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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.*

PRELUDE

"Through the City Gates"

D. Paxton

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

arr. E. Broughton

WELCOME

Stand

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P Hosanna!

C Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

C Hosanna in the highest!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Isaiah 43:1, adapt.

- P** We confess before You, Lord, that we have sinned against You.
- G** **We have sinned not only against You but one another, with what we have thought, what we have said, and by what we have or have not done.**
- P** We unseat You and put ourselves on the throne that belongs only to You.
- G** **Our pride in these and all sins deserves Your punishment, yet today we approach Your throne of grace, asking for Your mercy.**
- P** So I ask you now: are you sincere in this, your confession before God, and promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."
- G** **Yes, with the help of God.**
- P** Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday to show His love for you at the cross. At the cross, He showed His passion for you by dying for your sins and paying the price we could not pay. 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G** **Amen! Thank You, Lord, for Your passion for us.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

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.
- G** **Amen.**

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

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.**

HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

LSB 442

Refrain

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

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GREETING

- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
- C** **Hosanna in the highest!**

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, on this day, You entered Jerusalem with pomp and circumstance, yet Your true passion was to be sacrificed for our sins. Help us, we pray, to look past the pomp and circumstance and see Your passion for us; we ask this in Your name, who with the Father and Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

JR. CHOIR

"Hosanna"

Arr. J. Linn; C. Tuttle

Merna Ahlemeyer, Director

Glockenspiel performed by Claire and Lucy Ott

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

The Word is read...

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

PSALM

Psalm 118:19–29

- P** 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. I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.**
- P** The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
- C** **This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- P** This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- C** **Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!**
- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless You from the house of the LORD.
- C** **The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**
- P** You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;
- C** **You are my God; I will extol You.**
- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
- C** **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

SR CHOIR:

"Ain't No Rock Gonna' Shout for Me"

L. Larson

Here comes the Lord ridin' on
A donkey with people waving Branches and callin' him "King."
Here comes the Lord ridin' Through Jerusalem . If the

People don't shout, the rocks
Will cry out!
Rocks, keep silent! Jesus comes to set me free.
Rocks, keep silent!
I'm gonna' shout in victory!
Rocks, keep silent! Jesus Reigns in majesty.
Ain't no rock gonna shout for Me.
Here comes the Lord as Thousands throng to see him
Children stand on tiptoe to see
The King.
Here comes the Lord; Excitement in the air.
If the people don't shout, the
Rocks will cry! Oh, yes the Rocks will cry out!
Here comes the Lord; Hosannas fill the air.
The people bow and worship
The promised King!
Here comes the Lord, " Hosanna in the highest!"
If the people don't, shout,
The rocks will cry out!

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

The Word is read...

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

Stand

VERSE

Philippians 2:8b

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:1-56

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty third chapter.
- G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Word is read...

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

HYMN

“No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”

LSB 444



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet cheer;
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!"

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SERMON

Stand

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Almighty God, King of the universe, we come before You humbly asking that You would hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will.
 We bow before You and give unto You our worship and praise.
- C** **We worship You not because we love You, but You loved us first and gave the King's ransom to pay our sin's debt. Thank You, Jesus, for loving us so much.**
- A** We thank You for the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives both to bring us to faith and keep us in the faith.
- C** **Continue to open the eyes of our hearts and those around us, that we might see Your entry with palms for what it really was—Your passion to save us.**
- P** As we near the day of Your return, we see a world in turmoil.
- C** **Help us, Prince of Peace, amid all the chaos, to keep our eyes fixed on You.**
- A** You are a benevolent King, known to grant requests.
- C** **While You walked this earth, You granted the requests of the blind, the lame, the deaf, and even the widow at Nain, who did not ask You for anything, and You raised her son back to life.**
- P** We lift up those who are sick and those who are suffering, [including ...].
- C** **Be with them, ease their pain, and bring relief from sicknesses through doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles to accomplish Your will in their lives.**
- A** You tell us in Your Word to remember those in authority. We lift up those who hold seats of power.

