

PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

No Looking Back

April 8 & 9, 2017

5:00pm & 8:00am

AS WE GATHER

So it all comes down to this. “It all” is the history of our Lord’s incarnation, birth, preaching, teaching, healing, calling disciples, and now, “to this”—Jesus coming to His goal in Jerusalem. This Sunday is so full of meaning that it cannot even be succinctly summarized. The meaning of it all unfolds before us as we spend an entire week, cheering the King at His triumphal entry, then gathering with Him in the suspenseful quiet of the Upper Room, then the garden, then His arrest, then the trials, and ultimately the cheers turn into jeers and He reaches His goal in Jerusalem. He dies. Only knowing who Jesus really is and the reason for His death, only in knowing the purpose of God’s Law can we discover the joy of the Gospel, the good news of the forgiveness of our sins, new birth and new life—eternal life! That spiritual knowledge gives us the stamina to endure this week and the rest of our lives.

WELCOME

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PROCESSION OF PALMS ✠

5:00 – *Anyone who wishes, is invited to meet in the narthex prior to the service, and join in our Procession.*

Please rise & face the cross at the entrance to the sanctuary.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna to the Son of David.

COLLECT

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 may ever hail Him as our King and, when He

comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 12:12–19* (The triumphal entry)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: 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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

People: in the name of the Lord.

5:00 PROCESSIONAL 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**

8:00 ANTHEM "Hosanna"

When all have arrived at their places, the people may raise their branches as the procession concludes with the following:

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, on this day your Son entered the Holy City, Jerusalem, to fulfill your will by His death on the cross. Help us to follow Him through this week and all our days that we may be drawn closer to you by a faith full of the knowledge of the sacrifice and victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

8:00 ANTHEM "Let the Rocks Cry Out"

✠ **WORD** ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 50:4–9a* (The servant's obedience)

The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue,
to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.

The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears,
and I have not been rebellious;

I have not drawn back.

I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;

I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.
Because the Sovereign Lord helps me,
I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame.

He who vindicates me is near.

Who then will bring charges against me?

Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser?

Let him confront me!

It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me.

Who is he that will condemn me?

EPISTLE *Philippians 2:5–11* (Christ's example of humility)

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 "Coronation"

(Please remain sitting during the reading of the Passion History)

PASSION HISTORY *Matthew 26–27*

Pastor: The Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to the Holy Evangelist, Saint Matthew.

1. The Plot against Jesus and Jesus Anointed at Bethany (26:1–16)
2. Preparation for the Passover and Institution of the Lord's Supper (26:17–29)

3. Prediction of Peter's Denial (26:30–35)
4. Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane (26:36–46)
5. Judas' Betrayal and the Arrest of Jesus (26:47–56)
6. Jesus before Caiaphas (26:57–68)
7. Peter's Denial (26:69–75)
8. Jesus before Pilate and the Death of Judas (27:1–14)
9. Pilate Sentences Jesus (27:15–26)
10. Jesus Mocked and Crucified (27:27–44)

The people are invited to stand before Matthew 27:45 at the Pastor's invitation.

11. The Death of Jesus (27:45–56)
12. Jesus' Burial and a Guard Posted (27:57–66)

SERMON HYMN #550 "Lamb of God"

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: **O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!**
 O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain**

SERMON "A Lion or a Lamb?" John 12:12-19

(Rise)

APOSTLES' CREED *(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

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. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church, that she may be defended against all enemies, be kept from error and be made bold to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ without fear. Almighty God, as the people once welcomed your Son with palms and hosannas, grant to us your Spirit so that we may welcome with faith Him who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Grant us grace so that we may make known Jesus Christ and Him crucified here and throughout the world, that your Kingdom may come and your saving will and purpose may be done.**

Pastor: Let us pray for all pastors, missionaries and church workers; for all vocations in the Church; and for all the baptized. Almighty God, continue to raise up faithful pastors, missionaries and church workers, that your Word may be preached and taught in all its fullness.

