



Palm Sunday Worship Service

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Welcome! With great celebration the throngs of people welcomed Jesus, but they did not comprehend that His gift of life would come at the cost of His own death. We are not in the dark about what awaited Jesus. We know that His great love for us was tested in death on the cross. We know that Jesus was not a victim, but the willing Savior who was determined to pay the price of our redemption. Today, we celebrate the great love that our King has for us.

+ **Order of Worship** +

Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

LSB 443

Opening Sentences

(P = leader; C = congregation)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Versicles

P: Rejoice with all your heart, people of Zion!

C: **Shout in triumph, people of Jerusalem!**

P: Look! Your King is coming to you:

C: **He is righteous and victorious.**

P: He is humble and rides on a donkey,

C: **on a colt, a young pack animal.**

P: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: **Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven! Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P: Lord, with the Palm Sunday crowd, we cry to You this day:

C: **Hosanna! Save us now, we pray!**

P: Save us, for we are sinful and unclean. Save us, for we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed.

C: **Save us, for we have sinned against You by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

P: Save us, for we have not loved You with our whole heart.

C: **Save us, for we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, the Son of David and the Son of God, have mercy on us. Forgive, renew and lead us. By Your Holy Spirit, enable us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake, God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Introit *(Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon, Psalm 118:26)*

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

C: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

P: Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

C: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

P: Who is this King of glory?

C: The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Kyrie

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For heavenly peace amid the earthly trials of life and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For peace between the nations and that the work of the Church may prosper, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those worshiping the Lord in the beauty of His holiness to receive the blessings of His grace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For unity and peace that strife or calamity may not distract or hinder us from God's kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For God's will to be done among us on earth as in heaven; that we may rest in peace and quietness; and that God may defend us against all our adversaries, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Most merciful God, the people of Jerusalem gathered with palms in their hands to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His holy city. Grant that we may always hail Him as our Savior and King. Keep us in faith so that we follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn

“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

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Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice 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. I 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.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

C: Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

Therefore, He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel

John 12:12-19

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 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!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"



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. 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. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. 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.

Confession of Faith

(2nd Article of Creed and its meaning)

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

C: I believe 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.

P: What does this mean? Who is Jesus Christ?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity and also true Man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,

P: What has Christ done?

C: Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His Holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

P: Why did He do this? How can I be certain that I am His?

C: that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true!

Hymn

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: With hosannas we come before You, O Lord of hosts. Let us pray for the Church, that the Lord would defend her against all her enemies and keep her true to Jesus Christ by the power of Your Word and Spirit: Gracious Lord, keep Your Church in Your mercy, that she may endure the assaults of the evil one and remain faithful for the sake of those numbered within Your Kingdom and those who have not yet heard the Gospel and been brought to faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray for all pastors, for all church-work vocations and for all the baptized in their vocation as God's people: Almighty God, by Your Spirit You have established us as Your Church and granted to us particular vocations within the Church, home and community in which to serve You. Grant to us every gift and blessing needful, that we may honor our calling and serve You to the best of our ability; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray for those preparing for Baptism, for the newly baptized, for those being catechized as children and adults, and for those joining our congregation: Almighty Father, Your Word will not return to You empty but will accomplish Your purpose. Hear us on behalf of those who have heard Your Word, who are being baptized into Christ and joining the fellowship of our congregation, that they may keep the faith with holy and joyful hearts trusting in Christ as their Savior; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray for the government, for all in authority over us, and for our own lives as citizens and neighbors: O mighty Lord, You have established the kingdom of the left and hold accountable all those who govern in every place. Guide all who make, administer and judge our laws, that they would serve nobly and wisely, pursuing the path of justice and protecting those least able to protect themselves; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray for an end to violence and terror, for those imprisoned and for those who suffer any afflictions of mind or body: Merciful Lord, Your grace is sufficient for all our needs. You have promised to be the strength of the weary, the hope of those who fear, the healing of the ill, the fullness of those disabled and the peace of all who are distressed. Hear us on behalf of _____ and all whom we name in our hearts, that they may be well supplied by Your grace in their time of trouble; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray for those not yet of the Kingdom, that God would make us bold to speak the faith to them and that hearing, they might believe: Everlasting Father, You desire all should be saved and come to the knowledge of Your Son by faith. Give to Your Word success and deliver from error all those who live in darkness, that they may walk in the light of the Lord Jesus; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray for the earth to be fruitful, and for our good use of all the fruits of the earth: Blessed Lord, You give food to the hungry and provide for all our needs in this mortal life. Grant to us a grateful heart and knowledge to use wisely and well all that You have entrusted to our care; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray for our unity of doctrine and faith, and for our communion this day upon Christ's body and blood: Holy Lord, as once Your Son was welcomed with palms and hosannas, help us to welcome Him who comes to us this day in the blessed Sacrament of His body and blood. Guard us against false teaching and help us to discern truth from error, that none may be led astray or lost from the fellowship of Your Son; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: *(Special Prayers)*

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C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Hymn

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

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