- C** For rulers in all places, high and low, north, south, east, and west, we ask that Your Spirit would guide them and Satan's power be thwarted in all places.
- P** For Your church in all places, that the Gospel would be powerfully proclaimed this week, and the Holy Spirit stir faith in the hearts of many,
- C** use us according to Your will, that others may see the life of Jesus in us.
- A** Before Your throne, almighty King, we lift these and all petitions of our hearts, trusting You will answer all according to Your will.
- C** We pray in the name of Jesus, who with the Father and Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

"God So Loved the World"
Merna Ahlemeyer, Recorder solo

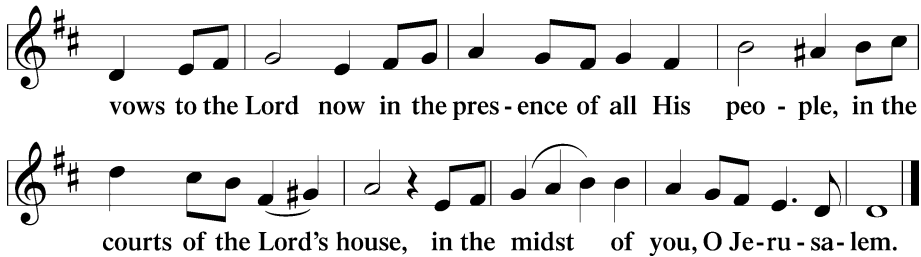
arr. L. Leatherman

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 176

C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
 me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

✠ 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:



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 † 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 † 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.
- C** **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

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.**

PAX DOMINI

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



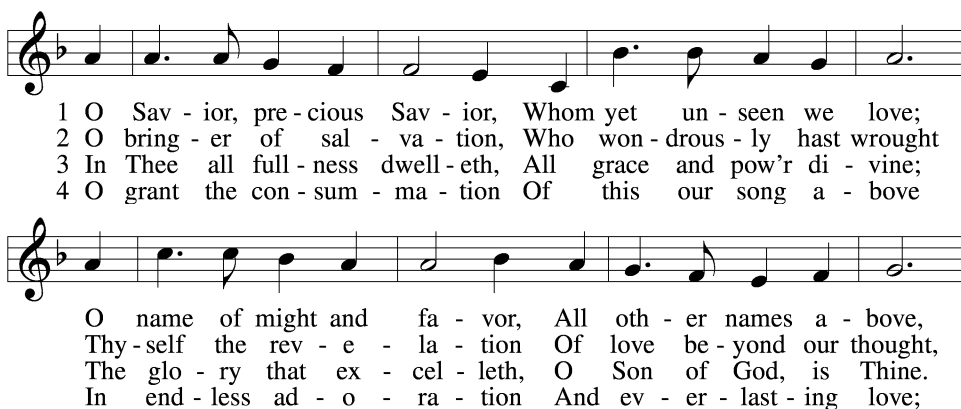
C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
 have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"O Savior, Precious Savior"

LSB 527



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
 3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove
 O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
 Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
 The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
 In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor-ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 We wor-ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 We wor-ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
 And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

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VOLUNTARY

"Behold the King"
 "He is King of Kings"

D. Paxton
 arr. C. Curtis

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 THANKSGIVING

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

Numbers 6:23–26

P Your King cares for you! Receive His blessing through the words of the Aaronic benediction, by which He said, “Thus you shall bless the people.” Receive that benediction, your King’s blessing:

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

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

LSB 441



1	Ride on,	ride on	in maj - es - ty!	Hark!	All the
2	Ride on,	ride on	in maj - es - ty!	In	low - ly
3	Ride on,	ride on	in maj - es - ty!	The	an - gel
4	Ride on,	ride on	in maj - es - ty!	Thy	last and
5	Ride on,	ride on	in maj - es - ty!	In	low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

A Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"The Jerusalem Gate"

L. Smith

Stewardship Corner

In the book of James, we are told that if we want wisdom all we need to do is ask God for it (James 1:5). We need God's wisdom because the wisdom of the world pulls at us to deny the will of God. Worldly wisdom leads to a life of lust, greed, and power. The wisdom of the world causes us to seek self-gratification and the pleasures of this life. God wants us to turn our backs on the wisdom of the world. Through God's Word, the Holy Spirit draws us closer to Him and reveals His wisdom to us. God's wisdom will help us choose the path in life that gives us peace in this life and leads us to life eternal with Him.

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