

Posted for any Lutheran church congregation that wants to participate in an online April 5th 10AM worship service.

1. See *How to Connect* instructions below.
2. Use the Redeemer Church bulletin attached to this document.

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Subject: Palm Sunday shared worship and resources - BC Synod Holy Week

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Hello everyone,

A too busy morning and a technical glitch mean this is getting to you later than planned. My apologies!

Kathy

Dear Rostered Leaders and Congregations,

As many of you are already aware, pre-recorded services are being prepared by leaders from across the BC Synod for each of the services in Holy Week. This is being offered as a resource, and could be one way to connect us during these extraordinary times. Today, we are providing the details for Palm/Passion Sunday, and next week you will receive everything you need to access the worship services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunrise, and Easter Sunday services.

You are invited to personalize and pass along the remainder of this message to the members of your congregation. You may wish to add a prayer, include a photograph that will be meaningful in your particular context, or even record a video greeting and add it to your outgoing message. You could also suggest that people worship 'together' by participating at a time you would normally hold this service in your particular community. The invitation can be emailed or perhaps included with a weekly bulletin you have already planned to send out.

Today we are sending you a link to the website of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Vancouver. Their pre-recorded Palm/Passion service will be available online at <http://www.redeemerlutheranvancouver.ca> at 10:00am on Sunday, April 5, 2020. A service bulletin is attached to this email so that you can participate.

We are very grateful to Rev. Katrina Vigen and the team at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Vancouver for welcoming us into their worship, for preparing the service and sharing it with us. Rev. Katrina provided the following information about Redeemer, the worship leaders, and the service:

Redeemer Lutheran Church is located in the West side of Vancouver; some members live in walking distance of the church while many others live across Vancouver and even in other cities of the Lower Mainland. Liturgical Music and Christian Education are priorities for the congregation and before COVID-19 our worship style was traditional with communion every Sunday.

Pastor Katrina Vigen has been serving alongside the people of Redeemer since Advent 2017; her son, Emil, has also been taking part in the recorded services. Siri Olesen has been Music Director at Redeemer for 14 years. She is joined by her family: her husband, Steve Maddock, serving as Assisting Minister, daughter, Aubrey, on violin, and son, Kai, on percussion.

In the Palm/Passion Service we sing “Hosanna!” along with the crowds who joyously welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem but the procession of this service ultimately takes us to the cross. God’s love for all of us and for all of creation is demonstrated in this incredible outpouring of love- and so we will sing together “My Song is Love Unknown,” among other hymns from our Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal. No matter what we are going through this Holy Week- illness, isolation, anxiety, financial stress- God walks with us and we know the cross is not the end of the story- Jesus will be raised- and through Christ’s resurrection we too have life. Our service ends with the hymn written by Thomas H. Kingo, “Praise and Thanks and Adoration,” where we will sing together, “Hold me ever in your keeping, comfort me in pain and strife; through my laughter and my weeping, lift me to a nobler life. Draw my fervent love to you; constant hope and faith renew in your birth, your life and passion, in your death and resurrection.”

How to connect:

- After 10:00am on Sunday, April 5, 2020, click this link to visit Redeemer's website: <http://www.redeemerlutheranvancouver.ca/> It will be available on the website for a few days.
- The video will be on the main page of Redeemer's website, and there will also be a link to YouTube if you prefer to view it that way
- Use the attached service bulletin to follow along during the service

Troubleshooting:

- If you have trouble connecting to the video on Sunday morning, contact bcsynod@elcic.ca or call Angela Chorney at (250) 891-8075.

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Redeemer Lutheran Church and B.C. Synod
Palm/Passion Sunday, April 5, 2020

Prelude: I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Welcome

Hosanna (*we sing the refrain together*)

Reading: Matthew 21: 1-11 (*we listen to the reading*)

Hosanna (*we sing the refrain together*)

Prayer of the Day

L (Leader): O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A (Assembly): Amen.

Reading: Matthew 26: 6-13

Offering Hymn: #691, Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.

We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able.

The vines were planted, seeds were sown. They grew in your good pleasure.

What once was common, daily food becomes a holy treasure.

Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer before you.

Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.

Offering Prayer:

L: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

A: Amen.

Psalm 31: 1-3, 7-16, 24

(*the assembly joins in the sung refrain, **Salvator mundi salva nos**, which means 'Saviour of the world, save us, free us'*)

Hymn: # 343, My Song is Love Unknown, verses 1 and 2

*My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.*

Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

*He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own would not its Saviour know.*

But oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

Reading: Matthew 27: 11-23

Hymn: # 343, My Song is Love Unknown, verses 3 and 4

*Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day hosannas to our king.
Then "crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.*

*We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made away,
A murderer to save, the prince of life to slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes that he his foes from thence might free.*

Reading: Matthew 27: 24-31

Hymn: #343, My Song is Love Unknown, verses 5 and 6

*In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home but mine the tomb wherein he lay.*

*Here might I stay and sing – no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!*

Reading: Matthew 27: 32-56

Message: The Rev. Katrina Vigen

Hymn: # 338, Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.*

*Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.*

*I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.*

Prayers of Intercession (with the words "Hear us, O God", you are invited to respond, "**your mercy is great.**")

Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favour and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: #783, Praise and Thanks and Adoration

*Praise and thanks and adoration, Son of God, to you we give,
for you chose to serve creation, died that sinners all might live.
Dear Lord Jesus, guide my way; faithful let me day by day*

follow where your steps are leading, find adventure, joys exceeding!

*Hold me ever in your keeping, comfort me in pain and strife;
Through my laughter and my weeping, lift me to a nobler life.
Draw my fervent love to you; constant hope and faith renew
in your birth, your life and passion, in your death and resurrection.*

Peace:

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. Share the good news.

A: Thanks be to God.

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