People: **Grant your Spirit to renew the faithful, bring those in darkness to faith by the hearing of your Word, and help us to manifest your love and mercy in all our doings.**

Pastor: Let us pray for those who teach and those who learn God's Word. Almighty God, you grant growth to your Church and you bring to fruition all you have begun within your people.

People: **Help us to keep focused upon the Word of the cross, for it is the power of our salvation and the Word that endures forever.**

Pastor: Let us pray for our leaders, for those who defend us near and far, and for our own good citizenship. Almighty God, you hold our leaders accountable for all that they do. Give us wise, faithful and honest leaders who will punish evil and encourage godly living. Bring an end to conflict, terror and violence, and foster your peace among the nations and within our own land.

People: **Bless Donald Trump, our president; the Congress of the United States; Scott, our governor; and all those who make, administer and judge our laws, that they may act with integrity for the good of all and for your glory.**

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord that all disasters, adversity and trouble may end and that the sick and those who suffer may be granted health and peace. Almighty God, your Son bore all our weakness, sin and death in His body, that we may be granted grace sufficient for all our needs. We pray for all who are afflicted or distressed, especially Ethan, Edith, Jim,

Debbie, Robert, Pastor Stanton, Cliff, Doris, Carol, Ervin, Matthew, Arlene, Mae, Dorothy, John, Arlene, Roemelle, LuEva, Kathleen, Jean, Russ, Helen, Leonard, Linda, Gladys, Jack, Shirley and Sarah.

People: Hold us in your hand, bind up our wounds and deliver us from all our needs, that we may know your perfect peace.

Pastor: Let us pray to give welcome to the stranger, to love and care for the disabled, to comfort those with mental illness, and to show compassion to the homeless. Almighty God, open our hearts to welcome others as you have welcomed us into your presence, and make us mindful of those whose disability or illness requires special care.

People: Give us understanding so that we may not judge but serve those with mental infirmity. Give us patience so that we may be slow to anger and quick to forgive and so sustain our unity in the affection of Christ.

Pastor: Let us pray for those who rejoice and those who mourn. Almighty God, your Word calls us to rejoice with those who rejoice and grieve with those who mourn. Therefore we rejoice with the Rauter family as LeAnn celebrates her birthday and gives thanks for all your blessings. We also pray that you would comfort the Hass family as they grieve the passing of Leroy and bless Larry and Carol Hoffman as they remember her brother, Don.

People: Grant us all to rejoice in your goodness each day and when we grieve, fill us with hope and joy through the promise of the gospel.

Pastor: Let us pray for our communion this day and for humble hearts to bend the knee and bow the head before our Lord. Almighty God, you have sent forth your only Son to redeem your captive people from their sin and the power of death by means of His suffering, death and resurrection. Keep us in the solemn remembrance of our Lord's Passion so that we may be moved to repentance.

People: Strengthen our faith and bless us, by the communion of His flesh and blood, to proclaim His death until He comes again.

Pastor: Finally, let us pray boldly and give testament to our fervent prayer and confident hope with the amen of faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(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 #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.

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!

HYMN #427 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er-take me, Hope deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

HYMN #542 "When I Behold Jesus Christ"

When I behold Jesus Christ, True God who died for me,
I wonder much at His love As He hung on the tree.

**Refrain: What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.**

For me You gave all Your love, For me You suffered pain;
I find no words, nothing can Your selflessness explain. **Refrain**

You had no sin, holy Lord, But You were tortured, tried;
On Golgotha there for all My sins You bled and died. **Refrain**

What love is this? Greater love No one has ever known.
My life with God-This I owe To You, and You alone. **Refrain**

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give thanks to you, almighty God, for the gift of forgiveness won by
your Son's offering on the cross and for the strengthening of our souls and
bodies by His body and blood. Go with us now and keep us steadfast in
your Word through the blessed days of this great and Holy Week and,
beyond that, to our eternal life with Him who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN #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.

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