



IMMANUEL
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Palm Sunday
April 5, 2020

LETTER FROM FR AARON

Beloved Immanuel Anglican Church,

This has been a Lent like none other in our lifetimes. The deadly coronavirus has spread around the world bringing sickness, death and a screeching halt to life as we know it. Even if you're not physically or financially affected by this crisis, you are likely grappling with the loss of your normal community, rhythms and plans.

There was never a better time for Holy Week. For Jesus and his followers, Holy Week was anything but serene and normal! The final days and hours of his life were marked by uncertainty, danger, solemn prayers and sacred meals, betrayal, confusion, and death. And throughout history, the people of God have celebrated Holy Week in terrible circumstances: war, plague, famine, invasion of foreign armies, time of confusion and great pain.

This is the world Jesus came to save. This is the world Jesus came to heal! During the events of Holy Week, we enter the story of Jesus. We don't leave our problems of this life behind – we bring them with us, and we send them to the cross of Christ. And on Easter, we set all our hopes for wholeness and eternal life on the risen Christ.

Before us is the dawn of Easter, the promise of Heaven. Sooner or later, darkness will give way to light. Let us be ready for that dawn as we keep watch with Jesus in the final hours of his life. Receive the gift of Holy Week; it is a gift for such a time as this.

During Holy Week at Immanuel Anglican, we will journey with Jesus through the final days of his life, his death on the cross, and his resurrection from the grave. Each service has incredible moments where we can participate in the story. Join us for these online gatherings and use the resources on the following pages to follow along in your household throughout the week.

With love,
Father Aaron

HOLY WEEK ONLINE GATHERINGS

April 5 | Palm Sunday Service | 10AM
April 9 | Maundy Thursday | 7PM
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April 11 | Easter Vigil Service* | 7PM
April 12 | Easter Sunday | 10AM

*We will be joining the Diocese for the Easter Vigil: churchrez.org/holy-week-at-home.

GET READY FOR THE SERVICES

- Grab your Bibles and journals.
- Get the live stream ready on your largest, most central screen.
- Turn off devices (or silence notifications) on all devices you're not using for the service.
- Gather the items needed for the service.
- Optional: Print out coloring sheets for children in your household. (Find at immanuelanglican.org/holyweek)

RECEIVE PRAYER MINISTRY

While we are unable to gather in person, we want to extend the ministry of prayer to anyone who needs it during Holy Week. We will have time slots throughout the week when prayer ministers will be available to pray with you, one-on-one, over a Zoom call or the phone - you can find the list of slots on our Holy Week page: immanuelanglican.org/holyweek.

SHARE YOUR “HOLY WEEK AT HOME” WITH US!

If you post pictures and videos of your Holy Week celebrations, tag us (@chicagoanglican) or use hashtag #chicagoanglicanholyweek or e-mail them to jennifer@immanuelanglican.org

PALM SUNDAY

Today is the day we commemorate the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem, when he was greeted by a crowd, waving palm branches and shouting "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" With our own palms, we remember and join the crowds who sang "hosanna" to Jesus as an earthly king, perceiving his glory in limited and worldly terms, based on our own human experiences and expectations.

What you need:

- Palm branches (real or paper).

What to do:

- Have your palms ready to march through your house during the beginning of the service.

Other Ideas:

- Light a large candle at the beginning of the service.
- Do a prayer walk around your neighborhood with your palm branches.
- After the service, hang palm branches in the home until Maundy Thursday.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Liturgy of the Palms

CELEBRANT: *Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

Assist us mercifully with your help, 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 and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Luke 19:29-40

²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here." ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: And also with you.

CELEBRANT: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

PEOPLE: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

CELEBRANT: *It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the 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 proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.*

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

PEOPLE: **Hosanna in the highest.**

DEACON: *Let us go forth in peace.*

PEOPLE: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Hosanna

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you.
We turn to you.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for you,
We long for you.

'Cause when we see you
We find strength to face the day.
In your presence
All our fears are washed away,
Washed away.

*Hosanna, hosanna!
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, hosanna!
Come have your way among us.
We welcome you here, Lord Jesus.*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to you.
We turn to you.
In your kingdom, broken lives are made new.
You make us new.

The Collect of the Day

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: *Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

The Lessons

READER: *A reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

Isaiah 45:18-23

¹⁸ For thus says the Lord,
who created the heavens
 (he is God!),
who formed the earth and made it
 (he established it;
he did not create it empty,
 he formed it to be inhabited!);
"I am the Lord, and there is no other.
¹⁹ I did not speak in secret,
 in a land of darkness;
I did not say to the offspring of Jacob,
 'Seek me in vain.'
I the Lord speak the truth;
 I declare what is right.

²⁰ "Assemble yourselves and come;
 draw near together,
 you survivors of the nations!
They have no knowledge

who carry about their wooden idols,
and keep on praying to a god
that cannot save.

²¹ Declare and present your case;
let them take counsel together!

Who told this long ago?
Who declared it of old?

Was it not I, the Lord?
And there is no other god besides me,
a righteous God and a Savior;
there is none besides me.

²² "Turn to me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.

²³ By myself I have sworn;
from my mouth has gone out in righteousness
a word that shall not return:
'To me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear allegiance.'

READER: *The word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

READER: *The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.*

Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. ² And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." ³ And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." ⁵ But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷ And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. ⁹ So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ And Herod with

his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate.¹² And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,¹⁴ and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him.¹⁵ Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him.¹⁶ I will therefore punish and release him."

¹⁸ But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"—¹⁹ a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder.²⁰ Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus,²¹ but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!"²² A third time he said to them, "Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him."²³ But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed.²⁴ So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted.²⁵ He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

²⁶ And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him.

²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!"³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine³⁷ and saying, "If you

are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour,⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.⁴⁶ Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!"⁴⁸ And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts.⁴⁹ And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

Sermon

“The story we need right now”
- Fr. Matt Woodley

The Creed

Please stand

PEOPLE: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and was born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontious Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

The Peace

CELEBRANT: *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

PEOPLE: And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Offertory

Lord I Need You

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

*Lord, I need You, oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

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Doxology

Please stand.

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: And also with you.

CELEBRANT: *Lift up your hearts.*

PEOPLE: We lift them to the Lord.

CELEBRANT: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

PEOPLE: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

CELEBRANT: *... therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ble - sed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

CELEBRANT: *... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

ALL: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

CELEBRANT: *... By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours Almighty Father, now and forever.*

ALL: Amen.

CELEBRANT: *And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,*

ALL: 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 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
For ever and ever,
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

During the season of Lent, we refrain from speaking the word 'Alleluia.'

CELEBRANT: *Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

PEOPLE: Therefore let us keep the feast!

CELEBRANT: *The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.*

What Wondrous Love

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down,
Sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown
Christ laid aside His crown
For my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the great I AM
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme I will sing!

And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And through eternity, I'll sing on!

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The Blessing

CELEBRANT: *Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Dismissal

DEACON: *Go forth into the world in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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