



Worship Folder for March 28, 2021

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THIS WEEK AT CHRIST | MARCH 28 – APRIL 4

TODAY	9:00am	Worship
MONDAY	6:00pm	Women's Bible Study (Zoom - <i>Time: It's a Gift</i>)
THURSDAY	6:30pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
FRIDAY	6:30pm	Good Friday Worship
SUNDAY	7:00am	Easter Sunrise Worship w/ Holy Communion
	9:00am	Easter Morning Worship w/ Holy Communion
	10:30am	Children's Easter Egg Hunt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invite your Friends! We will host an **Easter Egg Hunt** following the 9:00am service on Easter Sunday! Easter is a great day to reach out and we hope this makes inviting those friends or family members even easier!



Women's Bible Study Our Women's Bible Study, which meets via Zoom on Monday evenings at 6:00pm, will begin a new study in 4 weeks entitled ***Love Rules: A Study of the Ten Commandments***. Please plan to join us! Let Cliss know that you would like to participate and purchase the study by **Monday, April 5**. The cost of the book is \$11.49.

Closer to NORMAL On Easter Sunday, we will resume our two **Communion Services** (1st and 3rd Sundays) and will begin returning elements of the liturgy back into our services. Beginning **Sunday, April 11**, a brief (20-30 min) **Family Bible Class** will be offered following services. We also plan to offer an outdoor fellowship opportunity soon following services if there is willingness to help set up.

ShopWithScrip Plan to purchase cards for places like Walmart, Target, Menards, Fleet Farm, Cabelas, Kwik Trip, Starbucks, Caribou and Cub on the **1st Sunday of each month**. A percentage of the purchase of these traditional gift cards benefits our ministry at Christ. Since October, this program has raised over \$600! If you are interested in **specific gift cards**, please let Shawn Motl know and he will add them to his purchase list!

Forward In Christ The April edition is available on the entryway table. Pick up your copy or feel free to grab a few and hand them out to those who might be interested!

Use your GIFTS! Please speak with Brian Klawiter or Pastor Biebert if you would like to help to maintain church's landscaping. Beautify our property to God's glory!

Take a PEEK at next WEEK!

"Here am I. Send me!"
Isaiah 6:8

Ushers: Harlan Green, Richard Green, Craig Smith
Counters: Sean Brown, Emma Biebert
Cleaners: Sean & Pat Brown, Brian & Paula Lawrence

Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday – April 1 @ 6:30pm
 Good Friday – April 2 @ 6:30pm
 EASTER SUNDAY – April 4
 7:00am & 9:00am

MEDITATION ON THE MINISTRY OF THE KEYS

Opening Hymn: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” (Christian Worship #130)

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism)

In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness,

We lie and do not live by the truth.

If we claim to be without sin,

We deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Confession of Sin

Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake O God, be merciful to me a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.

Silence for personal examination and confession.

Absolution

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

First Lesson: Psalm 24

By David. A psalm.

¹The earth is the LORD’s and everything that fills it, the world and all who live in it, ²because he founded it on the seas, and he established it on the rivers.

³Who may go up to the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? ⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart, whose soul is not set on what is false, who does not swear

deceitfully. ⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God who saves him. ⁶ Such are the people of Jacob who look for the LORD, who seek your face.

⁷ Lift up your heads, you gates. Lift yourselves up, you ancient doors, and the King of Glory will come in. ⁸ Who is this King of Glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates. Lift up, you ancient doors, and the King of Glory will come in. ¹⁰ Who is he, this King of Glory? The LORD of Armies—he is the King of Glory.

Who is it who enters into Jerusalem and Holy Week this day? This reading is the great sedes doctrinae for the two states of Christ in the unio personalis. The verses apply to the human nature assumed by the divine nature. It is in that human nature that the God-man is humbled. He starts on the bottom rung of the human ladder in the womb of the Virgin and then goes down hill from there! For sinners: humbled, then humbled, then humbled some more! And so as a reward God exalts that human nature as highly as it can be exalted and gives him the highest possible name: Savior! So as he rides his donkey into Holy Week we hear his name and kneel; we hear his name and confess: Jesus is Lord, he alone and none other. We confess it most gladly and heed the call of the apostle in the first verse of the reading: we who have everything in Christ gladly stoop to follow him in humility, in a life for others.

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. ⁶ Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, ⁷ but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, 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 will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

VERSE OF THE DAY

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (John 12:23)

Who is he? He is the King of kings most lowly. Who is he? He is the King of kings who unlike any other king has come to save us. Bid him welcome and follow in his train. Throw the robes of your own righteousness under his feet, so that he may dress you with the robe of his righteousness. Wave the palm branches God made and gives, those symbols of eternal life, in salute. He delights in and receives your trust in him for eternal life, the trust that he himself has given you in his Word. Blessed is he, for he will finish what he has begun! For that reason and none other, blessed are we! Hosanna in the highest!

