

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Passion Sunday

Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

10 West 31st Street Savannah, Georgia 31401 (912) 233-8895

Sunday, March 24, 2024
The Passion Sunday

+ *Please Stand*

Time for Silent Prayer
Welcome & Announcements
Chorale Prelude

“Ride On King Jesus”

Donald Moore

Dialogue of Forgiveness
(Please Kneel or Sit as you May)

P Most holy and merciful Father; We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints In heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault In thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

C Have mercy on us, Lord.

P We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ serves us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

C Have mercy on us, Lord.

P We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy and impatience of our lives.

C Have mercy on us, Lord.

P For our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of others.

C Have mercy on us, Lord.

P For our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

C Have mercy on us, Lord.

P For our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

C Have mercy on us, Lord.

P For our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

C Have mercy on us, Lord.

P Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done; For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

C Accept our repentance, Lord.

P For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us.

C Accept our repentance, Lord.

P For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

C Accept our repentance, Lord.

P Restore us, good Lord, and lest your anger depart from us;

C Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

P Accomplish in us the work of your salvation.

C That we may show forth your glory in the word.

P By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

**C Bring us with all your saints in the joy of his resurrection.
Amen.**

Children's Sermon

Rev. Peter J. Hartmann

Processional Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. ***Refrain***

2 The company of angels
is praising you on high;
creation and all mortals
in chorus make reply. ***Refrain***

3 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went.
Our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. ***Refrain***

4 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. ***Refrain***

5 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. ***Refrain***

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Baptism of Isabella Grace Ruehling

8:30 AM

The Sermon

Rev. Peter J. Hartmann

Baptism

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God. Who presents this child for Baptism?

We do.

In Christian love you have presented *this child* for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring *her* to the services of God's house, and teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As *she* grows in years, you should place in *her* hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for *her* instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of Baptism and in communion with the Church, *she* may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

We do.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises? **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Isabella Grace I baptize you in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit +.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon *Mia Anita*: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

Amen.

Isabella Grace, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the *father* and *mother* of *this child*. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their *child*. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their *child* the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Through Baptism God has made *this* new *sister, a member* of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

Isabella Grace Ruehling

Born, January 9, 2024

Daughter of Meagan & Jesse Ruehling

Brandon & Heather Mell, God Parents

Chris & Kim Conway, Grandparents

George & Sarah Ruehling, Grandparents

Paula Johnson Ruehling, Grandparent

“Covenant of Grace”

by Joseph M. Martin

A Passion Sunday Cantata

Piano - Rebecca McClain Narration - Becky Truluck & Charlie Schafer

I. “Paean of Promise”

Listen, faithful servant, take courage in these words. Take courage, for God is ever sure. God is always faithful. God’s love is everlasting. His covenant of grace will forever endure. His covenant of grace will forever endure. Oh, I will make in you a mighty nation, and I will shower you with glory from on high. Oh, I will bless you, that you might be a blessing. his is my promise. This is my covenant. This is my word of life. I will bless your night with shining stars of peace and hope. Every valley that you walk, you’ll never walk alone. And if you lose the way, I’ll bring you home again, for you are covered by my grace. Oh, I will make you a mighty nation. Yes, I will shower you with blessings from on high. Oh, I will bless you that you might be a blessing. This is my promise. This is my covenant. This is my word of life! This is my covenant, my word of life!

II. “Covenant of The Lamb”

Listen, faithful servant, take courage in these words. Take courage, for God is ever sure. God is always faithful. God’s love is everlasting. His covenant of grace will forever endure. His covenant of grace will forever endure. Oh, I will make in you a mighty nation, and I will shower you with glory from on high. Oh, I will bless you, that you might be a blessing. This is my promise. This is my covenant. This is my word of life. I will bless your night with shining stars of peace and hope. Every valley that you walk, you’ll never walk alone. And if you lose the way, I’ll bring you home again, for you are covered by my grace. Oh, I will make you a mighty nation. Yes, I will shower you with blessings from on high. Oh, I will bless you that you might be a blessing. This is my promise. This is my covenant. This is my word of life! This is my covenant, my word of life!

III. “For God So Loved The World”

For God so loved the world, He gave his priceless pearl. For God so loved the world, He gave His only son. Love came that none should die. Christ came, a sacrifice, that whosoever believeth in Him, would have eternal life, would have eternal life. For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son. For God so loved the world. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might live, that the world through Him might live, that the world through Him might live. For God so loved the world. For God so loved the world. He gave His priceless pearl. For God so loved the world, He gave His one Son. Love came that none should die. Christ came, a sacrifice, that whosoever believeth in Him, would have eternal life, would have eternal life. For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son. For God so loved the world.

IV. “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

“Hosanna, loud hosanna,” the little children sang. Through pillared court and temple, the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who blessed them, close folded to His breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna to the King. Hosanna in the highest. Rejoice, give thanks and sing! Hosanna in the highest. Declare the coming Lord. Hosanna in the highest, O praise forevermore! Sing “Hosanna in the highest!” the ancient song we sing. Behold the son of David, Lord of heaven, our King; O may we ever praise Him with heart and soul and voice and in His glorious presence, eternally rejoice. Sing hosanna! Hosanna! Sing hosanna forevermore!

