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**S.A.L.T. Parish**

***April 2, 2023***

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## Palm Sunday ~ April 2, 2023~

**Faith & First**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

P: Lent is a season of transformation. The cross calls us to die to selfish ways and rise to new life in Christ. Yet, we are resistant to change. Let us go before God and confess the ways we fail to live as Easter people.

P: Transforming God, we confess that we often turn away from you and turn toward behaviors that yield brokenness in our lives. We let our emotions get the best of us. We ignore the cries of the poor. We waste our resources to acquire unnecessary things. Forgive us, God. Teach us compassion and self-sacrifice. May our words and deeds be manna to those who hunger for justice and mercy. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ +, I declare that your sins are forgiven.
Amen.

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**Hymn of the Day *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*** LBW #108 ELW #344

*During the singing of “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” please come forward for your palms.*

***Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
 to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.***

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

Vs. 2 The company of angels is praising you on high;
 creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. ***[Refrain]***

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

**Greeting** LBW pg. 57 ELW pg. 138

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.***

**Kyrie** LBW pg. 57 ELW pg. 138

 P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

 ***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

 ***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

 ***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

 ***C: Lord, have mercy.***

 P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

 ***C: Amen.***

## Prayer of the Day Celebrate Insert

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.

## First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a Celebrate Insert

*The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.*

## 4 The 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 wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. 5 The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. 6 I 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. 7 The 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; 8he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. 9 It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

**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. Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit.**

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." Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit.**

**Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11**

*Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.*

5Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but 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. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel Acclamation** LBW pg. 63 ELW pg. 142

Return to the Lord, you God, for he is gracious and

Merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in

Steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

**Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11** Celebrate Insert

1When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. 3If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." 4This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

 5"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

6The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

 "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in highest heaven!"

10When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" 11The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day *“Go to Dark Gethsemane”*** LBW #109 ELW #347

Vs.1 Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter’s pow'r;
 your Redeemer’s conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
 turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Vs. 2 Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;
 oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
 Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

Vs. 3 Calv'ry’s mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
 mark the miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete.
 “It is finished!” hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

Vs. 4 Early hasten to the tomb where they laid his breathless clay:
 all is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away?
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

**Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

**Prayers of the People**

**“*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying***” WOV #775 ELW #752

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God,**receive our prayer.**

Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful (*especially*).

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for your saints of old who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**“*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying***” WOV #775 ELW #752

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

**Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

***C: And also with you.***

**Offering *“We Give Thee but Thine Own” vs. 1*** LBW #410ELW #686

We give thee but thine own, what e’er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone a trust, O Lord from thee.

**Offering Prayer**

Let us pray, Blessed are you, O God maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, or Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Great Thanksgiving** LBW pg. 68ELW pg 144

P: The Lord be with you.

***C: And also with you.***

P: Lift up your hearts.

***C: We lift them to the Lord.***

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

**Words of Institution**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

**Lord’s Prayer** LBW pg. 71ELW pg. 145

P: Let us pray as Jesus has taught us.

***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.***

**Communion**

**Post Communion Blessing**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

**Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Sending Hymn *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*** LBW #107 ELW #338

Vs. 1 Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
 the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
 a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,
 from the burning of the noontide heat and the burdens of the day.

Vs. 2 Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
 the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
 And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:
 the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

Vs. 3 I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
 I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
 content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
 my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

**Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Serve in love!

***C: Yes we will! Thanks be to God!***

**Postlude**

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**Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023**

8:45 am Faith, Culver

10:30 am First, Meadowlands

Live stream at 10:30

**Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023**

6:30 pm

First, Meadowlands with Live stream

**Good Friday, April 7, 2023**

6:30 pm

***“Testify to the Truth”***

Faith, Culver with Live stream

**Festive Easter Worship, April 9, 2023**

8:30 am St. John’s, Saginaw

10:30 am St. Peter’s, Canyon