

**March 24, 2024**

*Palm Sunday*



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

Adult Bible Study &

Sunday School:

9:30 am

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# PALM SUNDAY

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## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**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.*

## PROCESSION OF PALMS

### PRELUDE

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

D. Paxton  
arr. G. Krapf

### GREETING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

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

**C** **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

### PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. Help us, Lord our God, so that it may be with joy that we begin our contemplation of all the mighty things You have done to give us eternal life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

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

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

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>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!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>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.**

HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

LSB 442

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem - er, King,  
 To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 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,



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
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 all have arrived at their places, the procession concludes with the following:*

- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- G** **Hosanna in the highest.**

## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G** **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Today is the beginning of Holy Week. During it we shall recall how our Savior gave His life so that our sins may all be forgiven, and heaven opened to us.
- G** **Even during worship, our minds wander to other concerns.**
- P** These concerns are already known to God. Give them into His loving hands for resolution, but turn your hearts and minds to focus on our Lord's step-by-step determination to free us from every sin. Confident of the forgiveness He won through His glorious death and resurrection, let us then admit our sinful condition to Him and to one another.
- G** **I confess to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in my thinking, speaking, and acting. I am mired in sin and incapable of saving myself. Heavenly Father, for Jesus' sake and because of His sacrifice for us fallen creatures, we beg You to forgive, strengthen, and turn us to Your will so that we may follow our Savior in loving service to You and to one another.**
- P** As a called and ordained servant of Christ, who gave Himself over to death that we might have eternal life, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G** **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Zechariah 9:9–12*

The Word is read...

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

*8:00 & 11:00 Services*

**SR. CHOIR**

"At the Name of Jesus"

C. Berry

Jesus, though he was God, did  
Not cling to his rights as God,  
But laid aside his mighty power,  
His mighty power and glory,  
Taking the form of a servant,  
And becoming like men.  
He humbled himself and  
Became obedient unto death  
Even death on the cross.  
At the name of Jesus every  
Knee shall bow in heaven and In earth.  
That Ev-'ry knee shall bow and  
Ev-'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!  
At the name of Jesus!

**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** He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
**C** **even death on a cross.**

**PASSION READING***John 12:20–43*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read...

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit***HYMN***"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"***LSB 438**

1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The  
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The  
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll  
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the  
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther  
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to  
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes  
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go  
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O  
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -  
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren  
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers  
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the  
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and  
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how  
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and  
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion  
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -  
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."  
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."  
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.  
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

## SERMON

*Stand*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Because our Lord humbled Himself and became obedient even to death on the cross, now He is highly exalted, at the Father's right hand, ready and able to receive our prayers and accept our praise. Let us go to Him in prayer for all people in their various circumstances.

For people without the necessities of food, clothing, and shelter, that the Holy Spirit would hear their cries and groans, bringing tears of relief and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, hear our prayer.

**A** For all who face this day burdened with illness or addiction, ongoing conflict with people around them, or fear of what might happen, that God would assure them of His gracious presence and strengthen their faith in His guidance and protection, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** For those who serve the needs of others as they provide medical and emergency care, as they maintain order in our communities and peace across borders, and as they put themselves in danger that their neighbors may find the protection they need, that God would use the gifts He has placed within them to serve in compassion and love, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

**A** For loving families and caring communities, for schools and institutions of higher learning, wherever people gather to share and build up, that God would provide them the wisdom and understanding they need to do His will, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** For people near and dear to us, [especially . . .], that God would visit, relief, and console them in His grace and mercy, and for the church here and around the world, that our Lord would strengthen our faith and move us to be His servants, drawing people to His glorious death and resurrection and serving Him with all that we are and have, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

**A** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## OFFERING

### VOLUNTARY

“He is King of Kings”

arr. C. Curtis

*Stand*

### OFFERTORY

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 offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ, our Lord; who step by step obediently went to the cross to overcome sin and death and give salvation to all who believe; and so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise Your name and say:

## SANCTUS

LSB 178

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the

marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G 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  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**G 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.**

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 180



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit*

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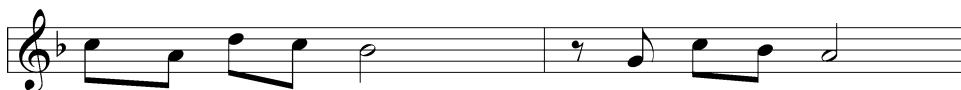
### HYMN

"What Is This Bread"

LSB 629



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en from the dead:  
 Je - sus shed for mine;  
 live and He should die  
 Word and prom - ise clear,  
 giv - en and set free!

This bread we break,  
 The cup of grace  
 Un - der the rod?  
 In mouth and soul  
 I do be - lieve



This life we take,  
 Brings His em - brace  
 My God, my God,  
 He makes us whole—  
 That I re - ceive

Was crushed to pay for our re -  
 Of life and love un - til I  
 Why have You not for - sak - en  
 Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this  
 His ver - y bod - y and His



lease.	O taste and see—	the Lord is peace.
sing!	O taste and see—	the Lord is King.
me?	O taste and see—	the Lord is free.
meal.	O taste and see—	the Lord is real.
blood.	O taste and see—	the Lord is good.

**VOLUNTARY**

"Behold the King"  
 "The Old Rugged Cross"

D. Paxton  
 arr. W. Barnett

*Stand*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

LSB 182



Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**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.

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Lift High the Cross”

**LSB 837**

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till

all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

*Refrain*  
 Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
 As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
 Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

"The Jerusalem Gate"

L. Smith

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