

Palm Sunday
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN AND CHILDREN'S PROCESSION: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (Lutheran Service Book, # 442)

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 Blessèd 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.

As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King.

All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

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INVOCATION: (adapted from Psalm 118:25-26)

Pastor: Hosanna! Blessed is the Lord.

People: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Pastor: In the name of God the Father.

People: Blessed is He!

Pastor: In the name of God the Son.

People: Blessed is He!

Pastor: In the name of God the Holy Spirit.

People: Blessed is He!

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God. You come in regal grace to save Your people.

People: From the house of the Lord we bless You!

CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION, AND ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: (Psalm 118:27)

Pastor: Beloved, the Lord is God and He has made Himself known to us. He has sent us His Son and given us His kingdom. With contrite yet confident hearts we bow before the cross of Christ to confess our wickedness, joyfully believing that for Jesus' sake God will absolve 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 attempt any feeble apologies. Our crimes are great. Forgive us, we pray. See Jesus sacrificed and substituted for us -- our guilt laid on Him and His blood poured out for us -- and pardon us for His sake. Amen.

Pastor: Children of God, blessed beyond measure and loved without limit, 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. The verdict of guilt is spoken against you no more; the verdict I now pronounce with the authority of the Risen Christ as a called and ordained minister of His Church is a sentence to life: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People: Hosanna! With heart set free we join the parade that marches heavenward, following the Son of God beyond the grave to eternal life. Hosanna in the highest!

THE RESPONSIVE PSALM: *Psalm 118:19-29*

Pastor: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

People: This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

Pastor: I will give You thanks, for You answered me; You have become my salvation.

People: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

Pastor: The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

Pastor: O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success.

People: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

Pastor: The LORD is God, and He has made His light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

People: You are my God, and I will give You thanks; You are my God, and I will exalt You.

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: 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, point others to Him, and, when He comes again, be raised to reign with Him in everlasting glory; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” (Lutheran Service Book, # 443)

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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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.

RESPONSORY: Psalm 24:7-8

*Lector: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of
Glory may come in.*

People: Who is this King of Glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

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 emptied Himself, by 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.

RESPONSORY: Psalm 24:9-10

Lector: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of Glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of Glory.

Lector: Please rise, as you are able.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 21:1-9*

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

"Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your King is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before Him and that followed him were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!”

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

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!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see the_ approaching sacrifice.

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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SERMON: "A Great Day for a Parade" (*Matthew 21:1-9*)

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

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

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

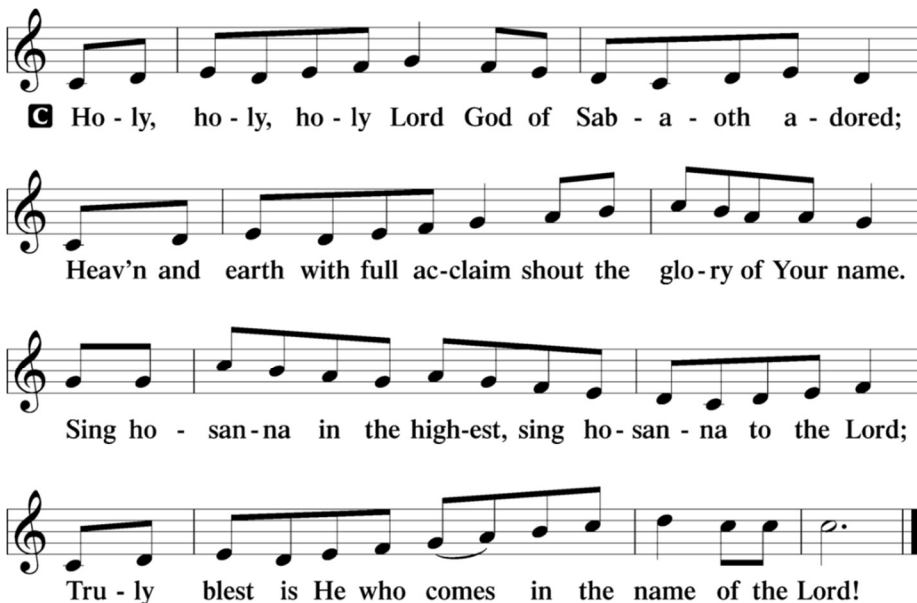
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers' directions.

