



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ONEONTA, NY

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
HARTWICK SEMINARY, NY

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH  
LAURENS, NY

The Rev. Paul R. Messner, S.T.S., Pastor  
The Rev. Robert Mansbach, Pastor Emeritus

+ **Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion** +  
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

(\* = stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book;  
+ = hymn requests; WOV = With One Voice Hymnal-blue book)

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

**Welcome Parish News**

**Children's Sermon**

**\*The Blessing, Distribution, and Procession with Palms** (outside the sanctuary)

There are two focuses in today's liturgy as indicated by the two names for this Sunday. The first is celebrating the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with waving of palms and exclamations of faith. So we begin today outside the church with a traditional rite that has its own Gospel lesson. Palms will be distributed and blessed, followed by a procession into the church—our reenactment of Palm Sunday. Children are especially invited to be at the front of the procession with their palms, the congregation follows, all singing the Palm Sunday Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"—a hymn that has been used in this way for more than 1,000 years. The second focus is on Jesus' Passion, highlighted by the reading from the assigned Gospel for this year.

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

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Processional Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11**

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

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

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds

were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Lord be with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. Bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**And also with you.**

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

(Procession into the church begins)

**Processional Hymn**

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

LBW 108

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor To you, redeemer, king,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet Hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel and David’s royal son,  
Now in the Lord’s name coming, Our King and Blessed One. Refrain

The company of angels Are praising you on high;  
Creation and all mortals In chorus make reply. Refrain

The multitude of pilgrims With palms before you went.  
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before you we present. Refrain

To you, before your Passion, They sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. Refrain

Their praises you accepted; Accept the prayers we bring.  
Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. Refrain

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

**First Prayer:** *(7th Century Gelasian)*

**O God, you gave the human race an example of humility -- our Savior not only lived in the flesh but became obedient to the cross. Help us to imitate his patient endurance / and then to participate in the resurrection he was worthy to enjoy. Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Musical Offering**

(St.Matt/Evan)

**WORD**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

A lesson from Isaiah:

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.

[5] The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

[6] 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.

[7] 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;

[8] he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

[9] It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody: Psalm 31:9-16** (Tones: Single 21/ Double 6)

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am / in distress;\*

**my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and / body also.**

For my life is spent with sorrow, and my / years with sighing;\*

**my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones /**

**waste away.**

I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror / to my neighbors,\*

**an object of dread to my acquaintances;**

**those who see me in the street / flee from me.**

I have passed out of mind like one / who is dead;\*

**I have become like a / broken vessel.**

For I hear the whispering of many--terror / all around!--\*

**as they scheme together against me, as they plot to / take  
my life.**

But I trust in / you, O Lord;\* **I say, "You / are my God."**

My times are / in your hand;\*

**deliver me from the hand of my enemies and /  
persecutors.**

Let your face shine up- / on your servant;\*

**save me in your / steadfast love.**

Glory to the Father, and / to the Son,\* and to the / Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the begin- / ning, is now,\* and will be forev- / er.**

**Amen.**

**Second Lesson: Philip. 2:5-11** A lesson from Philippians:

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, [6] who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, [7] but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, [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 should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11] and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Lenten Verse**

**Commentary**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Glory to you, O Lord*

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(Pastor Paul)

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**Holy Gospel: The Passion of Our Lord Matthew 26-27**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*

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**RESPONSE**

**\*Nicene Creed**

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**\*Prayers of the Church**

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**First Intercession:**

Almighty Father, with sadness we observe the Passion of your Son. From the depth of our spirits, we ask to be included with those for whom Jesus pleaded in his first prayer from the cross. Forgive the failure of your people to know what they have done to crucify your son, or because they often do not understand your love at work. As you darkened the sun and shook the earth to call us to take note, so even now do whatever you must to wake us from our living death to have faith in the unselfish suffering of our Lord.

