
PALM SUNDAY MARCH 28, 2021

WELCOME

INVOCATION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: The love of God the Father,

Pastor: And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And with your spirit.

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

People: Hosanna to the Son of David!



HYMN: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (LSB #442)

**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.
All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**



**The company of angels Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation In chorus Make reply
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.
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.
All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**

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GOSPEL READING: Mark 11:1-10

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’” ⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the

colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" ¹⁰ "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

PRAYER: (*Spoken together*)

Merciful God, the people of Jerusalem gathered with palms in their hands to greet Your beloved Son Jesus as He came into Jerusalem. As they hailed Him as King, move us to hail Jesus as our King with our lips, and also with our lives, and always follow Him with trusting hearts in the way that leads to eternal life. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: We worship Jesus best when we trust in Him as our Savior for the forgiveness of all our sins.

People: All true thanksgiving to Jesus flows from such faith.

Pastor: Having touched our hearts, Jesus' work then touches our lives.

People: And leads us to give thanks to Him as we seek to live in obedience to God's commands.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Jesus thanks and praise!

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

**Praise to the Holy One
who leads us on in triumph,
Praise to the Rock of Freedom,
Judah's Mighty Lion;
Jesus is our King! Jesus is our King!
Praise to the Rock of Life,
He's Jesus Christ our King.**

**Praise to the King of Glory,
coming Son of David,
Who is the First and Last,
the Alpha and Omega; Jesus is our King!
Jesus is our King!
Praise to the Rock of Life,
He's Jesus Christ our King.**

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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: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 2:5-11

(Spoken together as our Confession of Faith)

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.

HYMN: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” (LSB #443)

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.

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.

“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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SERMON: Mark 11:1-3 "In Need of a Donkey?"

SONG: "Grace Alone" (Scott Wesley Brown, Jeff Nelson)

Ev'ry promise we can make,
ev'ry prayer and step of faith,
ev'ry diff'rence we will make
is only by His grace.
Ev'ry mountain we will climb,
ev'ry ray of hope we shine,
ev'ry blessing left behind
is only by His grace.
Grace alone
which God supplies,
strength unknown
He will provide.
Christ in us,
our Cornerstone,
we will go forth in grace alone.

Ev'ry soul we long to reach,
ev'ry heart we hope to teach,
ev'rywhere we share His peace
is only by His grace.
Ev'ry loving word we say,
ev'ry tear we wipe away,
ev'ry sorrow turned to praise
is only by His grace.
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End...We will go forth in grace alone.
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OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father, You promised to send Your Son as king, triumphant and victorious.

People: We praise You for Your faithfulness, and join our voices with those who acclaimed Jesus with the words, "Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Pastor: You sent Your Son, not to exalt himself, but to humble himself.

People: Grant us the grace to follow Jesus' example. To humble ourselves before You, and to be obedient to Your will.

Pastor: Your Son gave His life as a ransom for all.

People: We admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from You and each other in our thoughts, words, and actions.

Pastor: We have done the evil You forbid, and have not done the good You demand.

People: Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Savior Jesus Christ, Your only begotten Son.

Pastor: Your Son faced death on our behalf, alone, deserted by His followers.

People: Grant us the assurance that by His death, we need not face death alone. At our last hour, give us the comfort of Your presence and the assurance of life in His presence forever.

Pastor: Bless all Christian pastors, teachers, and missionaries, and people,

People: As they work with the gifts You have given them for the spread of Your kingdom.

Pastor: Your Son cared for the sick and needy.

People: Give us opportunities to care for those in need around us. Help us to be generous in sharing our time, abilities, and treasures in Your name with those whom You love.

Pastor: Hear us as we pray for those with special needs...*(prayer requests)*...Provide for their needs of body and soul according to Your good and gracious will.

People: Hear our prayer, gracious Father, for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

BLESSING

HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign" (LSB #832)

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains.
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.**

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BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Morning at 10:45 in the Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD IN OUR SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: "The End and Revelation!"

To access via Zoom.

Topic: Holy Emmanuel - Sunday Bible Study

Time: This is a recurring meeting Sunday's 10:45am

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Missional Living Learning Group:Next Session Moving to 2021:

Wednesday check the bulletin for dates at 6:00PM

Our goal will be to continue the discovery process as to what missional living means; or, how do we become more Christ like in our own zip code. In the meantime, if you have any questions please let me know. Blessings, Chuck Squires (612-799-5315 Cell) or squir008@msn.com

ATTENTION HOLY EMMANUEL FRIENDS: With the advent of digital data we find ourselves with 100's of choral sheet music titles that we will no longer use. If you are interested in copies for your personal use please contact Randy Marko or Anna VanVleet. All items that remain will be recycled in mid-April. Thank you.

ECC Volunteer Opportunity: Join us on April 6th from 7-9am to give the ECC Parent's a **Tuesday Pick Me Up!** We will be handing out breakfast and an invite to Holy Emmanuel services and upcoming events Please feel free to join us that morning or call Dawn at 952-888-5116 with any questions

Dear Holy Emmanuel Members & friends:

With warmer days ahead of us, VEAP is pleased to officially kick off our annual springtime March Food & Fund Drive!

Please consider donating the following items..

- Personal care and household items: shampoo, toothpaste, soap, shaving cream, toiletries, etc.
- Paper bags (We'll always take your extra paper grocery bags).

Note that financial contributions allows VEAP to respond the most flexibly to changing needs. Every \$30 donated allows us to feed an individual for an entire month (a total of 90 meals!). Please consider making a donation in support of this critical drive.

Thank you and best wishes for a warm spring!

Thank You for your continued support of VEAP.

Gayle Cedergren

VEAP Representative



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“For I was hungry and you fed me. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you invited me into your home.”

Hopefully, Covid 19 is better under control, but many neighbors in our area still struggle to put food on their table. We should, and can, help solve this problem for many of them.

How? Join Holy Emmanuel’s donation drive to help VEAP. We named the drive, OPERATION MATTHEW 25 and it will run from March 21st to April 18th.

During this time, we will encourage donations to Holy Emanuel which will be forwarded to VEAP on April 20th.

In addition to the donations collected, Outreach will match the first \$1,000 from the Outreach budget.

Any questions, please ask or call Chuck Squires or John Carlson or Gayle Cedergren

Thank you for your support.

John and Chuck and Gayle



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1. Why do we need things as human beings?
2. How is God different from us when it comes to needing things?
3. Why did Jesus use a donkey if he didn't need it?
4. How did the donkey serve Jesus' purpose with regards to:
 - A. Jerusalem?
 - B. Old Testament prophecy?
 - C. Him being the Messiah?
5. Why was it fitting to ride into Jerusalem on a donkey?
6. What burden does Jesus bear?
7. How big was the burden Jesus bore for us?
8. Why do we give thanks to Jesus?
9. What mistaken notion do Christians sometimes have about themselves?
10. What has Jesus chosen to do with those who believe in Him?
11. Why should we consider it a gift when Jesus works through us?