



Palm Sunday, April 5th

[Video Scene: John 12:12-16](#)

from the Film: [The Gospel of John \(entire film here\)](#)

(Initial release: September 26th, 2003. Director: Philip Saville.

Narrator: Christopher Plummer.

Producer: Garth Drabinsky.)



An Order for Worship for Palm Sunday:

[Palm Sunday April 5 2020.pdf](#)

Palm Sunday Passion Reading:

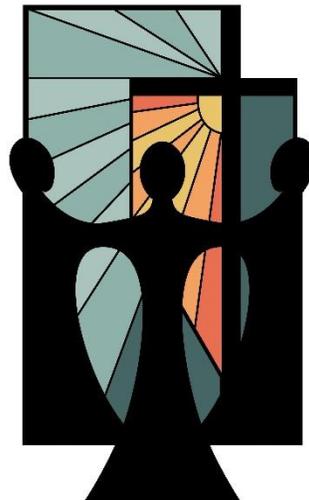
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Palms are refrigerated and will be distributed when we can be gathered again.



From Bishop Wilma S. Kucharek:

[A Spiritual Message for the Season from Bishop ...](#)



A Ray of Light in Our Darkness:

[Sts. Peter and Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Riverside](#)

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JOHN 11:1-45

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You must know that there is nothing higher and stronger and more wholesome and good for life in the future than some good memory, especially a memory of childhood, of home. People talk to you a great deal about your education, but some good, sacred memory, preserved from childhood, is perhaps the best education. If a man carries many such memories with him into life, he is safe to the end of his days, and if one has only one good memory left in his heart, even that may sometime be the means of saving him (Alyosha in Fyodor Dostoevsky's Brothers Karamazov).

A Good Memory... from Christmas Eve, 2019: Handel's *Messiah*

[✔ Christmas Eve Messiah Advent Movements.MTS](#)

Brandon Michael, tenor

[✔ Christmas Eve Messiah The People.MTS](#)

Dennis Lauritsen, bass

[✔ Christmas Eve Messiah How Beautiful.MTS](#)

Beverly Tarbox and Jane Lauritsen, sopranos



In Memoriam

**Sean D. Lorenzen
Neighborhood shrine
at the corner of 31st and DesPlaines in Riverside,**

December 6th, 2019.



**Peace, light and hope from jazz pianist and composer Will Todd's
Lux et Veritas and *The Call of Wisdom*,
performed by *Tenebrae*
and the *English Chamber Orchestra*, Nigel Short, conductor**

[Stay with Me Lord](#)

A Prayer for a Time of Anxiety

It seems that I return to you most easily when I need comfort.

O God. Hello... here I am again, knowing that you are waiting for me with love and warming light.

I find respite and relief that feeds my innermost self and renews my soul.

Day and night, you are my refuge.

These uncertain days of news conferences and quarantines
tempt me to assume the worst for my loved ones, myself and my community.

“Pandemic” is a frightening word, and I can easily feel confused or helpless to respond.

Now I am relying on you to lead and guide me, to put my anxiety in its place.

Help me see it as a human response that keeps me conscious of the seriousness of this moment,
but do not let it overwhelm my spirit.

Buoyed by your love, I choose each day to let peace reign in me.

Breathing deeply of your calm, I repeat, again and again, “You are here.”

Good and gracious Companion, my family and friends need tranquility and assurance.

Help me to offer them your tenderness.

Those in my community who are suffering need care.

Help me to be generous and to keep contact with the forgotten.

Our world calls for cooperation among national leaders, scientists, health care providers,
and all who are instrumental in overcoming this crisis.

May my prayers and support be with them all.

I have come back to you, and I will return, knowing that your open arms will never fail.

God of hope, may your love blanket the earth, as you teach us to live more generously today than
yesterday.

May my anxiety be transformed into love. Amen.

(from *Diakonia* newsletter)

---submitted by *Charles Matthies*

The Call of Wisdom

The Lord is My Shepherd

Vidi Speciosam

*I saw the fair one rising like a dove above the streams of water:
whose priceless fragrance clung to her garments.*

And as on a spring day, she was surrounded by roses and lily-of-the-valley.

Who is this who rises from the desert like a pillar of smoke from incense of myrrh and frankincense?

And as on a spring day, she was surrounded by roses and lily-of-the-valley.

(Responsory at Matins for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.)

Dr. Emily Landon

Executive Medical Director for Infection Prevention and Control
at the University of Chicago Medical Center

*better known to many of us as Emily who sings soprano in Lux Cantorum Chicago,
speaking at the governor's briefing on Friday, March 20th, 2020.*

“Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. O Christ, hear us. In mercy hear us. God, the Father in heaven, have mercy on us. God, the Son, redeemer of the world, have mercy on us. God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us. Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us. Be gracious to us. Spare us, good Lord...” (from the opening verses of The Litany, *Lutheran Book of Worship*, pages 168ff).

Please consider praying (and singing) [The Litany](#) in your homes during the evening hours.