

THE SCRIPTURE READING

St John 19:16b-25

- 16b So they took Jesus;
17. and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.
18. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.
19. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.'
21. Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.
21. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, 'Do not write, "The King of the Jews", but, "This man said, I am King of the Jews."'
22. Pilate answered, 'What I have written I have written.'
23. When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top.
24. So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.' This was to fulfill what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.'
25. And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SERVING THE LORD

Liturgist: Sue Thumma
Ushers: Mike & Judy Gorthy, Rick & Cassie Foley
Greeters: Verna Gould, Vicki Sharpe
Counters: Sharon Arvidson, Verna Gould, Ruth Ann Wrona
Trustee for April: Becky Bastuk (back-up Gary Boots)
Communion Stewards: Pat Gruber, Sandy Houtman
Fellowship Time April 1: Curt & Beth Moe, Dick & Carol

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April 1 Kay Crawford
April 2 Alecia Bauerle
April 2 Hunter Merillat
April 5 Ron Vandenberg



*Altar flowers are given by
Ron Vandenberg in Memory
Of Harold Vandenberg*

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Pastor Cutting's Blog.*

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*The Order
Of
Divine Worship*

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Palm Sunday

April 1, 2012

10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* THE HYMN No. 280 (stanzas 1-3)

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

* THE ACT OF PRAISE

Morning after morning, God grants us a new day;
wake up to the joys and challenges life presents.

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

God equips us to face whatever the day may hold;
watch and listen as God offers to teach us.

We gather, seeking a blessing in the name of God.

We come, thanking God for the gift of salvation.

See the gates of righteousness thrown open for us;
enter to praise God's marvelous works.

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

THE HYMN No. 280 (stanzas 4-5)

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We stand together, mighty God, for you have sustained us through weary days and anguished nights. We join the shouts of welcome, "Blessed is the one who comes in God's name. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." This is a day of celebration. There is joy in the air. We have witnessed the transforming power of Jesus' compassion. But there are ominous overtones. There are voices that say peace is a mirage and love will not endure. We cling to our faith that your steadfast love embraces life and death, that we are surrounded and upheld by your goodness. Meet us here, we pray. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD St John 19:14-30

THE ANTHEM Chancel Choir

"He Stood before the City"

GREETING

(Please place your prayer cards in the baskets at this time)

THE HYMN No. 213

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

THE MESSAGE The Rev. Anthony N. Cutting

"The Crucifixion"

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore let us confess our faith as contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

**I Believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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,

Is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and will come again 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**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn;

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
(Repeat)***

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. (Repeat)

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

Hosanna in the highest. (Repeat)

...And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Uplifting the bread and cup

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

(Communion Hymns Nos. 277, 191, 170, 362)

* GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD No. 94

* THE CLOSING HYMN No. 278

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

* THE DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING