

PALM SUNDAY
Hosanna to the Son of David!
March 23 & 24, 2013

AS WE GATHER

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week---the week when we remember, contemplate, and celebrate the central events of the Christian faith. Palm Sunday is a sort of microcosm of the entire Church Year; it is also reflective of the pattern of most of our lives. Palm Sunday begins with exuberance, praise, and loud shouts of hosanna. Then, rather abruptly, we move to the Passion of our Lord Jesus, His suffering and death for our sake on the cross. The Church Year has times of exuberance and praise, like Christmas or Pentecost. So also in our lives we sometimes experience times of great exuberance and give praise to God. Yet a sickness, a death, or a broken relationship can take us into a time of suffering or self-sacrifice. The good news of Palm Sunday is that Jesus has gone before us and prepared the way. In good times and bad, He is Lord, His mercy endures, and He brings us ever closer to that day when there will be no more sin, no more death, no more crying, no more pain. Hosanna to the Son of David! Jesus, I will ponder now On Your Holy Passion; With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation. Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish Of Your suffering, pain, and death That I may not perish. St. 1: LSB 440 Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-81; trans. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt. Public domain

+ PREPARATION +

SOLO

"The Holy City"

WELCOME

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching."
Hebrews 10:25

MINISTRY MOMENT

Children of the church are welcome to process in with palms. Please meet in the narthex prior to the service.

(Rise)

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes,

People: who comes in the name of the Lord. Psalm 118:26

Pastor: Hosanna to the Son of David.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

PROCESSION & OPENING HYMN #442 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

**Refrain 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. **Refrain**

The company of angels Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation In chorus make reply. **Refrain**

The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present. **Refrain**

To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. **Refrain**

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

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As we enter this Holy Week of our Lord's Passion, let us confess our sins to God and to one another. God of compassion,

People: we confess to you that we have sinned against you and against our neighbors. We have been prideful; we have sought to overrule your authority as Lord of our lives; we have not listened deeply to your Word. We do not deserve your kindness to us. In your abundant compassion, forgive us, Lord, for the sake of your Son, who gave His life on the cross for us.

Pastor: The Lord is full of compassion. He gives life. He heals the wounds caused by our sin. Therefore, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE #443 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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

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 an voice
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, you sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 32:36-39 (*The LORD will vindicate His people.*)

The Lord will judge his people and have compassion on his servants when he sees their strength is gone and no one is left, slave or free. He will say: “Now where are their gods, the rock they took refuge in, the gods who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up to help you! Let them give you shelter! “See now that I myself am He! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand.

EPISTLE Philippians 2:5-11 (*He humbled Himself . . .*)

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 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.

5:00 ANTHEM “Christ We Do All Adore You”

Choir

(Please Rise)

GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11(The Triumphal Entry)

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied

there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: “Say to the Daughter of Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest!” When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

(Be Seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #441 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

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.

SERMON

“See, Your King Comes To You!”

Matthew 21:1-11

(Rise)

5:00 & 8:00 THE APOSTLES’ CREED (*found on the back cover of hymnal*)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

Pastor: let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, forever and ever!

All: Amen.

5:00 & 8:00 THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Be seated)

+ SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI #434

"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,

Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.

All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:

Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #444 "No Tramp of Soldiers" Choir will sing stanza 1, congregation 2-4

No tramp of soldiers' marching feet With banners and with drums,

No sound of music's martial beat: "The King of glory comes!"

To greet what pomp of kingly pride No bells in triumph ring,

No city gates swing open wide: "Behold, behold your King!"

And yet He comes, The children cheer; With palms His path is strown.

With ev'ry step the cross draws near: The King of glory's throne.

A-stride a colt He passes by As loud hosannas ring,

Or else the very stones would cry "Behold, behold your King!"

What fading flow'rs His road adorn; The palms how soon laid down!

No bloom or leaf but only thorn The King of glory's crown.

The soldiers lock, the rabble cries, The streets with tumult ring,

As Pilate to the mob replies, "Behold, behold your King!"

Now He who bore for mortals' sake The cross and all its; pains

And chose a servant's form to take, The King of glory reigns.

Hosanna to the Savior's name Till heaven's rafters ring,

And all the ransomed host proclaim "Behold, behold your King!"

HYMN #547

"The Lamb"

Stanzas 1-4

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?

Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. *Refrain*

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill

So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.

He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*

HYMN #452

"O Perfect Life of Love"

O perfect life of love! All, all, is finished now,

All that He left His throne above To do for us below.

No work is left undone Of all the Father willed;

His toil, His sorrows, one by one, The Scriptures have fulfilled.

No pain that we can share But He has felt its smart;

All forms of human grief and care Have pierced that tender heart.

And on His thorn-crowned head And on His sinless soul

Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.

In perfect love He dies; For me He dies, for me.

O all atoning Sacrifice, I cling by faith to Thee.

In ev'ry time of need, Before the judgment throne,

Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, Thy merits, not mine own.

Yet work, O Lord, in me As Thou for me hast wrought;

And let my love the answer be To grace Thy love has brought.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord is compassionate.

People: The Lord heals us and restores our lives.

Pastor: The Lord vindicates His people through Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. 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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN #837

"Lift High the Cross"

Stanzas 1-4

*Refrain Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain*

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain*

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