

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others
Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024, 10:30 AM
Austin Campus Praise Worship (Livestreamed)

Gather

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

P: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: MARK 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"' ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL SONG: *HOSANNA (PRAISE IS RISING)*

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

W o r d

FIRST READING: *ISAIAH 50:4-9*

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 backward.*

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;*

⁸*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?*

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: *PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11*

⁵*Let 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,

⁸*he 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.*

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL SONG: WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The congregation is invited to take the part of the people who witnessed Jesus' trial and crucifixion.

GOSPEL READING: MARK 15:1-39

P: ¹As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³They shouted back,

C: "Crucify him!"

P: ¹⁴Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more,

C: "Crucify him!"

P: ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him,

C: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

P: ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

C: "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

P: ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

C: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

P: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

C: "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

P: ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

C: “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.”

P: ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

C: “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

APOSTLES’ CREED

A: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: 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.**

SONG OF THE DAY: HOSANNA

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (after each petition...)

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

Please take this time to say hello and share the peace in the comment section of the YouTube channel livestream or in the Facebook feed comment section. Take a selfie and let us know you are worshipping with us!

Meal

Please prayerfully consider giving by text or online: www.epiphanydayton.org/giveserve.

OFFERING: KING OF KINGS

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

THE 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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

If you are unable to attend worship due to health concerns, please contact the church office to be included on the homebound list.

COMMUNION SONG: *YOUR MERCY*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *CHRIST IS ENOUGH*

SENDING

L: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Please take a moment to share comments and fellowship with each other after the service is completed.
The livestream will continue for a few minutes to allow for your interaction.*

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| Scripture readings for Easter, March 31, 2024: Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2,14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8 |
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Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister: Candy Norman
Praise Team: Al Grodrian, Carlin Heimann, Craig Hoerig,
Dick Lane, Scott Watamaniuk, Kathy Whited
A/V: Ed Wasser
Stream Team: Anthony Brown, Drew Simon
Ushers: Kim Brown
Communion Servers: Natalie Heimann, Ella Norman, Diana & Reid Pearson
Acolyte: Ella Norman

Parish Notes

Holy Week Worship Schedule

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| Maundy Thursday: March 28 | Far Hills Campus, 7 p.m. |
| Good Friday: March 29 | Far Hills Campus, Noon and *7 p.m. |
| Easter Vigil: March 30 | Austin Campus, 7 p.m. |
| Easter Sunday: March 31 | Austin Campus, 9 & 10:30 a.m. Far Hills Campus, 9 & *10:30 a.m. |

**livestream services*

Parish Notes and other communications requests may be submitted to Sarah Richter, Communications Coordinator (srichter@epiphanydayton.org).

Let Us Pray for You

We want to know when you're hospitalized and when you have a life event, such as a birth, marriage, death in the family, etc. If you have a prayer request, please scan the QR code to reach our online prayer request form or contact the church office (937-433-1449) or prayer@epiphanydayton.org.



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Far Hills Campus

6430 Far Hills Ave.
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9:00 AM Praise Worship
10:30 AM Traditional Worship

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9:00 AM Traditional Worship
10:30 AM Praise Worship

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10:30 AM Livestream

(Broadcast alternates weekly between Far Hills and Austin)

Welcome Guests!

We want to get to know you! If you are a first-time or returning guest, please scan the QR code to reach our online Connection Card or fill out a card located at the usher table as you enter the Sanctuary.

Next steps: Become a part of the Epiphany family by attending regularly, and get involved by coming to one of our events or helping one of our many ministries. We invite you to see where *loving Jesus by serving others* might lead you. Our pastors and staff are always available to help you find ways to get connected in service and fellowship.

For more info or questions, please ask our campus coordinators, Jennifer Henderson (Far Hills) or Brittany Albert (Austin), or contact the church office. Thanks again for joining us today!



Epiphany Lutheran Church streams one of its worship services every Sunday, and the videos are shared on Epiphany's website and social media channels.

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