

Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

PALM SUNDAY THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

APRIL 1, 2007

ELEVEN A.M.

THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS

The Congregation gathers at Meridian Hill Park for the Liturgy of the Palms.

Hymn, No. 121

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

Hosanna in the Highest!

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

The Congregation is seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16 – page 229

Sung by the Congregation to LBW Tone 2, page 291.

Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

The Passion of Our Lord According to St. Luke

Luke 22:14—23:56

See insert.

Hymn of the Day



1. Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, See him dy - ing on the tree!
2. Tell me, all who hear him groan - ing, Was there ev - er grief like this?
3. You who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil great
4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion; Here the ref - uge of the lost;



This is Christ, by all re - ject - ed; Here, my soul, your Sav - ior see.
Friends through fear his cause dis - own - ing, Foes in - sult - ing his dis - ress;
Here may views its na - ture right - ly, Here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
Christ, the rock of our sal - va - tion, His the name of which we boast.



He's the long - ex - pect - ed proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Da - vid's Lord.
Man - y hands were raised to wound him, None would in - ter - vene to save;
Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed; See who bears the aw - ful load;
Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!



Proofs I see suf - fi - cient of it: He's the true and faith - ful Word.
But the deep - est stroke that pierced him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
It's the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
None shall ev - er be con - found - ed Who on him their hope have built.

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Prayers of the People – Each petition concludes with one of the following responses:

Merciful God, **hear our prayer**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Sharing of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Anthem, at the Offering

Help Us, O Jesu

Heinrich Schütz

The Congregation stands.

Offertory Hymn, No. 94

Stanzas 1, 3, 7.

My Song Is Love Unknown

Offertory Verse and Prayer

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies it bears much fruit. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Let us pray. **Compassionate God, we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives, and feed us with your grace, that even in the midst of death, all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving – Setting Three, page 109

Salutation, Preface and Sanctus

Eucharistic Prayer and Doxology

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

The Distribution of the Blessed Sacrament

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

Non-communicants are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Voluntary

Ah, Holy Jesus

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Solo

The Crucifixion

Samuel Barber

At the cry of the first bird they began to crucify Thee, O Swan!

Never shall lament cease because of that.

It was like the parting of day from night.

Ah, sore was the suffering borne by the body of Mary's Son,

But sorer still to Him was the grief which for his sake came upon his mother.

– from *The Speckled Book* (12th century)

THE POST-COMMUNION

The Congregation stands.

Eucharistic Blessing

Nunc dimittis – Hymn No. 349

I Leave as You Have Promised, Lord

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, in this meal you nourish us with the gifts of faith and hope. Sustain us on our journey, that refreshed by your grace, we may reach the promised land, the Easter feast of victory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Benediction

Hymn, No. 118

Sing, My Tongue

Dismissal

Go in peace. Proclaim God's eternal joy.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Jésus accepte la souffrance
Jesus Accepts the Suffering

Olivier Messiaen

Servants at God's Altar

Celebrant and Preacher Norm Theiss
Deacon I Rebecca Roth
Deacon II
Lector Paul Beddoe
Passion Story Readers *Narrator* – Carol Capps
Jesus – John Isbell
Simon Peter – Bob Anderson
Pilate – Rich Gillam
Servant Girls – Alice Anderson
Criminals – David Juilfs
Centurion – Ben Cutler
Organist and Choirmaster Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
The Parish Choir
Tellers Mary Schooley, John Isbell,
Drew Genszler
Ushers Josephine Allen
Altar Guild Alice Anderson, Marilynn Olson

Parish Concerns

+ **Members:** Louise Anderson, Mary Beth Blegen, Aaron Bonds, Ardelle Burton, Herman Davis, Sr., Dorothy Gladney, Ruth Hunter, Bill Reid.

