

Palm Sunday
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(The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)

WELCOME

INVOCATION:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD

People: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

People: Blessed is He!

Pastor: I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

People: Blessed is He!

Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Blessed is He!

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

People: We bless You from the house of the LORD.

OPENING HYMN: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (Lutheran Service Book, #442, vs. 1-4)

All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,
To Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel and David’s royal Son,
Now in the Lord’s name coming, our King and Blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,
To Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels is praising You on high,
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.

All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,
To Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before You we present.

All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,
To Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
To You before Your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,
To Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord is God and He has made Himself known to us. He has sent us His Son and given us His kingdom. So let us now turn to the cross of Christ and confess our sins before God, believing that for Jesus' sake God will forgive us of all sin and free us from all guilt.

People: Almighty, ever-gracious God, You take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desire that they turn from their way and live. Mercifully withhold the punishment we deserve because of our many sins against You and the neighbors You have given us. We claim no righteousness; nor do we make any excuses. Our crimes are great. Forgive us, we pray for His sake. Amen.

Pastor: Hear this Good News friends, Jesus suffered and died for you. In Him God nailed all your sins to the cross. They are yours no more. In Jesus' death their curse is lifted and you are released from every condemnation. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, it is my privilege today to announce to you that all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Hosanna! With palms in hand we join in the festal procession that leads by faith through death to life. Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His holy city, grant that we also with trusting and steadfast hearts hail Him as Lord, lead others to Him, and, when He comes again, be raised to reign with Him in everlasting glory;

People: for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Zechariah 9:9–12*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is He,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and He shall speak peace to the nations;

His rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: *Philippians 2:5-11*

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lector: Please rise, as you are able.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

GOSPEL READING: *John 12:12-19*

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him."

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Nicene Creed

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Children's Message will return to its regularly scheduled place when we are able to increase the length of the worship service. Until then, it is available online at www.flcms.org/index.php/media/sermons.

HYMN: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (LSB, #443, sts. 1-3)

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

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SERMON: "Who Wants to be Nothing?" (*Philippians 2:5-11*)

OFFERTORY:

While the Coronavirus may have changed the way we come through the front doors of church, thanks be to God it has not prevented us from coming to Church! Please

consider, as you are able, returning thanks and giving today
at www.flcms.org/index.php/give.

HANDBELL OFFERTORY: “Lift Up the Gates Eternal” (also known as “The King of Glory Comes”) arranged by Mitchell Eithun (2017 Beckenhorst Press) based on Israeli folk tune “Promised One,” text by Willard F. Jabusch.

Refrain:

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices,
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

Who is the King of glory, what shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages. (Refrain)

In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among his people, curing their illness. (Refrain)

He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation,
He took upon himself the sins of the nation. (Refrain)

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen,
And he will share with us his heavenly vision. (Refrain)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

Following each petition:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Following the final petition:

Pastor: For these and all other concerns we have; we pray as You have taught us to pray:

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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION: (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" (LSB, #441)

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

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

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy 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 Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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DISMISSAL:

Please be seated
and kindly wait for an usher to dismiss your row.

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

In Christian Service:

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

with

Proclaimer – Rev. Walt Pohland

Liturgist – Rev. Bill Crowe

Musicians:

Adam Perez and Austin Angerman

Organist:

Adam Perez

Lay Readers/Lector:

Online Reader – Nicky Shepherd

8:00 Lector – Vicar John Cotner

9:30 Reader – Ken Alford

11:00 Reader – Denise Barnes

Children's Chapel:

DCE Jonathan Loesch, DCE Austin Angerman