

Making disciples who make disciples

Palm Sunday - The Sunday of the Passion March 28, 2021

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Next Parish Council Meeting March 31, 2021 6:30 p.m.



Palm Sunday, March 28

Worship Service 11:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 1 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2
Noon

Easter Sunday, April 4 Sunrise Service 6:00 a.m. at Shilo Inn

1550 S. Castle Dome Ave. Continental Breakfast will follow. Please RSVP to the church office or Motty Durham (928)503-1674

Easter Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Worship Service with Baptism of Andrew Scherrer

Easter Lilies may be donated through Sunday, March 28.
An order form is located at the end of this newsletter and in Sunday's bulletin.

In Word – Hosanna!

This Sunday is Palm and Passion Sunday. The idea that the church felt a need to combine both events on one Sunday is a sad commentary on the dedication of Christians today.

In previous centuries, the Sunday before Easter was Palm Sunday, celebrating Jesus' victorious entry into Jerusalem. Five days later, the crucifixion was the focus of the Mass on Good Friday. The celebration of Jesus' glorious resurrection then followed on Easter Sunday.

Most Christians have stopped going to Mass on Good Friday, so they heard the Gospel passages about Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem one Sunday, followed by his resurrection the next, without ever hearing of his trial and crucifixion.

To ensure this paramount portion of the Gospel message wasn't missed by the congregation, the church restructured the lectionary to accommodate the Christians who are too lazy (both physically and theologically) to worship God on the day devoted to his sacrificial death on our behalf.

Here is a portion of the passage from Mark describing Jesus arriving in Jerusalem:

When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "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 heaven!" — Mark 11:7–10 (NIV)

Ironically, the welcoming crowd in Jerusalem recognized Jesus as the Messiah promised to them by God in their Holy Scriptures, while their religious leaders did not. The word, *hosanna*, is a Greek transliteration from the Hebrew word, *hoshia na*, which is a prayer to God that means "save us."

Psalm 118:25–26 (LEB) shows us:

O Yahweh, please save; O Yahweh, please grant success. ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of Yahweh. We bless you from the house of Yahweh.

The people's recognition of Jesus as the Messiah didn't go over well with the Pharisees who were watching the events unfold. They were afraid the Romans would react violently to the Jews gathering for Passover is they saw the crowd riled up for yet another "messiah" who was expected to save them from their Roman oppressors. A previous insurrection in Sepphoris around 4 BC resulted in the crucifixion of about 2,000 Jews. Thus, Luke includes the Pharisees' demand of Jesus:

... "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰ And he answered and said, "I tell you that if these keep silent, the stones will cry out!" — Luke 19:39–40

The people, however, recognized the power of God over the power of Rome, and continued their praise and prayers to God and the Messiah, clearly recognizing the fulfillment of yet another prophecy.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of
Jerusalem! Look! Your king comes
to you; he is righteous and
victorious, humble and riding on a
donkey, and on a male donkey, the
foal of a female donkey! —
Zechariah 9:9

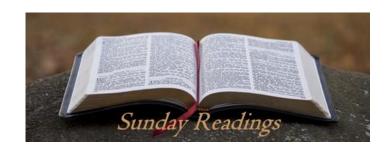
As Christians in the 21st century, do we recognize the arrival of our savior? And perhaps just as importantly, are we willing to sacrifice anything of ourselves in remembrance of the day he sacrificed everything for us?

May our hosannas ring out to the heavens as we recognize the sacrifice of Good Friday that brought forth our salvation just three days later.

Hosanna and Maranatha, Lord Jesus.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Austin



Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

Deadline for newsletter and bulletin items is Wednesday by 9 a.m. Thank you.



Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday 11:30a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, March 30

6:30 a.m. Bible Study

9 – 10:30 a.m. Prayer Time in the Chapel

9:30 a.m. Prayers and Squares – CtR Library

1 – 3 p.m. Bible Study at Dorothy Warner's Home

6:30 p.m. GriefShare Program ~ CtR Library

Wednesday, March 31

2:00 p.m. Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Eucharist Service

Thursday, April 1 – Maundy Thursday Thursday, Morning Prayer Group

11:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group **12 – 1:30 p.m.** Prayer Time in the Chapel

Sunday, March 28 – Easter Sunday

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service, Shilo Inn **11:30 a.m.** Worship Service



Join Fr. Austin on a Trip to Israel!

Brochures and

Registration forms for Fr. Austin's trip are available in the Narthex at church, or by contacting the office. The trip will depart on Dec. 6 and return on Dec. 13, 2021.

For more information, contact Fr. Austin.

