



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

Service for Palm Sunday

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Savior, Servant, Friend

King

As We Gather

In this service for Palm Sunday, we begin Holy Week by welcoming Jesus as he enters Jerusalem as our king, ready to overthrow sin, death and the devil.

In the celebration of Holy Communion we joyfully receive the true body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. Since this is also a sign of our common confession of faith, we welcome to the Lord's Supper all those who are presently confirmed members of congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. If you wish to commune for the first time at St. Paul's, please speak to Pastor before the service.

Please take a moment to fill out the registration card found in your pew rack.

Prelude “Behold, the King Rides Forth” David Paxton
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bell

Theme Verse: I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:15

Order of Worship

Invocation and Call to Worship *(please stand)*

P Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. And, so, we begin our Palm Sunday worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C **For his steadfast love endures forever.**

(Psalm 118:1)

P Out of my distress I called on the Lord;

C **The Lord answered me and set me free.**

(Psalm 118:5)

P The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.

C **What can man do to me?** (Psalm 118:6)

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C **We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

(Psalm 118:26)

P Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C **For his steadfast love endures forever!**

(Psalm 118:29)

(be seated)

Opening Hymn *“All Glory, Laud and Honor”* LSB #442

Children’s Choir *“Blessed is He”*

by Vivian Hare & Katie Houts

Children’s Message

Confession and Forgiveness

P Save us, King Jesus, from all sin and condemnation that threatens to cut us off from friendship with you. Hear us now as we confess our sins and receive your forgiveness.

C **We have wrongly sought to save ourselves through our own strength and deeds, through our own efforts and power.**

P We have wrongly assumed that we rule over our own lives and control all things.

C **We have lorded our power and love, words and deeds over others rather than loving our neighbors as ourselves.**

P We have failed to protect those under our care and cared more for ourselves than anyone else.

C **We have departed from the kingdom of God and become ensnared by sin, death and the devil.**

P We have traded in King Jesus for all sorts of idols and false gods.

C **Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy!
Lord, have mercy!**

(Please silently reflect on the fact that King Jesus loves and forgives us all the same despite our sin and rebellion.)

P Hosanna! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Your friend and King—Jesus—has not forsaken you on account of your sin. Rather, your friend and King forgives you and welcomes you into his kingdom through faith. Friends, your hope and joy, your Savior and Lord, comes to you righteous and having salvation. By the promise and power of King Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C **What a friend we have in Jesus!**

Prayer of the Day

P Lord Jesus, our King and Friend, enter into our midst, and enter into our hearts just as you entered into Jerusalem on that very first Palm Sunday. Grant us your Holy Spirit so that we might be humble and lowly in heart, and always ready to receive you as our King. We pray this in your name.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-11

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading *(please stand)*

Luke 19:28-40

And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The

Lord has need of it.” And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

P This is the Gospel the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(be seated)

Sermon Hymn *“Ride On, Ride on in Majesty”* LSB #441

Sermon

Presentation of the Offering

Prayers

P Lord God, you have promised to hear the prayers of your people and to be present among us when we gather in your name. Trusting in your promises and your presence, we come before you in prayer on this Palm Sunday. We come before you with cries of “Hosanna” and hearts that long to be saved by you. And so we pray. Lord God, you are our King, and you are worthy of all our adoration and praise.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Save us from false worship and misguided trust so that we can have no other King besides you.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Save this world from all who seek to do it harm—destroyers of peace, workers of injustice and all who seek to harm innocent lives.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Save us from our sin so that we may live for you alone.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Save all who are poor in spirit, those who are ill or facing challenges, those who mourn, the meek, and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Save this land that we call home, and bless our leaders with wisdom and integrity as they fulfill the duties of their offices.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Save us from greed and thanklessness, filling our hearts instead with thanksgiving and joy.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Save us as we approach your table to feast on forgiveness through your very body and blood.

C **Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

Hymn Setting for Holy Communion

Preface (*please stand*)

(Sung to the tune: “*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*” LSB #450)

L The Lord is with His people.
Now may He be with you.

C **The Lord is with His servants;
May He be with you, too.**

L Now lift your hearts to praise him..

C **To God we lift them high. ‘Tis right to praise and
thank Him who to His world draws nigh.**

L Always and everywhere it is right to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave His life on the cross for us that, freed from the power of sin and death, we might have eternal joy in Your presence, renewed in faith and life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

(Sung to the tune: “*Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*” LSB #592)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Heav'n and earth proclaim the story
Of Your majesty adored,
Of Your kingdom, pow'r, and glory.
With hosannas now we meet You;
With our palms and praises greet you:

Hail! Hosanna! Blest is He
Who in God's own name draws near us!
Hail! Hosanna! Blest are we
Since we have God's love to cheer us:
Blood outpoured and body broken,
Of eternal love the token

The Lord's Prayer

L Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

All **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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My (+) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (+) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

Sung to the tune

(*“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”* LSB #439)

Jesus, the Lamb of God,

Have mercy on us!

Jesus, who bore our sins,

Have mercy on us!

Jesus, Redeemer of the world, have mercy!

Give us Your peace, Lord!

Distribution (*be seated*)

(All members of our St. Paul’s family are invited to meet the Lord in this Sacrament. When at the table, please indicate your preference of common or individual cup.)

The CENTER RING of the individual communion cup tray contains white grape juice. The OUTER RINGS contain red wine. Gluten free wafers are available from a communion assistant.)

Distribution Hymns

“O Worship the King”

LSB #804

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

LSB #443

“The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord”

LSB #634

Post-Communion Thanksgiving (*please stand*)

(Sung to the tune: *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”* LSB #733)

Lord, let Your servant go in peace,

Your Word has been fulfilled:

My eyes have seen the Light increase

Which for the world You willed,

For Israel’s Light, the promised One,

Now shines for all to see.

To God, the Father, Spirit, Son,

Be praise eternally!

The Benediction

P Friends, your King comes to you righteous and having salvation, humble and mounted on a donkey. Be blessed by your King and friend, Jesus Christ our Lord! May King Jesus bless you and keep you as he comes to overthrow sin, death and the devil. Hosanna!

C **What a friend we have in Jesus!**

(be seated)

Closing Hymn *“Go to Dark Gethsemane”* LSB #436

Postlude “Rock of My Salvation” Edward H. Wetherill
“Soli Deo Gloria”

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HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday

April 2

6:30 p.m. Worship with Communion

Good Friday

April 3

6:30 p.m. Worship

Easter Sunday!

April 5

7:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

Breakfast served in between services.

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

