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# **Palm Sunday**

# **Sunday 10:00 a.m. April 5, 2020**

# **As We Gather**

Palm Sunday begins with unbridled joy as we recall how Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, while being acclaimed by the crowds with loud shouts of “Hosanna” and boisterous waving of palm branches. So today we begin with songs of praise and waving of palm branches as we hail Jesus as the One worthy of all glory, laud, and honor. But then the solemnness of Holy Week also begins. With a time of silence, the service shifts our focus to Jesus’ path to the cross. As foretold by prophets long ago, Jesus was stricken and afflicted, beaten and spit upon, crucified, and He died. He did this out of divine love for all of humanity, taking on Himself the sins of all people for our forgiveness. Today’s worship reflects the pattern of our lives. At times we experience unbridled joy and celebration. And then, sometimes in the next moment, we experience heartbreaking suffering. Jesus is there with us—in the joyful celebrations, in the heartbreak and suffering. He alone can transform it all into deeper love for God and neighbor. The hour of Jesus’ death on the cross is the hour of our life and salvation.

# *PREPARATION*

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

P Hosanna to the Son of David!

C **Hosanna in the highest!**

P Blessed is He who comes,

C **who comes in the name of the Lord.**

P Hosanna!

C **Hosanna in the highest!**

Opening Song *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* LSB #442

*Refrain* **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 Blessèd One.** *Refrain*

**The company of angels  
 Is praising You on high,  
And we with all creation  
 In chorus make reply.** *Refrain*

**The multitude of pilgrims  
 With palms before You went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
 Before You we present.** *Refrain*

**To You before Your passion  
 They sang their hymns of praise;  
To You, now high exalted,  
 Our melody we raise.** *Refrain*

**As You received their praises,  
 Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev’ry blessing,  
 Our good and gracious King.** *Refrain*

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Confession of Sins LSB 167

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution LSB 167

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

# *WORD*

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 50:4–9a (ESV)

*Isaiah foretells One who would “give His back to those who strike” and His “cheeks to those who pull out the beard.” Yet Jesus sets His face like flint to secure our salvation*

4 The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. 5 The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. 6 I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. 7 But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. 8 He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. 9 Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Philippians 2:5–11 (ESV)

*Every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord*

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel John 12:12–19 (ESV)

*Jesus enters Jerusalem*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

12 The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” 14 And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, 15 “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. 17 The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. 18 The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ!**

Apostles’ Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life** T **everlasting. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth* LSB #438

**A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,  
 The guilt of sinners bearing  
And, laden with the sins of earth,  
 None else the burden sharing;  
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,  
To slaughter led without complaint,  
 That spotless life to offer,  
He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,  
The mockery, and yet replies,  
 “All this I gladly suffer.”**

**This Lamb is Christ, the soul’s great friend,  
 The Lamb of God, our Savior,  
Whom God the Father chose to send  
 To gain for us His favor.  
“Go forth, My Son,” the Father said,  
“And free My children from their dread  
 Of guilt and condemnation.  
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,  
But by Your passion they will share  
 The fruit of Your salvation.”**

**“Yes, Father, yes, most willingly  
 I’ll bear what You command Me.  
My will conforms to Your decree,  
 I’ll do what You have asked Me.”  
O wondrous Love, what have You done!  
The Father offers up His Son,  
 Desiring our salvation.  
O Love, how strong You are to save!  
You lay the One into the grave  
 Who built the earth’s foundation.**

**Lord, when Your glory I shall see  
 And taste Your kingdom’s pleasure,  
Your blood my royal robe shall be,  
 My joy beyond all measure!  
When I appear before Your throne,  
Your righteousness shall be my crown;  
 With these I need not hide me.  
And there, in garments richly wrought,  
As Your own bride shall we be brought  
 To stand in joy beside You.**

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Sermon *Still True Today* John 12-:12-19

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the Church, that the Lord would defend her against all her enemies and keep her true to Jesus Christ by the power of Your Word and Spirit:

*Silence for reflection*

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| **Barb** | Eleanor | Meghan | Jon |
| **Jackie** | Penny | Keiley | Marilyn |
| **Keith** | Dale | Alan | Eileen |
| **John** | Karol | Henry | Karen |
| **Marilyn** | Eileen | Murl | Lori |
| **Kimmy** | Kim | Christie | Cathy |
| **Dottie** | Glenda | Vern | Charlotte |
| **Bob** | Geraldine | Ann | Berlene |
| **Rod** | Larry | Logan | Pat |
| **Wayne** | Maria | Bob | Lois |
| **Wally** | **Linda** | Emiliano |  |

P Hear our prayer, Lord God. Transform our hearts and minds during this Holy Week to be more like the heart and mind of Christ, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C **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 of the Palms

P We praise You, God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today we remember that He entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and palm branches along His way.  
  
Bless these palm branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to His death and resurrection, we may enter into life with You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

P Let your eyes be fixed on 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.  
  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

C **Amen.**

Closing Song *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* LSB #441

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin  
O’er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond’ring eyes  
To see the\_approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
Awaits His own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy pow’r and reign.

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