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PALM SUNDAY

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APRIL 10, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

+ God Gathers Us In His Presence +

PRELUDE:

“Ride On!”

Intermediate Bells

~ Michael Ryan

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL:

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

LSB 442

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem - er, King,
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

THE ACCOUNT OF PALM SUNDAY: *John 12:12-19*

On the next day the large crowd that had come to the Passover festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took palm branches and went to meet Him. They were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,
the king of Israel!”

Jesus obtained a donkey and sat on it, as Scripture says:

“Don’t be afraid, people of Zion!
Your king is coming.
He is riding on a donkey’s colt.”

At first Jesus’ disciples didn’t know what these prophecies meant. However, when Jesus was glorified, the disciples remembered that these prophecies had been written about Him. The disciples remembered that they had taken part in fulfilling the prophecies.

The people who had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus from the tomb and brought him back to life reported what they had seen. Because the crowd heard that Jesus had performed this miracle, they came to meet Him.

The Pharisees said to each other, “This is getting us nowhere. Look! The whole world is following Him!” – GW ®

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: In the name of God the Father, whose presence we now enter.

People: **Hosanna!**

Leader: In the name of God the Son, who entered Jerusalem as its coming King
and our sacrificial Lamb.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: In the name of God the Spirit, who has entered our hearts
moving us to cheer our Lord’s gracious arrival,
even as we observe our lives with mournful repentance.

People: **Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes to us in the name of the Lord.
Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Dear Lord, many times we have known what You have needed from us,
yet we were unwilling to give.

People: **We have often questioned You, Lord,
“What are You doing?”
“Why are You taking?”
“Why have You not?”
“Why have You allowed?”
“Why, Lord, why?”**

Leader: Like the crowd in Jerusalem, we too rejoice at Your arrival.

People: **Yet, we must confess,
that at times we live as if You were never to arrive.
In our attitudes and our actions,
in our desires and our deeds
we have lived as if You were far off,
uninvolved and unconcerned with Your children’s behavior.**

Leader: Yet our unworthiness goes much deeper.

People: **We are by nature fallen, unholy and self absorbed.
Often finding ourselves using You to justify our will and our wants.
We admit Lord
that we deserve to have You come to us in judgment.**

Leader: For the Glory of Your name and the sake of Your love
enter our lives today Lord, triumphant and victorious,
forgiving and merciful.

People: **Bestow on us the blessing of Your work and save us Lord.**

Leader: Hosanna, the Lord saves and He has saved you!
The Lord comes here today in these words to cheer you,
“For Jesus’ sake your sin is forgiven.”

People: **Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest!**

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

People: **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE:

8:00

“Faithful”

Word Alive Band

9:30

“Hosanna!”

Adult & School Choirs

~ Christian Gregor/Jeffrey Blersch

+ *God Gives Us the Gift of His Word* +

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Deuteronomy 32:36-38*

The LORD will judge His people
and have compassion on His servants
when He sees that their strength is gone
and that no one is left, neither slaves nor free people.
Then He will ask, “Where are their gods?
Where is the rock they took refuge in?
Where are the gods who ate the fat from their sacrifices
and drank the wine from their wine offerings?
Let them come to help you!
Let them be your refuge!”

See, I am the only God. There are no others. – GW ®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

8:00

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

~ Derek Hakes

The Bethany Choir

9:30

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

~ Jeffrey Blersch

Troubadour Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *Philippians 2:5-11*

Have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Although He was in the form of God and equal with God,

He did not take advantage of this equality.

Instead, He emptied Himself by taking on the form of a servant,

by becoming like other humans, by having a human appearance.

He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
death on a cross.

This is why God has given Him an exceptional honor—

the name honored above all other names—

so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth,

and in the world below will kneel

and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. — GW ®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

8:00

“Sing Hosanna”

The Bethany Choir

~ John Leavitt

9:30

“Ride Through Jerusalem”

Trinity Choir

~ Michael Bedford

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Verse 1:

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

Pre-Chorus:

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
(Washed away)

Chorus:

Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Verse 2:

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

Ending:

Hosanna, hosanna

SERMON: "As Told by the Crowd"

HYMN OF THE DAY: "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet" LSB 444



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;
3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;
4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake

With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's

mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.
on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.
form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.

