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## From Rev. Tom Sinning

*But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David', they became angry and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself"?'*

This passage from Matthew comes after Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and immediately follows His angry overturning of the tables of the money changers and dove sellers in the Temple.

Why does it seem that children can recognize a Jesus moment long before mature, supposedly wise adults seem to be able to; the leaders of our nation, people entrusted with the future of our children and grandchildren. I was appalled at the arrogance of the blaming and finger pointing that took place following this last horrendous massacre. *"Do you hear what these (kids) are saying?"* after blame was placed on the FBI for failing to question or apprehend this troubled young man, supposedly as a result of their being too involved in the investigation of Russian interference in our election.

*"Oh my god. 17 OF MY CLASSMATES AND FRIENDS ARE GONE AND YOU HAVE THE AUDACITY TO MAKE THIS ABOUT RUSSIA????!! HAVE A DAMN HEART."* Morgan Williams, a 16-year-old junior, tweeted in response to the messages being sent to the nation.

*"You know what isn't acceptable?"* said Carly Novell, a senior at Douglas High School. *"Blaming everyone but the shooter and the lack of gun control in our country. You even blamed the students. We did report him, we tried. But how were we supposed to know what would happen? Your lack of sympathy proves how pitiful of a person you are."*

*"You're supposed to bring this nation together, not divide us,"* David Hogg, an 18-year-old Douglas senior, said on NBC's "Meet the Press" program. *"How dare you!"*

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In Jesus' time children had little voice and I'm not sure that much has changed today. I still hear folks say that kids and young people are lazy and all they want to do is play video games and think life owes them a living. Jesus was killed as a young man in his thirties for speaking out against repressive and self-serving powers. He was the ultimate in vulnerability. It seems that the most vulnerable are the ones who lead the way.

In a "listening" session with those who were affected by this and other tragedies, it was suggested by our leaders that we could arm our coaches and teachers with guns in school. So once again the solution served up to killing is more killing capacity. But, I am reminded of listening more and talking less. I am reminded that children and the vulnerable over history have had the common sense to speak truth to power. "Do you hear what these (kids) are saying?"

## Remember to Forget to say Alleluia!

By Tim Johnson



*This is a reprint of an article which I have run the past couple of years just prior to the Season of Lent. This year, we will already have been a good two weeks into the season by the time you read this. However, it is a good reminder for all of us as to traditional changes which take place between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday.*

The Music Committee would like to pass along a friendly reminder with regard to the "why we do what we do" category of our liturgical life. That is, the "Alleluia" is not spoken nor sung during Lent. It does not occur following statements including "Therefore let us keep the feast" nor will it appear in any of the hymns that we will be singing during this time. As the 40 day long Lenten season is penitential (i.e., a time when we remember the events leading up to Christ's Passion and Crucifixion and a time when we express sorrow for our sins and seek forgiveness), the joyfulness of the Alleluia does not fit in. We return to saying and singing the Alleluia on Easter Sunday when our penitence has been completed and we once again celebrate and express our great gladness and thankfulness for Christ's resurrection!

The other obvious change that we will see during our Service of Holy Eucharist during this season is that the "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" has been replaced by the "Kyrie eleison", as was the case during Advent. These Greek words translate into English as "Lord have mercy". Again, this is fitting for the penitential season of Lent. As the source [holycross.net](http://holycross.net) states, this prayer is "a plea for grace by fallen sinners". As with the omission of the Alleluia, the Kyrie appropriately replaces the cheerfulness of the Gloria for this period of time. Again, the Gloria reappears along with the Alleluia on Easter morning.

These (temporary) changes reflecting the penitential nature of the season of Lent allow us to reflect upon our fallen nature and contemplate the suffering that Jesus Christ endured for our sake so that we may be free to become full members of His being. By taking our sins upon Himself He gives us the gift of eternal life in His presence! This is the reward that we celebrate on Easter Sunday when we once again say and sing our Alleluias and the "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" returns in place of the "Kyrie eleison"!

### Sources:

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# Lectionary Readings for March

**March 4**  
Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22  
Psalm 19

**March 11**  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

**March 18**  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33  
Psalm 51:1-13  
or Psalm 119:9-16

**March 25**  
Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms  
Mark 11:1-11  
or John 12:12-16  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Liturgy of the Word  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47  
or Mark 15:1-39, [40-47]  
Psalm 31:9-16

**March 29**  
Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35  
Psalm 116:1, 10-17

**March 30**

Good Friday  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Hebrews 10:16-25  
or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
John 18:1-19:42  
Psalm 22

Position	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25	March 29	March 30
		<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>6:00 PM Maundy Thurs</i>	<i>Noon Good Friday</i>
<b>Priest</b>	F. Nairn	B. & J. Doebbert	N. Rich	R. Welsand	D. Emery	T. Sinning
<b>Organist</b>	J. Brogaard	V. Hegre	J. Brogaard	N. Anderson		N. Anderson
<b>Lector 1</b>	K. Reicks	T. Johnson	M. Reicks		J. Doebbert	J. Doebbert
<b>Lector 2</b>	J. Hull	F. Morical	K. Reicks	J. Hull	B. Doebbert <i>Stripping of the alter After the service</i>	K. Reicks
<b>Altar</b>	K. Reicks	T. Johnson	J. Hull	K. Reicks		
<b>S School</b>	Verlie &		Verlie &			
<b>Coffee</b>	V. Sinning	T. Johnson	R. Sinning			

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