

Palm Sunday

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9:00am



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Prelude

Palm Sunday Procession: In commemoration of Christ's procession into Jerusalem, the service begins in the nave.

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.

Collect

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.

The Processional Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth-phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Processional Hymn #442 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

ref 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 Blessèd One. Refrain

2 The company of angels
Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
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 As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King. Refrain

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The procession concludes with the following:

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.

A time of silence is observed to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.

✠ Service of Preparation ✠

The sign of the cross (✠) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, ✠Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

✠ **Service of the Word** ✠

Introit

P: But You, O LORD, do not be | far from Me;*
O My Strength, hasten to | help Me!

**C: Save Me from the | lion's mouth*
and from the horns of the wild | oxen!
My God, My God, why have You for- | saken Me?***
Why are You so far from | helping Me. (Psalm 22:1)

(The Gloria Patri is omitted in Holy Week)

Kyrie

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

(The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Holy Week)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Silence for personal prayer

P: Let us Pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon Him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility, mercifully grant that we may both be guided by His patience in this life and also 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.

C: Amen. *(spoken)*

↓**Epistle Reading**

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please remain seated until indicated in the Passion Gospel below)

Holy Gospel

Matthew 27:11-54

P: The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 27th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry

his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

(Please rise)

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

▼ **Hymn of the Day #441 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"**

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

- 2 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.

- 3 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.

- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed Son.
- 5 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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Sermon

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen**

Apostles' Creed

C: **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.**

Prayer of the Church

Collect for the Word

P: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C: Amen. (*spoken*)

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn #443 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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

- 2 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.

- 3 “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 and voice

And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!

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Silent Prayer

P: Go in Peace

C: Thanks be to God!

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“Hallowed be thy Name.” What does this mean? *God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.*” These words from the catechism are a fitting reminder during holy week. The week is holy of itself, but we pray that it would be holy among us also. God makes things holy by His word. It is not holy by how we think or feel. We simply follow along with Jesus as we hear the word of how He suffered and died for us. And we wait and see what happens. Perhaps the Holy Spirit will open our eyes to what we hadn’t seen before. Perhaps, He will give us something we needed to be reminded of. Perhaps, He *will* give us a feeling of reverence, sorrow over sin, and joy over salvation. Who knows? The church has ordered every day of this week that we might enter into these sacred mysteries. Make every effort at church and at home to hear the story of Jesus, and then watch and pray and see how God hallows these days for you.

During Holy Week those in Jesus’ company heard his teaching, shared meals with him, and were with him in his times of prayer. In the early church, this pattern of Holy Week will be continued in the Divine Service. Jesus’ disciples, “rising early” on Sunday morning, the day of resurrection, will flock to the new temple, the church in order to hear the teaching of Jesus – the words of God. There they will also break bread – celebrate the Lord’s Supper from the night of his betrayal – and remain watchful in prayer. This is the picture of the early church in Act 2: 42, 46; 20:7. Hence Jesus’ Holy Week pattern, continued in the church’s liturgy – the Service of the Word, the Service of the Sacrament, and the prayers – will preserve the church in faith until the end, so that Jesus’ followers will be prepared to stand before the Son of Man when he comes (Luke 21:36).

Prayers of the Church

Mourning + Josh Schroetlin **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Larry Hammond **Expecting** + Katie Blackwell + Sarah Allen (complications) + Kelli Chandler + Amanda Zeisler **Health Issues** + Nathaniel Reiners + Brady Kerkman + Alfred Irmer + Dorothy Staub + Harold Blazer + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Kara Nissen + Kent Cohagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

2020 Theme: All In-Being Present in an Age of Distraction

The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

“Behold, your King is coming to you . . . humble and mounted on a donkey” (Zech. 9:9-12; Mt. 21:1-9). Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:5-11). His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin’s curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name “*Barabbas*,” “*son of the Father*” (Matthew 26 and 27). It is at the name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, “*Truly this was the Son of God!*” (Mt. 27:54), we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:11).

Readings for Next Sunday: Job 19:23-27, 1 Corinthians 5:6-8, 1 Corinthians 15:51-57, Mark 16:1-8

News and Notes of Interest

Please use new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

BENEVOLENCE FUND: During the season of Lent please consider in your giving to Benevolence (box north wall in the Narthex). With your continued support, Peace Lutheran Church will be able to meet those needs.

LIFEQUOTE “For me, Holy Week offers us a glimpse into the holy and vicarious humanity of Jesus. The human Jesus struggling with His own suffering in agony is a portrait for which I am deeply thankful. Jesus struggled as I do. And while I often reluctantly say to God, ‘Not my will but yours be done,’ I trust that God will generate salvation out of suffering and life from death.” *Margaret Manning Shull is a member of the speaking and writing team at Ravi Zacharias International Ministries in Bellingham, Washington - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

PORTALS of PRAYER & HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS available in the Narthex, copies April 12 - May 30, 2020.

Heartland Lutheran High School's Red and Blue annual dinner and auction fundraiser *Fire and Ice* has been rescheduled for Saturday May 23 at Riverside Golf Club, Grand Island. You can access qtogo.net/qmlink/heartlandlutheranhs for additional information.

TALK RADIO & PODCASTS FOR HOLY WEEK...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Apparent Contradictions in the Bible on the Crucifixion, The Hymns “Glory Be to Jesus,” “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle,” “The Royals Banners Forward Go” and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 4/06 Jay Jay Morgan 4/07 Don Baker 4/08 Michaela Novak 4/09 Rick Latta 4/11 Ben Hoins
BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 4/09 Donna Bond, Carol Hansel 4/10 Randy Savage
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: None for this week