

# Affton Presbyterian Church

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**April 10, 2022**

**Passion Sunday**

## Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

### **The Passion of Our Lord, According to the Gospel of Luke**

THE ENTRANCE TO JERUSALEM

†Call to Worship

Jesus went on, going up to Jerusalem.

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice, saying,

**“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”**

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”

**“I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”**

†Hymn #88

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

THE PASSOVER

Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!” Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

⬆️Hymn #94      “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

Prayer of Confession

**Wounded God, even as you invite us to sit down and eat with you, we prepare to betray you and deny you, whether we know it or not. We conspire against your work and shout for the death of your children. We demand that those in pain and need save themselves, instead of working to free them. Have mercy on us, and forgive us. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

God’s most amazing love is this: that once we were no people,  
**But now we are God’s people!**  
Once we had not received mercy,  
**But today we have received mercy.**  
Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

THE GARDEN

Jesus went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.” Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.”

When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

⬆️Hymn #97      “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?”

Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after

day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!”

## THE ARREST AND TRIAL OF JESUS

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, “This man also was with him.”

**But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.”**

A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, “You also are one of them.”

**But Peter said, “Man, I am not!”**

Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, “Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.”

**But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!”**

At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?” They kept heaping many other insults on him.

⚭Hymn #93

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, “If you are the Messiah, tell us.” He replied, “If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” All of them asked,

**“Are you, then, the Son of God?”**

He said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

⬆️Hymn #98

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

**"Crucify, crucify him!"**

A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed.

So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over.

## THE CRUCIFICTION OF JESUS

⬆️Hymn #100

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

**“He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, the chosen one!”**

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

### Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Loving God, you taught your disciples love for one another—love which would manifest itself in selflessness and servanthood. Hear the prayer of your people for our world and all who dwell in it as we lift our prayers and say:

God in your grace, **hear our prayers.**

*...the prayer continues...we pray together as Jesus taught us, saying Our Father....*

⬆️Hymn #85                      “What Wondrous Love Is This”

### THE DEATH OF JESUS

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.”

And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

⬆️Hymn #92                      “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

### THE BURIAL OF JESUS

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was

waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

**Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.**

It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

⬆️ Hymn #102 "Were You There"

⬆️ Charge and Benediction

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Go in peace, children of God, until we meet again at the tomb.

Postlude

**The people serving you...**

Musician: Lynette Milles

Liturgist: Ginny Conroy

Worship Leader: Anna Belveal

**Please remember in your prayers...**

Bill Campey, Barb Cavicchia, Joanne Goin, Joe Maze, Mary Philips

**Getting in touch with the pastor:**

*Pastor Hannah is on vacation this weekend and will be back Tuesday.*

If you are a visitor wanting to know more about Affton Presbyterian Church, a lifelong member looking for information or care, or just want to say hello, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Hannah Zyla. She would be happy to meet and talk with you at your convenience.

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