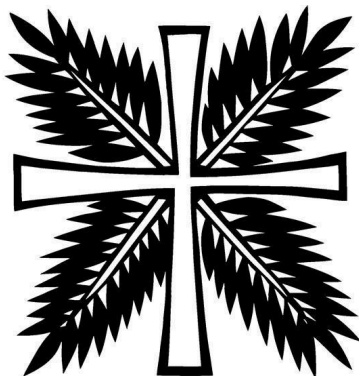


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• Sunday of the Passion •



**Sunday Worship**  
**10:00 am**

*Serving Christ & the Upper Tincum  
Community for 175 years*

Guest Pastor: Pastor Sandra Ellis-Killian  
Director of Music: Corey Olver



## PRELUDE

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 1-11

1 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying 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. 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." 4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

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."

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The 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 the highest heaven!"

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

## ACCLAMATION

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

**C Hosanna in the highest.**

## BLESSING OF PALMS

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P 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.

**C Amen.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “All Glory, Laud and Honor” **LBW #108**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt  
and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:  
Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:  
Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:  
Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:  
Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.  
Through faith, the free gift of God,  
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead  
dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts,  
and gives you life and peace.

**Amen.**

### **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.**

### **KYRIE**

**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**

**P** Let us pray,

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

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### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*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.*

<sup>4</sup> The Lord God has given me a trained tongue,  
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.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious;  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> 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;

<sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand in court together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup> 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.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16**

*Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)*

<sup>9</sup> Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I <sup>l</sup> am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat <sup>l</sup> and my  
belly.

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

<sup>11</sup> I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a  
dismay

to <sup>l</sup> my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street <sup>l</sup> they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup> **Like the dead I am forgotten, <sup>l</sup> out of mind;**

**I am as useless as a <sup>l</sup> broken pot. R**

<sup>13</sup> For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is <sup>l</sup> all around;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to <sup>l</sup> take my  
life.

<sup>14</sup> **But as for me, I have trusted in <sup>l</sup> you, O Lord.**

**I have said, "You <sup>l</sup> are my God.**

<sup>15</sup> My times are <sup>l</sup> in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those

who I persecute me.

**<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine up- I on your servant;  
save me in your I steadfast love.” R**

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

*Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.*

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he existed in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the  
name

that is above every other name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and 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 ACCLAMATION**

**C Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

## **GOSPEL** (see *Passion Reading insert*)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the beginning at the 26th chapter.

**C Glory to you O Lord.**

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you O Christ.**

**THE SERMON** – Pastor Sandra Ellis-Killian

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Go the Dark Gethsemane **LBW#109**

## **APOSTLES CREED**

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

**I** believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He 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

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P** Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

**A** O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally (*here local bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay preachers may be named*). Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place, and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

## C Your mercy is great.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for (*Hans Nielsen Hauge and*) all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Hear us, O God.

## C Your mercy is great.

A Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

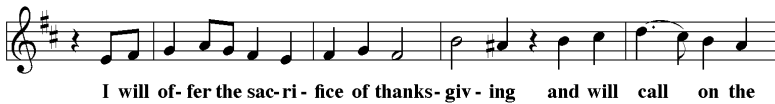
P The peace of Christ be with you always.

## C And also with you.

*Please greet each other with a **contact-free** sign of Christ's peace.*

**TIME FOR OFFERING** (*offerings may be mailed to the church or placed in plate*)

## OFFERTORY



## OFFERING PRAYER

P O God, maker of heaven and earth,

your steadfast love embraces all creation.  
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.  
Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C Amen.**

## **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 him thanks and praise.

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right our duty ... and join their unending hymn:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING**

**P** In the night in which he was ... do this in remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C** 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.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Come to the table.  
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

### **COMMUNION**

*(Please come forward to altar by center aisle.)*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Response: Amen.**

*When all have communed the minister may say:*

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** God of our salvation,  
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.  
Through the body and blood of your Son,  
may we become Christ's body in the world,  
bearing witness to your love for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

**P** Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,

Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
✠ bless you now and always.

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** Were You There? **LBW#92**

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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