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Palm Sunday



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Divine Service:

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

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Adult Bible Study &

Sunday School:

9:30 am

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PALM SUNDAY

April 2, 2023

Today we will observe The Lord's Supper...*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

PRELUDE

"Through the City Gates"
"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

D. Paxton
arr. L. Smith

✠ PROCESSION OF PALMS ✠

The congregation will gather outside, under the portico for the 8:00 and 11:00 service. The 9:30 service will gather inside.

GREETING

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

C Amen.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

COLLECT

P Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way

that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

John 12:12–19

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P ¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So 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!" ¹⁴And 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!"

¹⁶His 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. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So 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.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

LSB 442

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem - er, King,



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,



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.

When in place, the people may raise their branches as the procession concludes with the following:

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

Sit

SR. CHOIR (8:00 & 11:00)

"Hosanna, Hosanna!"

J. Martin

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King.
Hosanna, hosanna, rang Through the crowded streets.
Thousands came to see Him, To cheer as He rode by.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna Was their cry
Jesus entered into Jerusalem,
People spread their garments On the road.
Blessed is the seed of Abraham. Blessed is the King Foretold.
The multitudes all praised Him,
They waved the palms in praise.
They welcomed the Messiah
As He can through the gates.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna
To the King.

Hosanna, hosanna, rang Through the crowded streets.
Thousands came to see Him, to cheer as He rode by.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna was their cry.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to
The King of glory.

Sing hosanna praise the King Of kings.Hosanna, hosanna, rang through the crowded
Streets.

Thousands came to see Him, to raise their voice and sing.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to The King.
Blessed is He who comes in The name of the Lord!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Stand

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Lord Jesus, on this day when we remember Your entry into Jerusalem as King and Savior, we walk with You to Your cross, where Your righteousness is given to all who believe. Search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

We take a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.

P With humble hearts, let us pray together.

G **Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.**

P You reign over all things and yet humbled Yourself for our salvation.

G **We confess that our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is the reason why You entered into this world.**

P It is why You passed through the gates of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and why You laid down Your life upon Calvary's cross on Good Friday—

C to forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.

P With hearts that are humble and lives that are grateful, help us to receive Your grace and bow before You in worship,

C confessing that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, shows His mercy to us in the sending of His only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords. The One who entered into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was handed over to death upon the cross so that we may be reconciled to the Father and granted His remission, full and free. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Because of our King's mercy, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

C "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50:4–9a

The Word is Read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM, 8:00, Elder, 9:30, Lay Deacon, 11:00, Lector

Psalms 118:19–29

A Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

C This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

A I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

C The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

A This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

C This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

C **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!**

A We bless you from the house of the LORD.

C **The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.**

A Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

C **You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You.**

A Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

C **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5–11

The Word is Read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE

Philippians 2:8b

P Jesus humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,

C **even death on a cross.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 26-27

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh chapters.

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

The Gospel is read...

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

NICENE CREED

**☩ 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 worshiped 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.**



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!"

SERMON

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Because of the Spirit's intercession, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

C **"This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."**

A Confident in our Father's mercy, let us come before Him in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, trusting that our prayers will be answered according to His good and gracious will.

Gracious Father, we join with the masses of people, past and present, who enter Your gates with thanksgiving and courts with praise as we begin Holy Week. With humility and faith, we walk with our Savior as He journeys to the cross for our salvation. And so we pray:

C **help us to trust in Him.**

P Giver of every blessing, You alone are the One who exchanges the rags of our sin for the robe of Your righteousness. Because of the innocent blood of Christ, offered for us on Calvary's tree, we are granted Your cleansing and pardon. By Your grace alone, we, through faith, receive the benefits of Jesus' death and resurrection. As we look to our Savior during this week of His passion:

C **help us to trust in Him.**

A Your Son is the reason we rejoice this day as we come into Your merciful presence to receive You as You humble Yourself for us, serving us by Your Word and Spirit. With hearts ready to receive and mouths ready to share with others the confession of Your saving name, grant that Jesus be glorified throughout His Church on earth, here among us in this congregation and wherever His Gospel is proclaimed. We ask You, Father:

C **help us to trust in Him.**

P Restorer of the broken and Physician of both soul and body, look with mercy upon those who are sick, homebound, hospitalized, recovering, or awaiting medical procedures. This day we name before You [*names*], that they may experience Your merciful presence, healing, and comfort in their lives. Commending them and ourselves to Your care, we pray:

C help us to trust in Jesus, who died and rose again so we may receive Your righteousness.

A We ask for this grace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You, O Father, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Because of the Father's faithfulness, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

C "This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

Sit

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

arr. G. Hamilton

Stand

OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

LSB 955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have shown us Your mercy once again this day and have given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ, the humble King who journeys to the cross for our salvation and who calls us to lives that walk with Him by faith. Send Your Holy Spirit to us now that our hearts may be prepared to receive Your good gifts and joyfully remember our Redeemer who comes to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and in the words He has taught us:

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \dagger blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

Psalm 118:23

P Because of our Savior's grace, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

C "This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

HYMN

"Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

LSB 619



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
 3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is
 4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not
 5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and
 Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my
 nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and
 rob me of my cheer; For He who is of
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
 soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
 thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
 death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
 prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.



Refrain
 Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

VOLUNTARY

“Behold the King”

D. Paxton

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. O God the Father, who in love and mercy sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. Strengthen us in the certainty of our Savior's saving work that we may rejoice this day and every day because of the faithful love You have shown to us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26; Psalm 118:23

P Because of Jesus' blessing, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

G "This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

P 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 ✠ give you peace.

G Amen.



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
 is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"The Jerusalem Gate"

L. Smith

Schedule for Holy Week and Easter Sunday

Maundy Thursday Service

April 6^h at 7:00 PM

Good Friday Services

April 7th at 12:00 & 7:00 PM

Easter Sunrise Service

April 9th at 7:00 AM

Elder's Breakfast

8:00 AM

Easter Egg Hunt

following breakfast

Traditional Easter Services

April 9th at 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Don't forget to bring some fresh flowers from your garden to decorate the Living Cross on Easter Sunday!

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