

Palm Sunday

March 24 & 25, 2018
5:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Today, as we celebrate the beginning of Holy Week, we begin with our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the joyous praise of the crowd. We see the humble King who brings peace to the nations welcomed into the royal city of David. However, we also see our humble King going to the cross, suffering on our behalf, to bring true peace to the nations.

PRELUDE

A Palm Sunday Processional on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Jan Bender

The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Please stand

ENTRANCE HYMN

442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Blessed is the King of Israel.

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

Pastor: Blessed is the Almighty Father, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Pastor: Blessed is the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, who brings us God's peace and forgiveness!

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

Pastor: Blessed is the Holy Spirit, whose presence gives us power and life!

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

Pastor: We worship and praise our Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We come into the presence of our King in need of peace and forgiveness.

People: **I confess before You, Lord Jesus, King of glory, that I am not at peace with You, or with my neighbors. With my thoughts, words, and deeds, I have sinned. I deserve the punishment You endured. I deserve the death You died. I come to You seeking forgiveness for my sins, and the peace that only You can give. In You may I find this peace and pardon. Save me from my sin. Amen.**

Pastor: Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now, He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish, and free from accusation (*Colossians 1:21-22*). Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our 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. Thanks be to God!**

KYRIE

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Almighty Father, You sent Your Son not for the accolades of the crowd but for the suffering of the cross. Give us faith so that we may recognize what He came to accomplish, rejoice in what His obedient love has done for our salvation, and acclaim Him Lord with hosannas without end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

WELCOME

✕ WORD ✕

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9–12

(The prophet foretells of the humble King.)

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5–11

(Humbled to death on a cross that we might be exulted with Him.)

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ 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.**

ANTHEM

8:30 "Let Sweet Hosannas Ring"

Mark Hayes

Please stand

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:12-19

(The Triumphal Entry)

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!"

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written, ¹⁵ "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

¹⁶ At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

¹⁷ Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. ¹⁸ Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE WORD

441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*“From the Heights, to the Depths, And Back to the Heights”
Philippians 2:5-11*

PSALM

Psalm 118:24-29

**“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
O Lord, save us; O Lord, grant us success.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.
The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine upon us.
With boughs in hand, join the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.
You are my God, and I will give you thanks;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”**

HYMN

“There Is a Name I Love to Hear”

**There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.**

Refrain:

**Oh, how I love Jesus, oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!**

**It tells me of a Savior’s love, who died to set me free;
It tells me of his precious blood, the sinner’s perfect plea. *Refrain.***

**It tells me what my maker hath in store for ev’ry day;
And though I tread a darksome path, yields sunshine all the way. *Refrain.***

**It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe,
Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. *Refrain.***

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Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

"No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"

setting by James Biery

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

+ + + Special Intercessions + + +

Each concluding: **Pastor:** Lord, in Your mercy, **People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

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

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please turn towards the cross as it is carried out of the church, and remain facing it until the hymn is completed. This symbolizes our following Christ into the world as we leave.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

POSTLUDE

“Hosanna!”

Th. Dubois

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:
Isaiah 25:6-9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Orval Mueller	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Clifford Bischoff
	8:30 a.m.	Theodore Laesch
	11:00 a.m.	Theodore Laesch
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Bill Green
	11:00 a.m.	Jan Arban
Acolytes:	5:00 p.m.	Nate Laesch
	8:30 a.m.	Keeley Ambler
	11:00 a.m.	Jordan Moore
Choirs:	8:30 a.m.	Choral Singers
	11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir
Directors:	Ryan Meyer & Jen Schmidt	
Organist:	Ryan Meyer	
Accompanists:	Carolyn Rusnak & Ryan Meyer	
Radio Announcer:	Leon Steinbrueck	
Elder of the Week:	David Stahlhut	