



GRACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH • SCHOOL



PALM SUNDAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022 - 5:00 PM



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 is to stand.)*

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.

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.

THE FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall

be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be 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 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.

***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”

*PROFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

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 everlasting. Amen.

*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.

HOLY COMMUNION

***WORDS OF PREPARATION**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.**

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

Hymn 343

**Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!
 Let ev’ry hill and valley A level road appear!
 Then greet the King of Glory Foretold in sacred story:**

**Refrain
 Hosanna to the Lord,
 For He fulfills God’s Word!**

**God’s people, see Him coming: Your own eternal king!
 Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!
 God’s promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain***

**Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!
 Your king, yet ev’ry nation Its tribute too should bring.
 All lands, bow down before Him! All nations, now adore Him! *Refrain***

**His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding: *Refrain***

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

Hymn 430

**My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?**

**He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!**

**Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.**

**Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these Themselves displease And 'gainst Him rise.**

**They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes That He His foes From thence might free.**

**In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.**

**Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!**

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS**

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

Hymn 922

**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!

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

The Preacher

The Rev. Charles T. Reich

The Organist

Nick Klemetson

The Communion Deacons

Vickie Ryan, Jeff Wittcop

The Lector

Jane Petersen

The Usher/Greeter Team

Don & Connie March, Jennifer March

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