

"Hosanna!"

Blessed
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Lord!"

Mark 11:9, NRSV

Palm Sunday

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

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Welcome! The Son of David comes in gentle humility “sitting on a donkey’s colt,” yet as the King of Israel “in the name of the Lord,” . (John 12:13–15). He comes to be lifted up in glory on the cross to cast out “the ruler of this world” and draw all people to Himself (John 12:23–32). The Church is thus called to “rejoice greatly” because her King comes with salvation, and he shall speak peace to the nations (Zech. 9:9–10). For the glory of God is love, which crescendos in the humble obedience and voluntary self-sacrifice of the Son of God for the salvation of sinners. So, God the Father has “highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,” (Phil. 2:9) that He might reign over us in love with the forgiveness of His cross.

+ Order of Worship +

Hymn

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

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Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Opening Versicles

P: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised!

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!

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised!

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

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

C: Hosanna! Save us now, we pray!

P: Save us from our sins 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 cleanse us and by Your Holy Spirit, enable us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ became obedient unto death so that through faith in Him you could receive life and salvation. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Psalm 118:19-29

(Antiphon, v. 26)

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

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

C: Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

P: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

C: 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: 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!

**C: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.**

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

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

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Hymn

“O Jesus, King, Most Wonderful”

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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.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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 Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsory

P: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

The Ten Commandments

C: You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or his maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The 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.

The Lord's Prayer**Children's Sermon****Hymn**

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the holy Christian church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For seasonable weather, and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the Holy Spirit to grant holy desires, good counsels and just works that we may live in peace and quietness, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the homes in which our people dwell that all may celebrate and serve in the vocations God has given, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those in distress of mind, body or soul, for the sick and the dying, and all those who have requested our prayers, including _____, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: *(Specific petitions)* Let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray: 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 and when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts to 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.

Collect for the Word

P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear, read, mark and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger, and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings in life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

P: The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

“The Son of God Goes Forth to War”

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