



*Blessed is the one
who comes in the
name of the Lord.*

Matthew 21:9



Sunday, April 5, 2020

Live Stream via

facebook.com/salcwausau

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-11

GATHERING

The Live Stream will be “on” and running as we prep for worship. As you settle into a comfy place, find something nourishing to be with you: light a candle, hold a cup of coffee, snuggle a pet or stuffed animal.

Acclamation and Blessing of Palms

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

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.

Amen.

Gathering Song

“All glory, Laud, and Honor”

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,

to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

3 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. *Refrain*

5 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Children's Sermon

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 50:1-9a

Psalm 31:9-60

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. R

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 up- | on your servant;**

save me in your | steadfast love." R

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(Not Printed)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

No. 334

1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,
there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.

3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me. *Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Prayers of the People

As we pray for the different categories spoken, share a prayer or a person to pray for by writing it in the comments below. We will create these prayers together in the live stream and the response will be:

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

Offering Moment

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

PASSION READING

SENDING

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace, Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A word about Pastoral Care

Pastor Jeff, Pastor Justin, and Pastor Jenn are available for previously scheduled and emergent pastoral care via e-mail, phone, zoom, or facetime. Please contact them directly if you have pastoral care like pre-marital work or regular conversation to receive a link for a Zoom conversation. We are in touch with local chaplains and are learning that visits are not allowed at many facilities. Thank you for your patience as we learn a new way to minister during this time.

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Worship via Facebook Live Stream

Join us on Facebook live for worship 12:15 on Wednesdays and 9:00 am on Sundays. **You do not need a Facebook account to join in worship.** If you do have a Facebook account and "like" the Saint Andrew Facebook Page, you should receive a notification at the beginning of the live stream. These services will remain available on our Facebook page under the "videos" tab along the left side of the page. Watch whenever you can, and feel free to leave comments, prayers, or responses during the viewing.

Thank you for your offerings and continued support!

Now more than ever we are grateful for a gift of any amount you might share to further support the ministry of Saint Andrew. What you share makes a difference as we seek to be "open to all" in this time when many feel isolated. To share an offering, mail an envelope to church at 150202 County Road NN, Wausau WI 54401 or give online at www.salc-wausau.org/giving. Signing up for TOE (Transfer Offering Electronically) is another option for giving. It's as simple as giving the church office a call with your bank information. You can also give through the "Give Plus" app by Vanco. For the many ways you give, thank you.

Zoom Bible Studies

Stay tuned! We are living into this new reality but hope to get some time for conversation around for God's word up for all of you. In the meantime, you might download the free Zoom app on your smart phone, tablet, or computer. The app is free and can be found from wherever you get your apps or by checking out <https://www.zoom.us/>

Christ in our Homes

Christ in Our Home is a quarterly devotional resource that encourages readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day that follows the Revised Common Lectionary.

With the outbreaks of coronavirus disease 2019 in North America and around the

world many people may be without a physical copy of *Christ in Our Home*. To assist with devotional life during this time, we are offering a limited-time complementary email subscription. Sign up and they will deliver the daily devotional to your email at 4am Central Time for the remainder of March and April 2020. For more details click here.

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APRIL 5, 2020
PALM/PASSION
SUNDAY



God shows divine love through humiliation.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 21:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem
Monday	Matthew 26:14–27:66	Jesus' trial and crucifixion
Tuesday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	The servant's humiliation
Wednesday	Philippians 2:5-11	Christ shows us true humility
Thursday	John 13:1-35	Jesus washes disciples' feet
Friday	John 18:1–19:42	Jesus suffers and dies
Saturday	Psalms 31:9-16	Prayer for protection
Sunday	Matthew 28:1-10	Christ's resurrection

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[B]ut [Jesus Christ] emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. **Philippians 2:7-8 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful God, free us to trust that the humiliation Jesus experienced from the cross is the path to hope for the world and the source of true power, true faith, and true love. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for the gift of each day and for this food. May we enjoy the day with courage, faith, and love. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the face of God shine on you and save you through Christ's steadfast love. (Psalm 31:16)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!



WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How do you show others that you care for them?
- How have others shown care for you?
- Jesus died on a cross. How is this act of God a sign of love?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 26:14–27:66.

Many theories have been put forward in the history of the church to state why Jesus had to die to be our Savior. However, one point is clear in the Bible: Jesus' death shows the depth of God's love, a love that is willing to experience a form of slavery, humiliation, and excruciating death, even death on a cross (Philippians 2:8). Crosses have become forms of jewelry and part of other art forms that point to Jesus' death. However, neither the jewelry nor other art come close to the pain and humiliation that God in Christ endured to indicate the character of who God is for us. Jesus is not only Emmanuel, God with us, in humiliation and death. Jesus also joins our human existence by making our deepest prayer his prayer: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46). God in Christ Jesus joins our life experience and from the cross stretches out his arms to say, "I love you this much." When you see someone wearing a cross, what does it mean to you?

Pray: **Loving God, you stop at nothing to show us your divine character and the depths of your love. Help us to know and to trust the power of your love for us through Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE



"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). To have a mind like Jesus means to be humble and not selfish but selfless. Such humility opens our lives to care for others. In what ways are you a servant to others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



If you received palms during worship, take them home. As we begin Holy Week, say the **ACTS** prayer of giving praise to God (**A**doration), asking God's forgiveness (**C**onfession), giving thanks to God (**T**hanksgiving), and asking God's help for those in need (**S**upplication) as you light all six purple candles on the Lenten Candle Cross. After lighting the candles, hold a palm and wave it in your hand as you say, "**Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**" (Matthew 21:9b)



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org