To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
A - stride a colt He pass - es by
The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name

No bells in tri-umph ring, No cit - y gates swing
As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y
The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed

o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

NICENE CREED:

(catholic means the universal Christian Church)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy *catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

+ *We Give Thanks for God's Word and Sacrament* +

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Leader: As we journey through this week of our Lord's passion and death,
let us turn to God, the giver of new life.

(A brief silence)

Leader: Merciful Father, Your Son endured triumphs and terrors in Jerusalem.
Give steadfastness to all Your people in this Holy Week,
and give us insight to meditate faithfully
upon the mystery of the Lamb of God
sacrificed for sheep, like us, who love to wander.
Hear us, O God;

People: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Merciful Father, may the gentle rule of Jesus
as the Prince of Peace be known throughout the world.
And bring peace to the war torn regions of the world.
Bring an end to the death and destruction in Ukrainian,
Provide for those so desperate for daily bread
and rule the hearts and minds of all.
Hear us, O God;

People: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Merciful Father, may Your grace sustain all who are sick, (especially...).
May they know Your healing presence.
Hear us, O God;

People: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Merciful Father, keep us in communion
with those who have gone before us into Your endless joy,
and bless those who rejoice this day, (especially...).
Hear us, O God;

People: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Merciful Father, hear us when we cry to You;
renew us, and uphold us with Your Spirit;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who has taught us to pray:

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.

+ *The Service of Holy Communion* +

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To help you prepare for communion we invite you to take a few moments of quiet prayer. For aid there are prayers on the front page of the hymnal for both before and after the reception of communion. Or simply pray, *Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation You invite me to come to You, to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacrament of Your altar. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

+ *God Sends Us Forth for Lives of Love and Service* +

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING:

Leader: As He sat on a donkey Jesus gave the beast of burden,

People: A new dignity.

Leader: As He entered His own city in humility Jesus gave royalty,

People: A new grace.

Leader: As He welcomed the praise of the crowd
Jesus gave those longing for redemption,

People: A new song.

Leader: With them, we give Him our hearts and voices, as we cry:

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

CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE: "Go Make of All Disciples"



Go make of all dis - ci - ples, We hear the call O Lord.
Go make of all dis - ci - ples, Bap - tiz - ing in the name

That comes from You our and Fa - ther In Your e - ter - nal Word.
Of Fa - ther Son and Spi - rit From age to age the same.

In - spire our ways of learn - ing Through ear - nest fer - vant prayer —
We call each new dis - ci - ple to fol - low You O Lord —

And let our dai - ly liv - ing Re - veal You ev - 'ry - where.
Re - deem - ing soul and bo - dy by wa - ter and the Word.

3. Go make of all disciples, we at Your feet would stay
Until each life's vocation accents Your holy way
We cultivate the nature God planst in ev'ry heart
Revealing in our witness the Master Teacher's art.

4. Go make of all disciples, we welcome Your command
"Lo I am with you always," we take Your guiding hand.
The task looms large before us, we follow without fear
In heaven and earth Your power shall bring God's kingdom here.

POSTLUDE:

"Valet will ich dir geben" BWV 735
~ J. S. Bach

Organ

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TODAY'S PALM SUNDAY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST IN FRIENDSHIP SQUARE

is provided by the Boy Scouts - Troop 75. They will be serving from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

All are welcome to attend. There will be a free-will donation basket.

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LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES



Maundy Thursday, April 14th Worship Service

Worship at 1:00 and 7:00 PM at **Bethany**
(The 1:00 PM Worship Service will be ***Live Streamed***)

Good Friday, April 15th Worship Services

Worship at 1:00 PM at **Bethany** (This Worship Service will be ***Live Streamed***)
Evening Worship at 7:00 PM at **Bethany**
Worship at 7:00 PM at **Holy Cross**

Easter Festival, April 17th Worship Services

Worship at 8:00 and 9:30 AM at **Bethany**
Zoom Worship at 10:00 AM with **The Gathering**
Worship at 11:00 AM at **Holy Cross**