DISTRIBUTION SONG: "King of Kings"

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty

Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Praise the Father

Praise the Son

Praise the Spirit three in one

God of Glory

Majesty

Praise forever to the King of kings

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born

Then the Spirit lit the flame

Now this Gospel truth of old

Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name

In His freedom I am free

For the love of Jesus Christ

Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father

Praise the Son

Praise the Spirit three in one

God of Glory

Majesty

Praise forever to the King of kings

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DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Forever Reign"

You are good, You are good
When there's nothing good in me.

You are love, You are love
On display for all to see.

You are light, You are light
When the darkness closes in.

You are hope, You are hope,
You have covered all my sin.

You are peace, You are peace
When my fear is crippling.

You are true, You are true
Even in my wandering.

You are joy, You are joy
You're the reason that I sing.

You are life, You are life
In You death has lost its sting.

(Oh) I'm running to Your arms,
I'm running to Your arms.

The riches of Your love will always be enough.

Nothing compares to Your embrace,
Light of the world forever reign.

You are more, You are more
Than my words will ever say.

You are Lord, You are Lord
All creation will proclaim.

You are here, You are here
In Your presence I'm made whole.

You are God, You are God
Of all else I'm letting go.

Oh I'm running to Your arms,
I'm running to Your arms.
The riches of Your love will always be enough.
Nothing compares to Your embrace,
Light of the world forever reign.
My heart will sing no other Name;
Jesus, Jesus.
(Repeat 2X)

(Oh) I'm running to Your arms,
I'm running to Your arms.
The riches of Your love will always be enough.
Nothing compares to Your embrace,
Light of the world forever reign.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” (LSB, #636, verses 1-4, 6)

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'ence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.

He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And His blood, for you once given.

Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Wide Open Stand the Gates” (LSB, #639)

Wide open stand the gates adorned with pearl,
While round God's golden throne
The choirs of saints in endless circles curl,
And joyous praise the Son!
They watch Him now descending
To visit waiting earth.
The Lord of Life unending
Brings dying hope new birth!

He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless:

“This is My flesh and blood!”

He bids us eat and drink with thankfulness

This gift of holy food.

All human thought must falter—

Our God stoops low to heal,

Now present on the altar,

For us both host and meal!

The cherubim, their faces veiled from light,

While saints in wonder kneel,

Sing praise to Him whose face with glory bright

No earthly masks conceal.

This sacrament God gives us

Binds us in unity,

Joins earth with heav’n beyond us,

Time with eternity!

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COMMON DISMISSAL:

Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: Holy Father, to win for us all the joys of heaven Your Son suffered all the agonies of death. Receive our thanks for His great love, made known to us in His body and blood. Pour out upon us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we also may love one another and go forth in Jesus’ name to share His love throughout the world until every tongue confesses that He is Lord, to Whom be all glory, praise, and honor, now and forevermore. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors" (LSB #339)

Lift up your heads, you everlasting doors,
And weep no more!
O Zion's daughter, sing,
To greet your coming King;
Now wave the victor's palm
And sing the ancient psalm:
"Lift up your heads, you everlasting gates!"
Your King awaits!

Who is this King of great and glorious fame?
What is His name?
Lord God of Sabaoth,
Of whom the prophets wrote,
Whose chosen, humble steed
Declares Him king indeed!
Hosanna, Lord! Messiah, come and save
From sin and grave.

Who may ascend Mount Zion's holy hill
To do God's will?
The One whose unstained hands
Can meet the Law's demands,
Whose purity within
Reveals One free from sin.
Come, praise this King who claims the cross as throne—
Praise Him alone!

"Worthy is Christ!" The Lamb who once was slain
Now lives to reign.
He rules our earthly ways
As Lord of Ancient Days—
O join the endless song
Sung by the ransomed throng:

“Worthy is Christ!” The Lamb be praised again!
Amen! Amen!

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DISMISSAL:

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

In Christian Service:

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

with

Liturgist: Rev. Walt Pohland

Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott

Musicians: Adam Perez, Joann Cotner (trumpet), Jim Newkirk (trumpet), Lauren Brezina
(piano/flute), Julie Reynolds (flute), Joe, Redmann (timpani)

Organist: Adam Perez

8:15 Lay Reader: Ken Stelzer

11:00 Lay Reader: Larry Tippens

Children’s Message: DCE Austin Angerman