**\* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord**

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**Offering**

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**Musical Offering**

(A)

**\* Offertory**

*Create in me*

WOV 732

**\* Offertory Prayer:**

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Holy Father, you received Mary's gift of tears at the passion of her Son. Receive also these offerings as the fruit of our sincere affection and grief / for him who loved not himself but us. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**MEAL**

**\* Great Thanksgiving/Dialog**

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**Preface & Sanctus** (*Holy, Holy, Holy*)

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**\* Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

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***Agnus Dei***

*O Christ the Lamb of God*

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**Distribution Hymns**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” (insert)

WOV 740, 777

**\* Post Communion Blessing & Canticle**

*God be with you . . .*

insert

**\* Post-Communion Prayer:**

Lord Jesus Christ, as you took possession of your city on a humble beast of burden / so you have here entered our hearts through the lowly forms of bread and wine. Inspire us to discern you in your coming / and to hail you as our King. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*Benediction**

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**\*Recessional Hymn**

LBW 109 (st. 1-3)

**Dismissal**

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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**Weekly Worship Practice:**

In our pews help us maintain the pew holders with pens/pencils, 4 or 5 *Voice from the Pew* folders. Use these folders to: record your Holy Communion (at least once a year); request a hymn or prayer; update our records; whatever else you can think of? Check one out!

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Comm. Asst.	Cindy Heaney	Cindy	
Asst. Minister	Sue Dana		Deb
Lector	Sue Dana	Len P.	Sara Eggers
Cantor	Sue Dana		
*Altar Care	Laura Sherrill	Ilse & Dorothy	
Ushers/Greeters	Mary Mansbach	Ellen P.	
Coffee Hour	Denise Richardson		
Acolyte		M. Pelcer	
Sound System		Lane	Martha Circle B Team
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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### **Readings Through This Week**

	Morning	Noon	Evening
Sunday	Matthew 27: 1-31	Deuteronomy 5-6	Job 6
Monday	Matthew 27: 32-66	Deuteronomy 7-8	Job 7
Tuesday	Matthew 28	Deuteronomy 9-10	Job 8
Wednesday	Acts 1	Deuteronomy 11-12	Job 9
Thursday	Acts 2:1-13	Deuteronomy 13-14	Job 10
Friday	Acts 2:14-47	Deuteronomy 15-16	Job 11
Saturday	Acts 3	Deuteronomy 17-18	Job 12

### **+Prayers of the Church+**

(Please take this prayer list home and use with your personal devotion time)

### **+Atonement+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Joan Lambiaso, Richard Laitsch (John's brother), John Laitsch, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Barbara Richardson (Denise), Patsy (H. Byrnes), Ken Nye (S. Dana), Linda Czernak (P. Serra-Lima), Stan Whitmore (C. Brown), Lewis Sherrill (D. Sherrill), Brian Sherrill (D. Sherrill), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Beth Gilmore (Pudelkas' niece), Virginia Pudelka, Paula Holleran (Mansbach), Sandy Shear, Gary and Mary Williams (S. Dana), Joan Carman, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), and Rene Prins (Roper)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Barbara & Chuck Delaney

For young adult: Patrick Duffy

## **+Evangelical+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Kathi Yule (C. Butts), Yvonne Cornell, Dan Barrows (John and Pam Miller), Alex Reynolds (C. Butts), Marilyn Urbiss (Burda), Shaun Mahoney (J. Boyd), Roz Winne (C. Butts), Janet Underwood (Burda), Amy Beuchler (Linsenbardt), Bob Hazelton (C. Butts), Joyce Boyd (C. Lane), Karen Ingraham (C. Butts), Sandy Shear, Gloria Hendricks, and Marie Barbato (Genova)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Joan & Harold Taylor