Gospel Reading: Mark 11:1-10

As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and told them, “Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it, and he will send it back here without delay.’” ⁴ They left and found a colt on the street, tied at a door; and they untied

it. ⁵ Some who were standing there asked them, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶ The disciples answered them just as Jesus had instructed them, and the men let them go. ⁷ They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their garments on it, and Jesus sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their garments on the road. Others spread branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ Those who went in front and those who followed were crying out, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!

["Give Me Oil in My Lamp"](#)

Sermon on Psalm 24

Theme: “The Return of the King”

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Do you ever feel like God tries to control the narrative on problems? Do you ever feel like God’s word is full of reasons why we should praise God but then seems to be lacking on the solutions to our problems? Maybe we grow weary of the old standby, “well it is a sinful world, so we are going to have problems”. It could easily be seen as a bit of a copout. Amid struggle God asks for our praise and to see him as worthy of it? “Help me out with my struggle and I will help you out with your praise.” Have you ever had those thoughts, something like it or maybe just ignored giving God praise all together because you felt like you had too much on your plate to worry about anything else?

Yet, during struggle or at the very least our focus on the topic of struggle, here we have arrived at Palm Sunday and the direction of focus for our souls is placed on Psalm 24, a psalm of praise to our God. Palm branches wave, our throats exclaim praise and in the middle of it all Jesus rides receiving our praise and glory as he is exalted as King. Do you think he has deserved it? If we were able to do an approval rating for Jesus how do you think he would fair? If he were to give a state of the kingdom address would you be able to listen without frustration, would you be able to listen while beaming with pride, “That is my king!” Or would you riddle him with questions? Why are you allowing a parade of praise in your honor when this is going on, while I have problems raging, I am consumed by difficulty in my life in this way or that way. You expect hosannas? Maybe you should get to work.

Yet before your anger spills out, before we end our time together dedicated to worshipping our King, our God wondering why we do so, let us go to God’s word. As we do, may we see the return of our King clearly. Let us be open and honest with our struggle before God, let him hear it, yes, but also allow him the opportunity to talk to you. He wants to and he wants you to see his return in the proper light along with why he is worthy of our praise. We do that as we return once more to the word of our God found in Psalm 24, let us listen as he speaks:

By David. A psalm. ¹The earth is the LORD's and everything that fills it, the world and all who live in it, ²because he founded it on the seas, and he established it on the rivers. ³Who may go up to the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? ⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart, whose soul is not set on what is false, who does not swear deceitfully. ⁵He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God who saves him. ⁶Such are the people of Jacob who look for the LORD, who seek your face. ⁷Lift up your heads, you gates. Lift yourselves up, you ancient doors, and the King of Glory will come in. ⁸Who is this King of Glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. ⁹Lift up your heads, you gates. Lift up, you ancient doors, and the King of Glory will come in. ¹⁰Who is he, this King of Glory? The LORD of Armies—he is the King of Glory.

As hard as it is to admit, the earth does not exist under my laws, my desires, or my planning. My name and my work mean nothing to this created world. I did not make it so that food fills my stomach and nourishes my body, I learned it is simply how things work. I do not control day to day activities in my life, I have only built up a knowledge of how day to day activities have generally gone in the past and try to plan based off general assumptions I have gathered over time which hold to be consistent more often than they do not. But there are still things that come up which I do not want, things I do not plan for because I did not know they were coming, there are events which confuse me and situations I face which I can only react to, I can not solve them, many times I cannot even begin to understand them.

In general, it is these things, the unplanned along with that which we cannot understand, solve, or fix in which we generally find what we struggle with. They are sort of the baseline of our struggles if you will. Now, it is not my purpose to sit here and philosophize at you today, but I hope a basic understanding of these broader questions and a spotlight on how much we lack control over in the general day to day happenings in life can bring us to a place where we are able to hear the opening sentences of Psalm 24 with more clarity. The earth is not ours; it is God's. He founded and established it and we only understand it until we do not. There always has been and always will be something that comes when we feel like we have come to a point of understanding that leads us to realize we have a long way to go because there is still more we do not understand.

So, we struggle, in part, because we lack understanding. But we know who created the world, so in a way, that makes understanding a little bit easier, right? I would guess I am not completely alone in this, but I am fascinated by YouTube. I am a visual hands-on learner and if I have a problem that needs fixing, but I do not know the best way to go about fixing it, chances are someone has posted a video about that problem and how to fix it on YouTube. So, I can go there, play, and pause the video as I work through the problem in real time and accomplish many things that way.

