## VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH



We invite you to bring your own spiritual journey to worship with us. No part of you needs to be left at the door. God's love is inclusive, ever abundant, and meant to be expressed through our actions in the world. You are welcome here!

# Vashon Lutheran Church <br> Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday <br> March 24, 2024 

PRELUDE
Dinah Helgeson
This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

## ACCLAMATION:

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. C: Hosanna in the highest.

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11:

Fr. Evan Clendenin
P: The holy gospel according to Mark. C: Glory to you, O Lord.
P: When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples and 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. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,
"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
Then 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.
Congregation stands as able

## BLESSING OF PALMS:

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. P: 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.


Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635

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 (next page): fr. "Tree of Life", Pew Edition, by Marty Haugen, pg. 6 Roger Gebhard, Cantor

## KYRIE


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HYMN OF PRAISE (next page): from "Tree of Life", by M. Haugen Roger Gebhard, Cantor on Verses

## GLORY TO GOD


wor - ship you, we_ give_ you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, 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. Amen.

## Congregation sits

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

Martha Gebhard, Lector (L)
Lector: A reading from Isaiah, Chapter 50.
L: 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. The Lord GoD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 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.
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;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GoD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?
Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.


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Have mercy on me, O LORD, for $I^{1}$ am in trouble;
*my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat ${ }^{\dagger}$ and my belly.
For my life is wasted with grief, and my ${ }^{\mid}$years with sighing;
*my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones ${ }^{\dagger}$ are consumed.
I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to ${ }^{1}$ my acquaintances;
*when they see me in the street ${ }^{l}$ they avoid me.
Like the dead I am forgotten, ${ }^{,}$out of mind; $* I$ am as useless as a ${ }^{1}$ broken pot.
For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is ${ }^{\prime}$ all around;
*they put their heads together against me; they plot to ${ }^{\prime}$ take my life.
But as for me, I have trusted in ${ }^{\mid}$you, O Lord. *I have said, "You ${ }^{\prime}$ are my God. My times are ${ }^{1}$ in your hand;
*rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who ${ }^{1}$ persecute me.
Let your face shine up- ${ }^{\dagger}$ on your servant; *save me in your ${ }^{\mid}$steadfast love."
SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11 Martha Gebhard, Lector
L: A reading from Philippians, Chapter 2.
L: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but 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.
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Word of God, word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.


Congregation sits
GOSPEL: Mark 14:1-15:47
CHS Readers: Marian Brischle, Erin Durrett, Rick Edwards, Stu Hennessey, Michael Shook
P: The holy gospel according to Mark. C: Glory to you, O Lord.
... \#4: Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid. P: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY:
Fr. Evan Clendenin
CHS Choir Anthem- When Jesus Wept, Canon, by Wm. Billings
Erin Durrett, Director

## 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 INTERCESSION:
June Langland, Assisting Minister (A)
A: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A: Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

A: Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.
|A: Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

A: Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud...Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

A: Give energy and joy to our pastor/s, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

A: Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

P: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. C: Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. C: And also with you.
P: (At the end of passing of the peace) Now is the time for the sharing of our gifts to God.
OFFERING/OFFERTORY RESPONSE:
ELW, \#186

## Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song



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## OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,
[c] Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you.
We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us.
May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you,
dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation,
C: Amen.

## Please stand as able

The Great Thanksgiving: "Tree of Life", pp. 18, 20, by M. Haugen Fr. Evan Clendenin, Cantor (P)
The GREAT THANKSGIVING


## PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.
You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord (next page), fr."Tree of Life Communion Setting, by M. Haugen, p. 25. HOLY, HOLY


## WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER/COMMUNION:

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.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P: Invitation to Communion: This is the table, not of this church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little; come, you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come, you who have never been before; come, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the church invites you; this is Christ, and he invites you to meet him right here.