V. “The Promise of The Kingdom”

When the Son of Man comes in glory, He will bring all the nations before Him, and He will separate the light from the darkness and He will gather His children to His side. Then the King will say to them, the King will gently say to them. Come, all who are blessed of my Father, for yours is the kingdom. Come, ye people blessed of my Father, yours is the kingdom, yours is the kingdom of the light. Come, all who are blessed of my Father, for yours is the kingdom. Come, ye people blessed of my Father, yours is the kingdom, yours is the kingdom of God. For I was hungry, I was hungry and you fed Me. When I was thirsty, you gave Me water. I was a stranger and you took Me in. I needed clothes and you clothed Me. When I was sick, you looked after Me. When I was in prison, you came to Me. You came unto Me. Come, all who are blessed of my Father, for yours is the kingdom. Come, ye people blessed of my Father, yours is the kingdom, yours is the kingdom of God! Yours is the kingdom, yours is the kingdom of God!

VI. “An Invitation to Grace”

Come, O come. Come to the table, all who are hungry and longing for bread. Come, O come. Take of God's goodness. This is the covenant, the covenant of grace. Come, come, come to the table. Here is refreshment for seekers of life. Come, come. Come to the table. This is the covenant, the covenant of grace. Take, eat and remember. Take, drink and be comforted. Come and know love divine. Rejoice in new wine. Receive God's eternal life! Come, come. Come to the table, all who are weary and burdened with care. Come, come. Come to the promise. This is the covenant, the covenant of grace. This is the covenant of grace. Come. Come. This is My covenant, My covenant of grace. My covenant of grace.

VII. “Cry Of The Crucifixion”

King of thorns, receive Your glory! Come and claim Your cruel crown. Prince of tears, Your throne awaits You, high above Golgotha's frown. Take the cross, it is Your scepter. Wear the purple robe in shame. Now the soldiers bow before you as they shout and mock Your name. Crucify the one called Jesus! Set another prisoner free! We shall have no King but Caesar! Take this man to Calvary! Jesus, call ten thousand angels! Save Your life and take Your throne! Save Yourself if You are worthy! Prove You are the chosen one! Up Golgotha's path of mourning, walks the beaten Son of Man, to the altar, to the slaughter. Come behold the dying Lamb. See the cross rise up to heaven. Feel the thunder shake the sky. Hear the hammer toll in triumph. Christ the Lamb is crucified. Christ the Lamb is crucified! Christ the Lamb is crucified!

VIII. “Here Is Love”

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving kindness, as the flood, when the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us His precious blood. Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise? He can never be forgotten throughout heaven's eternal days. On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened, deep and wide. Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide. Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above, and God's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love. Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above, and God's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love. Here is love, vast as the ocean. Here is love. Here is love.

The Apostles' Creed

- + 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 born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
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 Prayers of The Church

The Lord's Prayer

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 us 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, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Benediction

- P** The Lord Bless You & Keep You, The Lord Make His Face
Shine on you and Be Gracious to You, The Lord Look Upon
You with Favor, and Give You Peace.

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The Closing Hymn

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

Tune - St. Drostane, LM

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, your road pursue,
with palms and scattered garments strewed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die,
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O Christ, your power and reign!

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Organ Postlude

Rebecca McClain

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**We Welcome You to
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church...**

Whether you are a long time member, friend at St. Paul's, or here for the first time, we are glad you are with us in worship today! If you are in need of pastoral care, please give us a call. If you will be entering the hospital or preparing for any surgical procedures, please let the Pastor know so he can plan to visit and have prayer with you during this time.

Thank you for checking the "prayer list" posted in the bulletin today and for helping us to keep this list current by notifying the office with any updates.

All are welcome to partake in The Communion during the service. After The Consecration, come forward as able to receive the Blessing and The Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ and then return to your pew to complete the service.

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We Remember in Our Prayers...

Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Alice Ann Duggar, Frances Graff, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Leonora Reid, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Sherouse, Zoe Shinall, Mary Sikes, Charlie Smith, Barbara & Tim Tyson, and Melissa Waller.

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WELCA...

This Month the Women of the ELCA...
Are Collecting Monetary Donations for Outreach &
Large Quantity Detergent for the Fresh Air Home
at Tybee Island, Georgia.

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Our Worship Leaders & Staff...

- Senior Pastor...** The Rev. Peter J. Hartmann
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- Senior Organist ...** Rebecca T. McClain
- Office Administrator ...** Fran Snipes
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- Pre-School Director ...** Gina Johnson
- Assistant Pre-School Director ...** Cynthia Thomas
- Parish Housekeeping ...** April Reilly

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Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2024 Offerings

\$ 8,600.00

Received From Current Offerings Last Week

Offering \$2,889.00 E-Giving \$154.36

Worship Statistics Last Week In Person & At Home

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Maundy Thursday

March 28th

at 11:00 AM In the Henry Black Chapel
& 6:30 PM In the Sanctuary

Good Friday

March 29th

at 11:00 AM In the Henry Black Chapel
& 7:00 PM In the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Services

March 31st at 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Breakfast / Brunch 9:45 AM

In Hoffner Hall