



GRACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH • SCHOOL



PALM
SUNDAY

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THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION
APRIL 10, 2022 - 10:45 AM



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!” John 12:13

*(The * indicates when the congregation stands.)*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

*THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

Pastor: With palm branches in hand, we worship the One who came to save us from sin.

People: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: With raised voices, we glorify the Messiah who came humbly riding on a donkey.

People: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: With jubilant song, we worship the King who came to rule in righteousness and peace.

People: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: With sincere hearts, we repent before the Lord who is holy and just and we rejoice in the God of our salvation.

People: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king comes to you sitting on a donkey's colt.

People: Amen.

(Stand and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.)

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 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**

***THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: On Palm Sunday the crowds welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with the cry of “Hosanna!” But on Friday they called out for His execution, shouting “Crucify Him!” So also our sin has led to Christ’s crucifixion. We repent of that sin, and we seek God’s mercy to absolve our iniquity.

People: **Most Merciful God, we have sinned much and are in need of Your salvation. We cry to You “Hosanna, save us!” We ask You not to remember our evil but instead to forgive our transgression. For the sake of Your humble servant, Jesus Christ, pardon us and restore us in righteousness. Renew our spirits so that we walk in obedience to Your Word, to the glory of Your holy name.**

Pastor: We cry to You for mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Hear the good news! God’s Word declares: “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Behold, your king comes to you: righteous and having salvation is he” (Zechariah 9:9). In the mercy of Almighty God, His Son Jesus was given to die for you,. For Christ’s sake God forgives you all your sins and gives you His righteousness, making you holy in

His sight and giving you salvation. His mercy endures forever because His love for you is steadfast.

People: Amen.

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Hymn 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!**

***THE SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, Your prophets foretold our King's coming: we give You thanks for fulfilling Your Word. Remind us of the day Your Son entered Jerusalem. Bless us, and grant that we may rejoice in His salvation in the heavenly Jerusalem; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-10

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ANTHEM

“The Summons”
(Grace Choral)

John Bell

*THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:12-19

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

People: **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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*SERMON HYMN "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet" *Hymn 444*



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!"

THE SERMON

“Mercy in Palms”

THE CONFIRMATION HYMN “Christ Be My Leader” (v. 1)

Hymn 861

**Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**



THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION



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***THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT** “Christ Be My Leader” (vv. 2 & 3)

Hymn 861

**Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**

**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves, for all who remember our Lord's Passion, death and resurrection this week, for all the Body of Christ, and for all people according to their needs.

(The congregation may sit or kneel.)

Pastor: Praise to You, O Lord, our Eternal King. With palm branches in our hands and gratitude in our hearts we again enthrone You as our King. Lead us to forever march in Your parade and by Your Spirit send us out into this world as citizens of Your heavenly Kingdom. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Merciful Lord, as Your people gathered in this place, we pray for the ministries of this congregation, our school, and the mission You have given us to this community. Bless all congregations of Your people across this land and throughout the world, that they would be encouraged in their missionary zeal and in their praise of Your Name. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Gracious Father, we pray for all who are in need during this Holy Week (especially ...), that You would strengthen them through their days of darkness until they may find their faith renewed in Easter confidence and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, for the sake of Your Son, our Savior and our King.

People: Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 COLLECT FOR THE CHURCH**

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace, and we ask you not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

***THE BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

***THE RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Hymn 922

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (vv. 1 & 4)

**Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.
In My love’s baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing You are My own.**

I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE

 Improvisation on "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." *Matthew 16:24, 11:29-30*

This improvisation combines music from "His Yoke Is Easy" from Handel's Messiah with the hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane". This postlude is performed quietly to maintain the somber mood leading into Holy Week.

Blessings to the Confirmation Class of 2022



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Sunday, 10:45 AM

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The Sound Technician

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The Lectors

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