+ **Friends and Family:** Andy, Carlos and Rich (Bucci); Stacey Aus (Knauff); Rex Baker (Robinson); Effi Barry (Burton); Edith Bowers (Bowers); the Family of Ken Boynton (Gillam); the Family of Margaret Cahill (Isbell); Judy Cashner (Cashner); George Cypress (Burton); Mindy Davis (Isbell); Ray “Bud” Erickson (Kennedy-Nash); Robert Kyle Evans (Schipp); Patricia Franks (Knauff); Lyle Forness (Forness); Ruth Fox (Fischer-Fox); Jessica Fox (Fischer-Fox); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Carole Gaston (Gaston); Muriel Halsey (Wassum); Marie Hanke (Lenhart/Ray); Leona Harper (Knauff); Danny Hartman (Knauff); The family of Beth Isbell (Isbell); Tom Johnson (Hart); Denise Kellam (Bucci); Sara Kepple (Richter); John Larson (Kahler-Larson); Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Sally Markle (Markle-Elder); Lois Merritt (Hunter); David Moore (Hart); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Chris Nelson (Burch-Nelson); Susan Papp (Lenhart/Ray); Rachele Portner (Hart); Jennifer & Joe Reed (Roth/Renne); Mary Ann Richardson (Kennedy-Nash); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Sarah Richter (Richter); Rich & Norma Shirey (Hart); Iris and Juan Sosa (Leath); Deborah Tang (Burton); Helen Tardy (Hunter); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Earl Telfair (Smith); Richard Tepel (Schipp); Joey Tindall (Alice & Bob Anderson); Marion Wagley (Capps); Nellikan Wernicke (Baerwald); Kay Wickre (Margrave); Pamela Wilson (Markle-Elder).

+ **Those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil:** Christian Paul Fischer Fox, Nicole Hoffman, Blair Bahati Mushala, Sydney Nawire Mushala, and Kalayi-Teuka Nawire

+ **Those who will be received at the Easter Vigil:** Korey Berg, Tory (Victoria) Bowen, Nicole Hoffman, Terri Jordan, Sam Luebke, Esther Rege, Joyce Byamungu Waguti

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with the family and friends of Ruth Telfair, especially Dorothy Smith, her sister-in-law.

Aaron Bonds is in Washington Hospital Center following surgery and a diagnosis of lymphoma. His treatment options are under evaluation and his spirits are good. Lisa (Bonds) updates the situation regularly on CaringBridge.org, and reads him daily the many messages of love, concern and support his friends and family leave him on the website's guestbook. You can keep up with Aaron's progress and leave him your own message at CaringBridge.org. Click on "Visit a Caring Bridge site" on the homepage and enter Aaron's name according to the instructions. Registration on the site is free.

Accessibility and Renovation Reminder: Our accessibility renovations are now virtually complete but paying for them is not – we have monthly mortgage payments of \$9,899 to cover far into the future. Please keep your pledge payments current and continue to honor and memorialize friends and family with contributions to the Accessibility and Renovation Fund. Thank you for your past generosity. Received last week: \$11,771.00

Easter Flowers and Landscaping: Members of the Worship and Music Committee will be in the Social Hall this morning to receive contributions for Easter Flowers and/or our Landscaping Project. See the blue insert. Deadline for all contributions is Monday, April 2nd.

-- Today – Palm/Passion Sunday –

Adult Forum: 9:15 – Lenten Bible Study: God Calls Us to Live in Faith

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – Hosanna!

Blessing of the Palms – 10:00 a.m., Meridian Hill Park

Joint Service with St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church,
followed by procession to Augustana for the 10:30 service.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

New Members Class: 12:30 – Library

No Coffee Hour this morning.



– This Coming Week –

Thursday, April 5th Maundy Thursday Liturgy – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 6th Good Friday Liturgy (Spoken) – 12:00 Noon
Neighborhood Stations of the Cross – 1:30 p.m.
begins at St. Augustine Church and ends at Augustana
Good Friday Liturgy (Sung) – 7:30 p.m.
The St. John Passion of Heinrich Schütz for Soloists and Choir

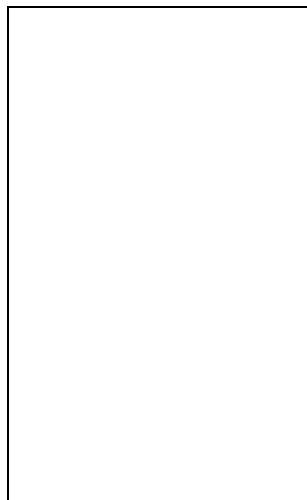
Saturday, April 7th The Vigil of Easter – 8:00 p.m., followed by a Gala Reception.