Are our struggles similar. We have our problem, namely we did not create the world and so we can not fully understand our world, but we know who did. Is it as simple as that? Just go to the one who knows about it, right? But there, another problem comes up. Our Psalm makes mention of it when it says: “³Who may go up to the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? ⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart, whose soul is not set on what is false, who does not swear deceitfully.” We cannot approach God, we can't stand in his presence, because our hands are dirtied by sin, our hearts are contaminated with sinful desires and our souls are not set on God's truth. I want God to serve me, I want God to help me, ascending his mountain sounds like work and it is made impossible by the fact that if I were to do that, I would still have to pass God's inspection.

So why are we celebrating today again? Why is this supposed to be a message in a string of messages meant to help us in our struggle? This is really starting to give the feel of more, more struggle, more hardship, more frustration, more reason to feel distant from God. For that matter, why does God even want my praise. It

seems like I got some stuff to figure out in my own life before I have anything to give to God, or, and maybe more likely, I should just focus on what, if anything, I can do because all of this is sounding impossible. Right?

But right there, right at that point, right at the moment of realization over my inadequacy, my inability and my bleak future hope to overcome my struggle, my king, our King and Lord of all enters. And yes, he receives a royal welcome. Yes, the doors are opened, and gates are lifted. The King of Glory, the Lord of armies, the one armed with complete power and a perfect understanding of how everything works, enters the picture.

To do what, you ask? To oppress, to make us feel even smaller? To point out just how many problems we have and how great those problems truly are even more? To make us envious of him as he struts in his greatness while we wallow in our suffering? No. No, he enters to accomplish what we need. He enters to bring us understanding. He enters to allow us the ease of coming to him because he enters not for your praise, though that will come. He enters for your struggle. He entered to take what was not rightfully his. He entered to take what he had no place even wanting in the first place.

He enters and receives a royal welcome, even more was due him, but regardless, this welcome is short lived. It was short lived because he entered to be shamed for you. He entered to struggle for you. He enters and does what we are unaccustomed of a leader doing let alone a king. He holds us back and says I will fight for you. And brothers and sisters, this is exactly what he does.

This coming week, we see what comes of our Kings return. We see our shame personified in the mockery, abuse, torture, and abandonment the owner and creator of all willingly and knowingly takes on for you. We see our guilt removed and our path cleared to receive the righteousness and blessedness needed to stand face to face with our God. We see our King love us to his own death, into his own tomb. And in His we see comfort in our death and companionship in our tomb. This is the power of our God, our King. Powerful answers to every question. Power to show us finished does not mean dead, finished does not mean ignored problems without solutions. It means solutions and life too. Power so even amid current struggle we can proclaim praise as we hail and give hosannas to our returning King. Amen.

Offering: (Due to COVID19 the offering plate will not be passed around. If you would like to make a donation please place your offering in the basket by the doors to the sanctuary. You can also make use of online giving through the giveplus app or by going to the church's website (www.christcambridge.com) and selecting the "Donate" tab under "About" in the site menu.)

Prayer:

L: Lord Jesus, our Savior, we join today with the crowds of that first Palm Sunday to sing to you our "Hosannas." We confess that, like those crowds of old, our focus hasn't always been where it should have been. We tend to fix our eyes on the earthly rather than on the eternal. You didn't, and that is why we can sing so joyfully today, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." You have lived the perfect life that we couldn't and have atoned for all of our sins.

C: We praise you, O Lord, and glory in your salvation.

L: You call us, O Lord, to imitate your mindset and attitude. By ourselves, we can't. Pour out your Spirit on us and through him accomplish what we are unable to do for

ourselves. Give us hearts that glory in doing your will, serving you and those among whom you have placed us.

C: Let it be seen in all that we are and do that we praise you, O Lord, and glory in your salvation.

L: Head of the church, you provide both the resources and the opportunities to bring your message to those near and far who do not know it. Be with the missionaries who are called to go where we cannot. Give them and those who are called into the communion of saints through their work the strength to do the labor to which you call them.

C: May they and many others join with us to say, “We praise you, O Lord, and glory in your salvation.”

L: We thank you, Heavenly Father, that you protect your sons and daughters, our brothers and sisters in the faith, from the persecutions and dangers that beset so many of them around the world. Give them confidence that, even though they face difficulties we cannot begin to imagine, you have not abandoned them. Let them always understand and believe that their King has come to them, righteous and having salvation.

C: May their song ever be, “We praise you, O Lord, and glory in your salvation.”

L: We bring you, O Lord, our private petitions.

L: Lord Jesus, you live forever to intercede for us. Sanctify our thoughts and words that they may be acceptable to our Father in heaven, for you have taught us to pray:

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.

Children’s Message

BLESSING:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

Amen.

Closing Hymn: “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” (Christian Worship #133)