

PALM SUNDAY

April 10, 2022

PRELUDE

ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power 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 heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PALM PARADE LITANY

When Jesus rode a donkey small, all the people began to call **Hosanna to the King!**

Coats and flowers before him lay, new and all the crowds could be heard to say **Hosanna to the King!**
Palm branches they waived as he rode along, their songs of praise growing loud and strong **Hosanna to the King!**

Little children made the hillside ring, and Jesus smiled to hear them sing **Hosanna to the King!**

Into Jerusalem Jesus came, men, women and children were calling his name **Hosanna to the King!**

Since Jesus came to die for me, my song to him shall always be **Hosanna to the King!**

GATHERING HYMN

EvLW # 344 All Glory Laud and Honor

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honour 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*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these palm crosses and those who receive them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

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.

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NICENE CREED

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

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

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make us unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

For the earth and all its inhabitants, created in love: Train us to recognize your divine goodness in the world around us. Rouse in us a reverence for creation, that we take greater care of its resources. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For those in positions of authority called to lead with integrity and compassion: Supply them with courage and vulnerability when challenged with new ideas. Deliver them from fear that limits imagination and impedes justice. In all nations, instruct the powerful, that they would not exploit their power but maintain justice. Sustain those who suffer from war or injustice, especially those fleeing from or in Ukraine. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

For those who suffer, waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Heal those who are ill especially Deb, Lloyd, Josh, Jordon, Ferolyn, Elethia, Daryl, Carol. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For Christians around the world, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross: Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

SERMON

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN

EvLW # 472 Eat This Bread

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favour and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

EvLW # 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*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 36:5-11 (7)	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tues: Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 71:1-14 (6)	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wed: Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Thurs: Exodus 12:1-14	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31-35
Fri: Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25	John 18:1 - 19:42
Sat: Genesis 1:1-2:4a,	Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13, Genesis 22:1-18, Exodus 14:10-31;		
15:20-21	Isaiah 55:1-11	Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6, Ezekiel 36:24-28, Zephaniah 3:14-20,	
Jonah 1:1-2:1, Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11	Daniel 3:1-29, Romans 6: 3-11, John 20: 1-8		
Sun: Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	Luke 24:1-12

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