh glorious day, oh glorious day*

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PALM SUNDAY



Call to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Procession of Palms

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

Collect

P Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Holy Gospel

John 12:12–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord.

Hymn #443 (*all services*)

1 Hosanna, 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.

3 “Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heav’n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

2 From Olivet they followed
Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor 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.

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P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest!

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Based on Philippians 2:5–11; Psalm 118:23

P Lord Jesus, on this day when we remember Your entry into Jerusalem as King and Savior, we walk with You to Your cross, where Your righteousness is given to all who believe. Search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

We take a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.

P With humble hearts, let us pray together.

C **Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.**

P You reign over all things and yet humbled Yourself for our salvation.

C **We confess that our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is the reason why You entered into this world.**

P It is why You passed through the gates of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and why You laid down Your life upon Calvary's cross on Good Friday—

C **to forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.**

P With hearts that are humble and lives that are grateful, help us to receive Your grace and bow before You in worship,

C **confessing that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, shows His mercy to us in the sending of His only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords. The One who entered into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was handed over to death upon the cross so that we may be reconciled to the Father and granted His remission, full and free. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Because of our King's mercy, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

C **"This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."**



Blake Michael Higgs

is baptized into Christ today in our 10:30am Service.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 34:1–9

¹The LORD said to Moses, “Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. ²Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. ³No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain.” ⁴So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. ⁵The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.” ⁸And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. ⁹And he said, “If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 118:19–29

P Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

C This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

P I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

C The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

P This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

C This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

C Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

P We bless you from the house of the LORD.

C The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.

P Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

C You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You.

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

C for His steadfast love endures forever!

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Verse

Philippians 2:8b

P Jesus humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,

C even death on a cross.

Holy Gospel

John 12:20–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh chapters.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” ³⁵So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰“He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,
and understand with their heart, and turn,
and I would heal them.”

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn #441

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

“Blessed Redeemer”

(10:30) Sermon Song

*Up Calvary’s mountain one dreadful morn
Walked Christ my Savior, weary and worn
Facing for sinners death on the cross
That He might save them from endless loss*

*Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer
Seems now I see Him on Calvary’s tree
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading
Blind and unheeding, dying for me*

*Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer
Seems now I see Him on Calvary’s tree
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading
Blind and unheeding, dying for me*

*Oh how I love Him, Savior and friend
How can my praises ever find end
Through years unnumbered on Heaven’s shore
My songs shall praise Him forevermore*

*“Father, forgive them,” my Savior prayed
Even while His lifeblood flowed fast away
Praying for sinners while in such woe
No one but Jesus ever loved so*

*Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer
Seems now I see Him on Calvary’s tree
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading
Blind and unheeding, dying for me*

*Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer
Seems now I see Him on Calvary’s tree
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading
Blind and unheeding, dying for me, dying for me*

*Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer
Seems now I see Him on Calvary’s tree
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading
Blind and unheeding, dying for me*

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Sermon

"A New Beginning"

Exodus 34:1-9

Offering

Holy Week Exhortation



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26; Psalm 118:23

P Because of Jesus' blessing, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

C "This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

"Your Grace Is Enough"*(10:30) Closing Song*

*Great is Your faithfulness Oh God
 You wrestle with the sinner's heart
 You lead us by still waters and to mercy
 And nothing can keep us apart*

*So remember Your people
 Remember Your children
 Remember Your promise
 Oh God*

*Your grace is enough
 Your grace is enough
 Your grace is enough for me*

*Great is Your love and justice God
 You use the weak to lead the strong
 You lead us in the song of Your salvation
 And all Your people sing along*

*So remember Your people
 Remember Your children
 Remember Your promise
 Oh God*

*Your grace is enough
 Your grace is enough
 Your grace is enough for me*

*Your grace is enough
 Your grace is enough
 Your grace is enough for me*

*So remember Your people
 Remember Your children
 Remember Your promise
 Oh God*

*Your grace is enough
 Your grace is enough
 Your grace is enough for me*

*Your grace is enough
 Heaven reaching down to us
 Your grace is enough for me
 God I see Your grace is enough
 I'm covered in Your love
 Your grace is enough for me
 For me*

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Postlude**Maundy Thursday w/Holy Communion**

April 6 at 12:15pm
 6:30pm (Stripping of Altar)

Good Friday

April 7 at 12:15pm and 6:30pm

The Resurrection of Our Lord w/Holy Communion

April 9 at 6:00am, 8:00am, and 10:30am

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