For Young Adult: Jeremiah Parr

## **+St. Matthew+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Robert Evans, Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Donny Prentice (Ganio), Maureen VerPlanck (Parsons), Laura Emmet (Lawyer), Kent Hoyt, Brad Ganio, Peg Hughes (Janet B.), Josh Newell (Evans), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Dave Van Dusen (Forbes), Bart Bonney, Wyatt Greenleaf, Tennison (T. Wood), Gina Pywar, Erika Baker-Heinegg, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Sandy Shear, Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Charles Hulbert, Triston (Hahn), Gabrielle Bush, Adam Pierce (Forbes), Doris Schlee (R. Nelson), and Priscilla Galbreth (Hulbert)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Rose Nelson

For Young Adult: Kyle Sherry

## **+Beyond the Parish+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Nancy Saxton Miller (Mansbach), Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Tom Keagle (Serra-Lima), David Brenner (Former Oneonta Mayor), Sue Haney, Mary Jane Bianchine (Pr. Paul), Peter Provenzano (Hopkins), Senator James Seward, Warren Robinson (Messner), Carleen Roberts (Messner), and Jeanne Chojnacki (Messner)

**For those preparing for marriage:** Randy Chubbuck and Jen Doloff

**For those celebrating childbirth:** Melissa (Herion) and Alberto Bowilla

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** DOT road crews, all who make our ways safe and our home coming joyful

**In the Foothills Conference:** Zion Lutheran Church, Cobleskill (Pr. Sara Litzner)

**National/ International Concerns:** People of China, South Korea, Iran, Italy, Israel and Palestine; our country

**Natural and Man-Made Disasters:** Those impacted by winter storms and cold, victims of the coronavirus, the Mississippi flooding, those struggling with homelessness and social isolation

**+Blessed are the Dead+  
Who Die in the Lord**

+The Rev. John Fehring+  
(1929-2020)

**+ Parish News and Notes +**

**+ A special welcome to all visitors, friends and guests.** Please fill out a Voice from the Pew folder and sign our Guest Book. Please include your complete mailing, e-mail address, and phone number. If you are new to the community or are looking for a Church Home, please let us know how we can be of service and consider our Christian family your own.

**Attendance & Offering Statistics**

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
3/29/2020			
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$705)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>
4/1/2020			

**\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses**

**+ OCLP +**

**+A parade, cheers from the crowd.** An Auspicious beginning to a week which will change history. The ancient battle between good and evil, begun at a tree in Eden, will climax at another tree outside Jerusalem. Death will give way to life.

**+ THIS WEEK +**

+Today: Palm Sunday/ Sunday of the Passion – Holy Communion  
Holy Week Begins

+Friday 4/10  
Good Friday

+Saturday 4/11  
“Early” Easter Service

Due to COVID-19 restrictions all services are now live streamed on their respective dates  
Please watch at <http://facebook.com/oclpny/>

All videos will also be posted on the OCLP website after the event  
<https://otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

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COMING UP

+Next Sunday  
Easter Sunday the Resurrection of our Lord

**+ Thought of the Week +**

During Passion Week Fast From . . .  
words that pollute, judging others, worry, idle gossip, anger, thoughts of illness, emphasizing differences, bitterness, suspicion, pessimism, problems that overwhelm, discouragement, self-concern

**All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace.** All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction. Those who commune in their home parishes are welcome to commune; those not yet communing of any age and for any reason may come forward to receive a verbal blessing. Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Baptized children may begin communing after parents have consulted with Pastor. The Lutheran Church believes, teaches and confesses that in, with and through the elements of bread and wine, Our Lord gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sin and the salvation of our lives. Anyone who has a legitimate impediment to receiving either element of the meal may receive in one kind only (bread or wine) and trust the Lord's grace that they are receiving full communion. Members, please fill out a "Voice From the Pew" folder to record your communion at least once a year. This is a constitutional requirement to determine our "Active" Voting membership roster. Thank You.

**In the OCLP We Practice The "Reserved Sacrament".** When laity "preside" at Holy Communion, they will use elements (bread and wine) previously consecrated by Pr. Paul at a prior worship service. Reserved elements are kept in an ambry for subsequent use in worship and distribution to the sick and shut-ins.

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