Communion Hymn \#1: "Lamb of God", from "Tree of Life", Pew Edition, p. 17, by Marty Haugen

## LAMB OF GOD



Communion Hymn \#2 (next page):

## I Am the Bread of Life



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## Were You There



Text: African American spiritual
Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual
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P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. C: Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

P: Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING:

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, £ bless you and remain with you always. C: Amen

Sending Song:
ELW, \#338

## Beneath the Cross of Jesus


from the burn-ing of the noon-tide heat and the . . . won-der of his glo-rious love and my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my
bur-dens of the day. my un-wor - thi - ness. glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869
Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927

## DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you. C: Thanks be to God.

Worship Assistants This Morning:
Guest Pastor - Fr. Evan Clendenin
Assisting Minister - June Langland
Lector - Martha Gebhard
Communion Assistant - Sindy Rice
Usher - Jim Dam
Musician - Dinah Helgeson
Cantors - Roger Gebhard
Communion Set Up - Rev. Joe \& Dianne Kutzke

Worship Assistants Next Week (3/31/24:
Care Pastor - Rev. John Michael Barich
Assistant Minister - June Langland
Lector - TBA
Communion Assistant - TBA
Usher - Jim Dam
Musician - Dinah Helgeson
Cantors - Roger Gebhard, Rev. John Barich
Communion Set Up - TBA

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Fr. Evan Clendenin, Erin Durrett \& CHS Choir Members \& Readers for your participation in worship today at VLC!

Contact Gail Larson (206/567-4779) with your prayer requests.
IFCH Dinner Program: VLC provides hand out meals at Vashon Presbyterian Church at 5:00 PM the fourth Thurs. of the month. Contact Patte Wagner: pattewags@aol.com to help.

The Care Closet, Medical Equipment/Supplies - 206-473-8715. Vashon Care Network - 206-473-8715. Email: contact@vashoncarenetwork.org; website: www.vashoncarenetwork.org

VCN FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP - Vashon Care Network invites you to join other family caregivers in a safe, supportive space to share the experience of caregiving. Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 PM at VLC. ?? Call Kathy Shafel, kshafel@comcast.net, cell: 206.718-1458 or Tory Hayes, 206.304-4544, victoriansmith@comcast.net.

Worship Assistants Needed: for Maundy Thurs. Mar. 28, 5:30 PM at CHS (Episcopal) and Good Friday, Mar. 29, 7:00 PM at VPC (Presbyterian). Please sign up on the clipboard on the banister at the back.

## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

## SUNDAY

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Mar. 31, 9:00 AM
Mar. 31, 10:30 AM
6:30-8:30 PM
MONDAY
10:00 AM
$4^{\text {th }}, 6: 00-8: 00$ PM
March 18, 7:00 PM
TUESDAY
$2^{\text {nd }}, 9: 00$ AM - 1:00 PM
$3^{\text {rd }}, 10: 00$ AM - noon
WEDNESDAY
$1^{\text {st }}, 9: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ - noon
Mar. 20, 7:00 PM
THURSDAY
6:30-7:30 PM
Mar. 28, 5:00 pm
FRIDAY
7:00-8:30 PM

Food Bank Sunday
Easter Potluck Brunch
Easter Worship Service
AA Group

Intercessory Prayer Group
VCN Board Meeting
Worship Committee Mtg. at June Langland's

Quilt Sewers Group
Vashon Quilting Group

Lutheran Quilters Group
VLC ZOOM Council Meeting

VCN Family Caregivers Support Group at VLC
IFCH Dinner, prepared by VLC, served at VPC

## REMAINING HOLY WEEK - EASTER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MAR 24 - PALM SUNDAY 10:30 AM @ VLC w/ CHS (Fr. Evan Clendenin presiding and preaching)
MAR 25, 26, 27- MON, TU, WED 6:00 PM @ VPC
MAR 28 - MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:30 PM @ CHS w/ VLC (Fr. Clendenin \& Pr. J. M. Barich)
MAR 28 - MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM @ VPC
MAR 29 - GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 PM @ VPC w/ VLC \& CHS (Pr. Weber preside \& preach;
Pr. Barich \& Fr. Clendenin participate)
MAR 31 - EASTER SUNRISE 6:45 AM @ CAMP BURTON
MAR 31 - EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 AM @ CHS
MAR 31 - EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH 9:00-10:00 AM @ VLC Please bring your favorite breakfast dish to share! Coffee \& juice will be provided.
MAR 31 - EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30AM @ VLC


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Hymns for March 24, 2024

| ELW, 344, v. 1, 3 \& 4 | All Glory, Laud \& Honor |
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| ELW, 186 | Create in Me a Clean Heart |
| ELW, 485 | I Am the Bread of Life |
| ELW, 353 | Were You There |
| ELW, 338 | Beneath the Cross of Jesus |


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