***The Gala Reception following the Vigil of Easter
welcomes our newest members:
eleven new brothers and sisters in Christ.***

The Evangelism Committee sponsors the reception
and requests that all Augustana Members help with the event:

1. By bringing Festive Reception Food –
Cakes, Pies, Sweets, Fruit, Cheese, Finger Sandwiches
2. By setting up at 4:00 p.m. and/or cleaning up afterwards.

A sign-up sheet is available for you to volunteer.



– Next Sunday, April 8, 2007 – The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord –

Adult Forum: does not meet today

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – He Has Risen

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Lessons: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

Hospitality Hosts: No Coffee Hour this morning.

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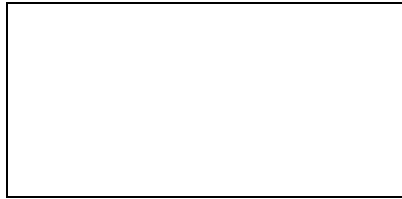
-- Upcoming Events and Announcements --

Volunteer needed to serve as Editor of The Augustanan – We are searching for a new member to work on the monthly newsletter. Rebecca Roth who currently works on the newsletter is willing to train someone who may be interested in learning “how to.” Please contact the office or Rebecca Roth 240-463-6493 or rebecca.roth@mac.com if you are interested.

Augustana’s NEW Mortgage Task Force – This newly formed task force will work closely with members of the Finance and Stewardship Committees to find ways to manage our monthly A&R mortgage. If you are interested in serving on this task force please contact the office or a member of council.

Outreach to Santa Maria: A new English/Spanish language program with Iglesia Santa Maria is underway. Volunteers are needed to become language lesson partners. Improve or learn Spanish as you help our sister congregation speak English - a skill that requires lots of practice. Please contact Brian Danaher (danaherb@hotmail.com) or Pastor Phil Anderson for more information.

Three Augustanans have contributed to the Lent, 2007 issue of "The Network Letter," an online newsletter of The Lutheran Network for Inclusive Vision, whose mission is "to foster full inclusion of GLBT people in the congregational life and rostered ministries of the ELCA by changing hearts and minds through biblical renewal." Pastor Theiss is the newsletter editor. The Lent, 2007 issue features articles by Alan Sutherland - "Who is my Family?" and by Barbara Solt - "Change within a Generation: Gays in the Church and Society." Another article is by Metro DC Synod Pastor Richard Graham - "Repentance, Fasting, Prayer, and Works of Love-The Discipline of Lent." Also included is "Texts and Meanings: Why do Scholars Differ about the Meaning of Texts on Sexuality?" by Arland Hultgren.



INTRODUCTION

On this day, united with Christians around the world, we mark Jesus' triumphant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem to complete the work of our salvation. We follow in his footsteps as we enter the church, our Jerusalem, acclaiming the one whose throne was the cross. In today's gospel reading we hear the passion narrative of Jesus' suffering, death, and burial for our sakes.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

This text, the third of the Servant Songs that arose in the last years of Israel's exile in Babylon, speaks of the servant's obedience in the midst of persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

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.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who
pulled out the beard;

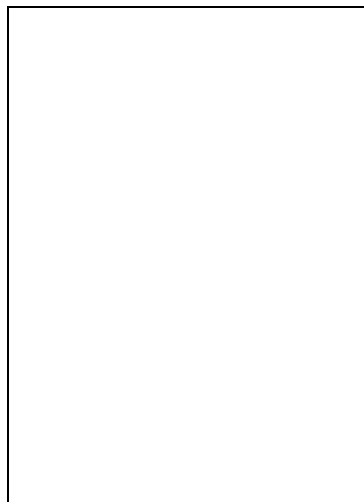
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience, even to death, and his exaltation as Lord of all.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and
under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Gospel is found in the special insert.



Mission Statement of Augustana Lutheran Church

“It is the purpose of Augustana Lutheran Church to engage as many persons as will share its confession of faith in a fellowship of worship, learning, witness and service that the Word of God in Jesus Christ may become effective in their lives together and individually and relate effectively in Christian concern and love to the geographic community within which the Church is located.”

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Parents: A nursery is available for children up to five years old.
See an usher for directions

Parking is available at the Reeves Center – 14th & U Streets
Please enter on U Street. From 10 am – 4 pm on Sundays
First Come, First Served