

Welcome! We're glad that you chose to worship with Manitowoc Cooperative Ministry today!

10:00AM Worship -14 April 2019 – Palm/Passion Sunday



### GIVING IT UP: A SERMON SERIES FOR LENT

Many of us give up certain things for the forty days of Lent and doing so can be a very beneficial for us. This series takes that idea one step further, each week we will be talking about things that God wants us to give up, not just for forty days, but forever.

We're grateful for those serving in worship today, including: Ministers—All the gathered.  
Worship Leader—Jennifer Balma; Hospitality—David & Nancy Schueffner. Fellowship Host—Elaine Novak.  
Today's bulletin is sponsored by Joan Siebelink in memory of Bob.

Manitowoc Cooperative Ministry is a partnership of historic Manitowoc congregations served by co-pastors The **Rev Judine A Duerwaechter and The Rev Dr Matthew L Sauer**. Our mission states that **"we covenant to share, serve, and live the Gospel as we incorporate the strengths of each congregation in service to the Manitowoc community."**

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When communion is celebrated, all who want to call Jesus Lord are welcomed to the Table of Love. \* Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers. \* Children are always welcome in worship; if and when you need child care or a nursing space, please let an usher know and they will assist you.

All who are able, please stand and sit as indicated in the bulletin.

Parts the people say are indicated by bold text; parts the people sing are indicated by a 🎵 symbol.

## LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Please gather outside on the Portico for the beginning of Worship today

GATHERING *We join in our weekly celebration of God's love*

One Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

All Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM [Matthew 21. 1-11]

One <sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>**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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say **this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.”** <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>**“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.”** <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>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!”** <sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, **“Who is this?”** <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, **“This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”****

One **God's Word for the Children of God.**

All Praise be to God!

PROCESSION INTO THE SANCTUARY

🎵 All Glory, Laud, and Honor [see insert]

Please be seated

FAMILY TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION We prepare to seek God in the Word

HEARING OUR STORY, [Matthew 27. 11-54]

Reader 1 <sup>11</sup>**Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.”** <sup>12</sup>**But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.** <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, **“Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?”** <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Reader 2

<sup>15</sup>Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So after they had gathered, Pilate said to **them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”** <sup>18</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. <sup>19</sup>While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, **“Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.”** <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, **“Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”** And they said, **“Barabbas.”** <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, **“Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”** All of them said, **“Let him be crucified!”** <sup>23</sup>Then he asked, **“Why, what evil has he done?”** But they shouted all the more, **“Let him be crucified!”** <sup>24</sup>So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, **“I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”** <sup>25</sup>Then the people as a whole answered, **“His blood be on us and on our children!”** <sup>26</sup>So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Reader 3

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and **knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”** <sup>30</sup>They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Reader 4

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; <sup>36</sup>then they sat down there and kept watch over him. <sup>37</sup>Over his head **they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”** <sup>38</sup>Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, **“You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”** <sup>41</sup>In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, <sup>42</sup>**“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.** <sup>43</sup>**He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’”** <sup>44</sup>The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

Reader 5      <sup>45</sup>From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup>**And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"** <sup>47</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." <sup>48</sup>At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>**But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."** <sup>50</sup>Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. <sup>51</sup>At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>53</sup>After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they **were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"**

Reader 5      **God's Word for the Children of God.**  
All          Praise be to God!

ANTHEM      Song of Zechariah      Hal H Hopson      MCM Choir

SERMON      Giving Up Popularity

All who are able, please stand

♪ When I Survey the Wondrous Cross [HYMNAL #224]

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO SHARE      We respond with generosity, as God has first given to us

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OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All who are able, please stand

BLESSING      We go into the world as the Body of Christ

♪ Lord, Make Me More Holy [HYMNAL #75, stanzas 1 & 2]

POSTLUDE

Thank you for celebrating with us today! Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for conversation and refreshments.