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Those Who Serve

Altar Guild – Sherri Wayman Ushers – Jim Slater & Dave Wayman Chalice – Sherri Wayman & Mary Sue Houston Lessons – Passion Readers Prayers – Motty Durham

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Lord, we ask you to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in sickness, or any other adversity. Open the hearts to know your love and feel your presence.

We pray for Ben Berkshire, Kenneth Holbert, Katy Mize, Chuck Warner, Lina, Bruno Hildebrandt, Kara, Eric, Ella & Timothy, Gerry Pyper, Sandra Pyper, Kenna Tanaka, Wes Tanaka, Steven Fischer, Ann Traverso, Neil, Lauren, Marcela, Fr. Austin, Pat Galloway, Dorothy Green, Denise, Connie, Sue, Scotty Haskell, St. Paul's Church (Payson, AZ), Diane Manning, Bishop Keith, Abbie Bundy, Betty (Bo Peep) Penny, Donna, Dcn. Linda, Lorraine Chavez, Steve Chacon, Merle Shyne, Laura, Darlene O., Maddy, Lauren, Steven, Elena, Officer Shay K. Mikalonis, Niki, Roni, Bob, Carol, Zachary, Kathy Watson, and Pray for the World.

If you would like to submit prayer requests for this newsletter or if you have any updates, please contact the church office at 928-343-9551, or ctryuma@gmail.com

Prayers for the Deanery of AZ

The Rev. Steven and Darci Balog, with their children Nicholas, Jonathan, Ashely, and James, Holy Spirit Anglican Fellowship, Prescott, AZ

Ryan and Noleen Thurman, with their children Ethan, Keilah, Micah, and Eleyana, the House Church, "Apprenticeship to Jesus," serving Grand Canyon University, Phoenix

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CtR Prayer Project

2 Corinthians 12:10-Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

I've been leading our women's Bible Study for thirty-two years now, and for the past twelve, I've been using the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Stanley's 30 Life Principles as our curriculum. I also subscribe to Dr. Stanley's daily devotional, "In Touch". This morning's devotion was based on Paul's attempts to get rid of the "thorn in his flesh", and the Lord reminding him that His grace was sufficient for him. Dr. Stanley asked his readers this morning, "Do you trust the Lord with your thorns, or are you trying to pull them out?" I've been trying to pull them out. I'm dealing with severe pain in my knee, but I can't get in to see a doctor. I'm awakened every night with pain in my upper right arm, and I wonder if my cancer has returned. My friends are criticizing me for my refusal to get the Covid-19 vaccines, even though I've refused to get the flu vaccines for several years in a row and nobody seemed to mind then. I'm distressed over the lack of integrity being shown with the election fraud, the budget pork, the border crisis, and what took place at the Capitol on January 6th. My nose runs every time I wear my mask, and I've gained fifteen pounds over the past year. I don't consider any of these "persecutions", but I do consider them thorns, and yes, I've asked the Lord to pull every one of them out---SOONER, if possible, LORD! What this morning's devotion reminded me, though, is that "whenever the Lord allows suffering to remain, He gives grace to endure it." And through past experiences with thorns, I've also learned that, in time, the Holy Spirit will reveal to me His reason for allowing the thorns in the first place. I'm in God's waiting room, and when I'm ready for the diagnosis, He'll call me in and explain it to me. I'm familiar enough with His Prescriptions and His Treatments to know that when the time is right, I will not only agree with His diagnosis, but I

will be well on my way to the cure. His grace is always sufficient for me. Not only is Jesus Christ more than sufficient for any need I may have, but He is EVERYTHING I will ever need. Thanks be to God!!!

Praying in One Accord-God isn't opposed to removing thorns; He just wants me to be in one accord with His purpose and His timing for allowing them.

Accord Prayer-Lord Christ, we all have thorns; some are much more painful than others, but they are all meant to draw us closer to You and keep us humble. Please, give us the grace to endure these thorns while You teach us their reason for being here so long. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving-Loving Father, thank You for reminding us that You allow the thorny bushes to grow alongside our fruit trees for a purpose. Thank You for the assurance that there won't be any need for thorns in eternity. Amen.

Christ's Humiliation and Exaltation Philippians 2:5-11

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is the time of year during which we look forward to Resurrection Sunday and celebrate with robust Allelu__s after many long weeks! Please consider a memorial or thanksgiving Easter lily that will adorn the altar on Easter Sunday and then will go on to bless residents at Yuma Nursing Center and anyone you may recommend who may be shut-in or in the hospital. The recommended donation is \$15 per potted lily. The proceeds go to purchase bread and other items that are used during all of our weekly communion services. Donations are accepted until Palm Sunday. May God bless you and make His face to shine upon you!

Jennifer Kircher

Altar Guild Directress

Please complete the form at the right and include the slip with your donation. Please place in the offering.

Thank you for your contribution!

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