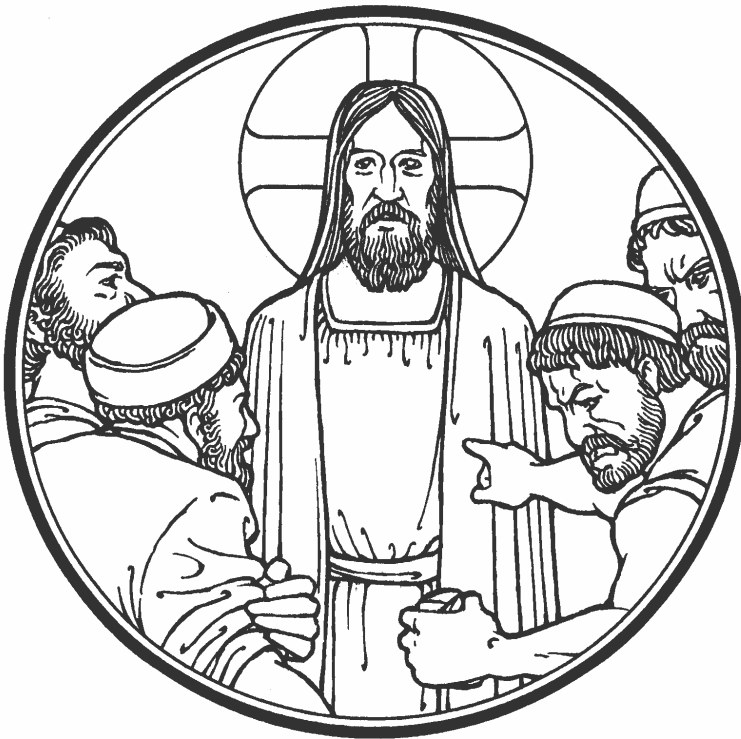


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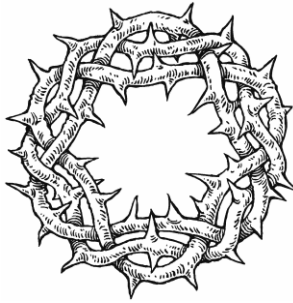
Judica, the beginning of Passiontide



MARCH 17, 2024

LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lebanon Church, VA



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

This Sunday is the first day of *Passiontide*. The Church begins to intensify her contemplation of the Passion and death of our Lord as she draws closer to Holy Week. The *Gloria Patri* is no longer included in the rite of the Divine Service until Easter Morning. Traditionally, all remaining crosses and images are veiled in the nave and sanctuary after the Evangelist declares that Jesus “hid Himself and went out of the temple” at the end of our Gospel Reading.

THE PREPARATION

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, † absolution, and remission of all our sins.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 43:3–5; antiphon: vv. 1–2a

Vindicate me, O God,
and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!
For you are the God in whom I take refuge.
Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!
Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.
Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within
me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.
Vindicate me, O God,
and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!
For you are the God in whom I take refuge.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Gradual

Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

[You] delivered me from my enemies;

you rescued me from the man of violence.

Epistle

Hebrews 9:11–15

A The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter 9.

When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Tract

Psalm 129:1–4

“Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth” —
let Israel now say —

“Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,
yet they have not prevailed against me.

The plowers plowed upon my back;
they made long their furrows.”

The LORD is righteous;
he has cut the cords of the wicked.

Holy Gospel

John 8:46–59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

“Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek

my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

LBW 94 - My Song Is Love Unknown

Sermon

Votum

Philippians 4:7

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

When the altar has been prepared, we stand.

Offertory

Psalm 51:10–12

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Administration

When all have communed and the altar has been cared for, we stand for the Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Dismissal

P The Service is ended, go in peace.

C Amen.

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Congregational Budget Information

Needed each week: \$3,173.71

This Week

- Monday ZOOM Judges, 10am.
- Tuesday Service at The Maynard, 11am.
- Wednesday – Matins 8:15am, Confession 10am, Midweek Holy Communion 1:30pm, Lenten Evening Prayer 7pm.

Looking Ahead

- Fellowship Meeting and Worship and Music Ministry Meeting – MARCH 18TH, 6PM AND 7PM.
- EASTER SUNDAY – Noisy Offering.
- Pregnancy Center Fundraising Dinner at the Yellow Barn – APRIL 5TH, 5:30PM.
- Virginia/Maryland District Convocation – April 27th, 9:30am – 3pm at Lebanon Lutheran Church. Program: Introduction to the Congregational Deacon Program for the Virginia/Maryland District.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES



Holy Wednesday – Midweek Communion Service at 1:30pm, Vespers at 7pm (No Soup Supper)

Holy (Maundy) Thursday – Holy Communion with the Stripping of the Altar at 7pm

Good Friday – Passion Reading, Bidding Prayer, and Veneration of the Cross at 7pm

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil: New Fire Ceremony begins at 7pm

Easter Sunrise Divine Service – 6:30am

Easter Breakfast – 8:00am

Divine Service for the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord – 9:30am



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