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PALM

SUNDAY

Welcome to worship at **TIERRASANTA LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We're excited that you have chosen to worship with us. Busy Bags for kids are along the wall in the entryway, and children's bulletins are available from an usher. A Nursery for children 3 and under is at the west end of the hallway. We encourage you to fill out the green visitor sheet located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering basket.

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

HANDBELL PRELUDE "The Palms" - Faure/Amos

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

BLESSINGS OF THE PALMS

(The congregation raises their palm branches as the Thanksgiving begins)

P: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna to the Son of David!

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

GATHERING HYMN ELW 344 - "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.

1 You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

- 2 The company of angels
are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals
in chorus make reply. *Refrain*
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. *Refrain*
- 4 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. *Refrain*
- 5 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

C: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING *The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion 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.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

(Cantor/Congregation)

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for the / Lord is good;
God's mercy en- / dures forever.

2 Let Israel I now declare,
“God’s mercy en- / dures forever.”

19 Open for me the / gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks / to the Lord.

20 “This is the gate / of the Lord;
here the righ- / teous may enter.”

21 I give thanks to you, for you have / answered me
and you have become / my salvation.

22 The stone that the build- / ers rejected
has become the chief / cornerstone.

23 By the Lord has / this been done;
it is marvelous / in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the / I Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be / glad in it.

25 Hosanna! / O Lord, save us!
We pray to you, Lord, pros- / per our days!

26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name / of the Lord;
we bless you from the house / of the Lord.

27 The Lord is God and has giv- / en us light.
Form a procession with branches up to the corners / of the altar.

28 You are my God, and / I will thank you;
you are my God, and / I will exalt you.

29 Give thanks to the Lord, / for the Lord is good;
God’s mercy en- / dures forever.

SECOND READING *Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ’s example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ’s death.*

Philippians 2:5-11 “Let This Mind Be In You” *(Sung by the choir)*

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Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of

a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL *Jesus enters Jerusalem*

P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew the 11th chapter, beginning with the 1st verse:

C: (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

P: Here ends the Reading of the Gospel.

C: (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC “On The Road to Jerusalem” - *Martin (Sung by the choir)*

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MESSAGE BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 264 “Prepare the Royal Highway”

- 1 Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!

- 2 God's people, see him coming:
your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain*

3 Then fling the gates wide open
to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him;
their voices join your singing: *Refrain*

4 His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship

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APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

P: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P: Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful. Comfort all who grieve and tend all who are sick, especially: *Reid Bixler, Charles Taylor, Suzanne Till, Nancy Fahien, Cindy Fallon, Barbara Berg, Neil Vann, Barbara Vann, John Michel, James Vadis, Ralph Jerzy, and Heather Staib-Jerzy and family at the death of her father William and Carol Bruns at the death of her mother.* Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel serving in harm's way, especially *Derek Bergeson, and Howard Reese.* Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: For what else do we pray?

C: receive our prayer.

P: Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for your saints of old who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

DEDICATION OF THE PRAYER QUILT:

Mike & Jana Feyedelem, *Sponsors: Bernie & Jim Tomsovic & the TLC Congregation*

MILESTONE - 4TH GRADE BIBLES

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GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN ELW 785 “When Peace like a River” (Stz. 1)

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW page 144 sung)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Choir only:

“Santcus” - Courtney

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Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

C: 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, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All Christians are invited by our Lord to receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Children who have not yet received First Communion instructions are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, but are requested to wait with Communing until they have been properly instructed. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. Wine is in the gold chalice and grape juice is in the pottery chalice.

COMMUNION MUSIC ELW 616 - “Jesus, Remember Me”

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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ELW 608 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” (Stz. 1 & 3)

- 1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain

"Come home, (Come home,)
come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

- 3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 665 - **"Rise, Shine, You People!"** (Stz. 1, 2, 3)

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
with grace unbounded.
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
of Jesus' glory.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE "Hosanna" - Burkhardt (Organ)

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