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SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1982

Ministers:

Rev. J. Cashore
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10:30 A.M.

Morning Worship

Palm Sunday

Holy Communion

ORGAN PRELUDE "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

J. Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP Mark 11: 4 - 10

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Minister: We praise you, gracious God, for the coming of
the savior, Jesus Christ.

People: Before he suffered and died, he entered the
city, acclaimed as King by those who spread
their garments with branches on his way.

Minister: But the "Hosannas" gave way to shouts of
"crucify".

People: Grant that we may hail our King and may follow
him all the way to the cross, that with him we
may be victors over sin and death.

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. *Hosanna in the Highest.* Amen

RESPONSIVE READING (congregation seated) Palm 24: 7 - 10

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates!

People: And be lifted up, everlasting doors; and the
King of Glory shall come in.

Minister: Who is the King of Glory?

People: The Lord strong and mighty. The Lord mighty
in battle.

Minister: Lift up your heads O gates!

People: Yes! Lift them up everlasting doors; and the
King of Glory shall come in.

Minister: Who is the King of Glory?

People: The Lord of hosts. He is the King of Glory.

HYMN NO. 447 "All Glory, Laud and Honour"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: We confess to you, God, that we have sinned
in what we have thought, said and done. We
confess that we have sinned also in what we
have not thought or said or done.

(Hear)

ORGAN PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP
HYMN NO. 197
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
ABSOLUTION
CHORAL INTRODUCTION
EPISTLE LESSON
CHORAL RESPONSE
GOSPEL LESSON
ANTHEM
SERMON
ANTHEM
PRAYERS OF THE
LORD'S PRAYER
HYMN NO. 442
-- off
OFFERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
HYMN NO. 256
BENEDICTION
ORGAN POSTLUDE

We welcome to
the direction
thank them for

BROADCAST SUNDAY APRIL 4 1982

WHY TELL THAT STORY?

The Gospel lesson for this Passion Sunday
Consists of two Chapters of Mark. - Ch's 14 + 15
72 Verses + 47 verses.

at our service this morning John Read all 119 verses.

I think it can be understood why that was done.
There are at least 19 detailed episodes to that story in Mark.
When you read them right through ~~in that~~ you
get the unescapable impression that each one
had become an important component in an
important story.

These ~~recounted~~ ^{recounted} events of the last 4 or 5 days
of Jesus' life, are seen as being of paramount
significance.

They are a ~~puzzling~~ collection of episodes - unless
they happened - unless they were thought of as happening
and unless they were thought of as having significance
as the story unfolds - Cliff Hager -

- Disaster closing in → several reverses - ^{look she -} averted
Not a loss → ~~intentional~~ ^{intentional} ~~deliberate~~ ^{deliberate} ~~purposeful~~ ^{purposeful} ~~action~~ ^{action} ~~maneuver~~ ^{maneuver} ~~expedition~~ ^{expedition}
Random → inevitable.

What a set of episodes Recall - like it was of central importance
What a story to keep retelling as if it mattered!

Story Got Remembered & Retold - in order to
account for a most remarkable God event
Story - almost Significant & had become a window on God
This was held up & in touch with God's
Very Self.



Refined Octash :-

establishment - plays no direct role to ~~graduate~~ form

5 under affects the help - ^{team help us} dog time overil rank overdo

~~for~~ water, some costly, artificial & long.

Populce and Cereals - manufacturing & their

Intimate following - misunderstood what to store for

last first ^{letter} ^{recovered} } saltiest }
false of } accept for some
day or sooner } wassy - narrow

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Brown Hair seal - Went out - neighbors well

(caveat) $\leftarrow$ cliff layer see it through

Witness cannot agree - case of girl her brother Dan

Response should say plan to ^{proceed} ^{celebrate} Blasphemy -

Wash of Wash

Rouay Governor ^{to} ~~dismiss~~ ^{dismiss} Cao ~~not~~ sufficient reason -
- ~~not~~ fails - had low on

Ugly Executions - bystanders to say the cross

an immediate offeral - repeated

scuffing - no infamy misanthropically

- This cannot be blessed of God

~~cross~~ - ~~my God my God - all for say~~ ~~misunderstanding~~
~~cross~~ - ~~misunderstanding~~ - calling for ~~offer~~

- Trumpet call by - Day -

Centuries - Surely the ~~one~~ son of God
 By stanch

All that ~~God~~ Remembered & Recorded

because - for the ~~Remembering~~ Community

~~God that~~ those ~~days~~ Turned that inside out

- Depth of the Hold of the God who Blesses only
 those who please him.

was Penetrated by the reality of the God who
 while we were yet ~~enemies~~ ^{enemies} Reconciled
 us to himself by the blood of his son

I think within this City and County side
 throughout the world.

Among the people living this sacred and country
 souls long to have their drivers rejected being
 penetrated with the notion that Christ God already
 calls them Friend.

And that no power or creature ^{or earth or gods etc} can
 necessarily cut them out of that.

Those ^{can be} cheap words

They are especially cheap to those who know the
abyss of God's judgement.

Unmentionable - unacknowledged abyss of
sinners' guilt on enemy of God.

The God news of our lives can reach
extreme depth & power in us.

Let us not be muzzling the good news
in such a way that it condemns the estrayed
to further darkness.

What can be done to help penetrate those
depths as the sun penetrates the frozen earth,

Retell the Story - Remembered especially, 4 days
seen as the occasion which brought God into our
4 days Supreme Witness on History of God and Human soul

How incarnate!

endured ~~this~~ mess of human affairs

To inevitable end of all that.

Humanity → Rejected God — sold out } shared out &
Fled from } No word unto
Dared . } a Cross

God - Most Help

God → Penetrate

Depth our Darkness