
PALM SUNDAY
2023

APRIL 2,

WELCOME

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P. As Jesus approached Jerusalem, he told two of his disciples to get a donkey for him to ride.

C. The disciples obeyed and found the donkey for him.

P. Jesus mounted this symbol of humble kingship and entered Jerusalem. He was closer to his death than ever before.

C. The people of the city who followed him saw him and shouted, "Hosanna!"

P. "Hosanna" means, "Save now!" Today we rejoice in our King, Jesus, who is the Savior from sin and death!

C. We sing our praises trusting in him and giving all glory to Christ, the Savior. Amen.

HYMN: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (*LSB #443*)

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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CONFESSION OF SIN: (*Spoken together.*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not shown Your love

in a pure way to one another. In Your mercy forgive us. Help us to amend what we are, and direct us to follow You to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE:

P. Proclaim the Good News! "If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him." (*Romans 6:8*)

C. We believe the Good News that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P. Glory be to God.

C. Yes, all glory for our life and salvation belongs to God, and Him alone! Amen.

SONG: "Praise to the Holy One" (*Steve Fry*)

1. Praise to the Holy One who leads us on in triumph,
Praise to the Rock of Freedom, Judah's Mighty Lion;

Chorus: Jesus is our King! Jesus is our King!

Praise to the Rock of Life, He's Jesus Christ our King.

2. Praise to the King of Glory, coming Son of David,
Who is the First and Last, the Alpha and Omega; (*Chorus*)

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SONG: "Lift Up Your Heads" (*Steve Fry*)

Lift up your heads to the coming King,

Bow before Him and adore Him, sing!

To His majesty, let your praises be,

Pure and holy, giving glory to the King of Kings.

Pure and holy, giving glory to the King of Kings.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 50:4-9

⁴The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. ⁵The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. ⁶I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. ⁷Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who then will

bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! ⁹It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me?

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(The Nicene Creed, spoken together)*

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 worshipped 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.

HYMN: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" *(LSB #442)*

1. All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,

- Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed one.
3. All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present.
 4. All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of
praise;
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.
 5. All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.

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SERMON: Matthew 21:1-11

"What Do You Have in Common with a Donkey?"

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

- P. With hosannas we come before You, O Lord of hosts.
- C. We praise You for sending us Your Son as the King who came in Your name to establish peace between heaven and earth.**
- P. We are thankful that Jesus did not consider himself too far above us to become true man.
- C. We cannot adequately express our appreciation for His death on the cross.**
- P. O Lord Jesus Christ, may the assurance of Your forgiveness, held out to us in the Word and Sacraments, renew us and enable us to live lives of dedicated discipleship.
- C. May Your Spirit bless us and keep us on the path of faith in You as the one and only Savior.**
- P. May Your kingdom reach into the lives of the sick, the bereaved, the disabled, and the lonely. Today we especially remember before You...*(special requests)*...Lord, in Your mercy;

C. Hear our prayer in the name of the King of kings, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HYMN: "Glory Be to God the Father" (LSB #506)

1. Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit:
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!
2. Glory be to Him who loved us,
Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us,
Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!

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IN THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WE BELIEVE *our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us with His body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins (Matt 26:26-28). In it we are united with him and with the whole Church. Baptized and confirmed Christians who believe, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that Christ's body and blood are present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament, who acknowledge their sin, set aside any refusal to forgive (Matt 6:15), are sorry, repent (Mark 1:15) and look to Christ alone for forgiveness and strength to live the new life, are welcome to eat and drink at the Lord's table in remembrance of Him. (1 Cor 11:25-25) If you have any questions, please speak to the Pastor or a Lay Minister before communing.*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Instrumental music)

BENEDICTION

SONG: "Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty" (Bob Fitts)

1. Father in heaven, how we love You;
We lift Your name in all the earth.
May Your kingdom be established in our praises,
as Your people declare Your mighty works.

Chorus:

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come;
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
Who reigns forevermore.

2. Father of mercy, be exalted;
May Jesus' name be lifted high,
For the sacrifice of love has won my pardon,
and his resurrection power gives me life. (*Chorus*)

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