



**8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## PRELUDE

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

arr. Janet Linker

*Organ*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

### GREETING

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

C: **Amen.**

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

C: **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

### HOLY GOSPEL LESSON **John 12:12-15, 44-50** [ESV]

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!”

And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”

R: This is the Gospel of Lord.

C: **Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”**

## OPENING HYMN “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

### OPENING LITURGY

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Lord Jesus, on this day when we remember Your entry into Jerusalem as King and Savior, we walk with You to Your cross, where Your righteousness is given to all who believe. Search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

#### *Moment of Silent Confession*

P: With humble hearts, let us pray together.

C: **Lord Jesus, the Father’s only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.**

P: You reign over all things and yet humbled Yourself for our salvation.

C: **We confess that our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is the reason why You entered into this world.**

P: It is why You passed through the gates of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and why You laid down Your life upon Calvary’s cross on Good Friday—

C: **to forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.**

P: With hearts that are humble and lives that are grateful, help us to receive Your grace and bow before You in worship,

C: **Confessing that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, shows His mercy to us in the sending of His only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords. The One who entered into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was handed over to death upon the cross so that we may be reconciled to the Father and granted His remission, full and free. We are justified by His grace alone. As a fellow disciple, I share with you that your sins are forgiven, by the power and at the command of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit ignited faith in our hearts and continues to strengthen that faith in our lives as disciples of Jesus. We are called to live a new life in the freedom of His forgiveness, as He continues to make us holy for the Day of Judgement.

C: **Amen.**

P: Hosanna!

**C: Hosanna! Save us, we pray, O LORD!**

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

**C: We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

**C: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

P: This is the gate of the LORD;

**C: the righteous shall enter through it.**

P: I thank You that You have answered me

**C: and have become my salvation.**

P: The stone that the builders rejected

**C: has become the cornerstone.**

P: This is the LORD'S doing;

**C: it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P: This is the day that the LORD has made;

**C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.

**C: Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**

P: You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;

**C: You are my God; I will extol You.**

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

**C: for His steadfast love endures forever!**

P: Hosanna!

**C: Hosanna! Save us, we pray, O LORD!**

**RESPONSE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 111 [ESV]

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.

He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy;  
they are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever!

R: This is the Word of Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**STATEMENT of FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

**RESPONSE** "Rejoice, O Zion's Daughter"

**SERMON** "ESTABLISHED IN THE LORD"

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING RESPONSE** "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

## **PRAYERS of the CHURCH**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **WORDS of INSTITUTION**

### **THE PEACE**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

*Organ*

arr. John Behnke

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **INVITATION to HOLY WEEK**

### **THE RITE of CONFIRMATION**

### **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING HYMN “The Royal Banners Forward Go”**

### **POSTLUDE**

“Fanfare Postlude”

*Organ*

Douglas Wagner



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