

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service Bulletin

Palm Sunday

April 13th, 2025

P: Pastor

L: Liturgist

C: Congregation

Congregation gathers outside the front of the church for the reading of the processional gospel. Procession with boughs.

Processional Gospel: Luke 19: 28-40

GATHERING

Welcome/Land Acknowledgment/Affirming Statement

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. (x3)

C: Hosanna in the highest. (x3)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading – Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

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

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.

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

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.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, “You are my God.**

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

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”**

Second Reading – Philippians 2:5-11

(All who are able, please rise.) Gospel Acclamation – **C: – Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above ev’ry name. (Phil. 2:8-9)**

Gospel – Luke 23:1-49

SERMON

APOSTLES’ CREED – ELW pg. 105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory Prayer

Lord's Prayer – ELW pg. 112

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favour and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace and Love. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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OSLC Calendar of Events:

April 13, 2025 – 9:45 AM – Traditional worship - Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 – 11:30 AM – **SAVE THE DATE- Annual General Meeting**

April 20, 2025 – 9:45 AM – Worship of Holy Communion - Easter Sunday

April 27, 2025 – 9:45 AM – Worship of Holy Communion with Bishop Larry

April 27, 2025 – 11:00 AM – Visit with Bishop Larry and discussion on next steps for congregation (lunch provided)

May 4, 2025 – 9:45 AM – Traditional worship

Youth Group: Every Sunday, 5:00-8:00 PM - 2SLGBTQIA+ and Allies Youth Group for ages 15-29.

Loose Threadz (quilters): Every Tuesday, 9:30-3:30PM- in church basement. Contact church for details.

PG Cantata Singers- Handel's Messiah: April 19, 2025- 2:00 PM- Knox Performance Center- Sing-a-long. By donation.

Offering / Giving:

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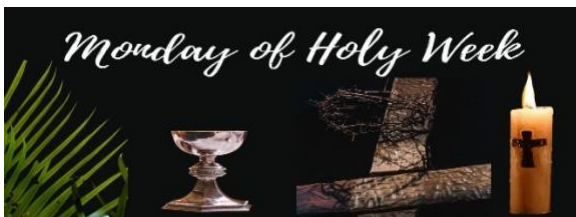
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**St. Michael and All Angels and Grace
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British Columbia**

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Monday, April 14th, 2020 ~ Monday in Holy Week (Grace Church) —7:00 pm
“Holy Eucharist—Filled with the Fragrance of Perfume”



Tuesday, April 15th, 2025 ~ Tuesday in Holy Week (St. Michael’s) — 7:00 pm
“Holy Eucharist Service—We wish to see Jesus”



Wednesday, April 16th, 2025 ~ Wednesday in Holy Week (Grace Church) — 7:00 pm
“Tenebrae Service—One of you will betray me”



Thursday, April 17th, 2025 ~ Maundy Thursday (St. Michael’s) —7:00 pm
The Washing of Feet, Holy Eucharist, and the stripping of the altar



Friday, April 18th, 2025 ~ Good Friday (Grace Church) —3:00 pm
“Good Friday Service—The Seven Last Words from the Cross”



Saturday, April 19th, 2025 ~ Holy Saturday (St. Michael’s) —7:00 pm
“The Easter Vigil Service—In Stillness the Earth awaits the Resurrection”

READINGS FOR THE DAY

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FIRST READING – Isaiah 50:4-9a

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 he awakens—
awakens 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; he 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?

L: Word of God, word of life
C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that
was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of
God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
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.

L: Word of God, word of life
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING – Luke 23: 1-49

C: Glory To You, O Lord

¹ Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ² They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.” ³ Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.” ⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.” ⁵ But they were insistent and said, “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷ And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹ He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the

scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹² That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶ I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

¹⁸ Then they all shouted out together, “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!” ¹⁹ (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰ Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹ but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” ²² A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” ²³ But they kept urgently

demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵ He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

²⁶ As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸ But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right

and one on his left. ³⁴ [Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a

loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."
Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." ⁴⁸ And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

P: The gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O Christ