

# Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

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## ✠PREPARATION✠

### AS WE GATHER

Today's processional Gospel looks at the first day of Holy Week, and the Passion carries us on to Jesus' tomb. Throughout the entire week, and since His transfiguration, our Lord has moved toward the cross step by step. Despite opposition from crowds and His circle of friends, He has been determined to love us to death so that He might open heaven to us by the grace of God. Zechariah had written about the procession centuries earlier, and Paul proclaims that God the Father has exalted Jesus for His steadfast commitment to our salvation. But this is no mere history! We also are called to follow, to live through each day, step by step, faithful under various circumstances yet confident of mercy, grace, and forgiveness.

*The peace of the Lord is exchanged according to local custom.*

**OPENING HYMN** LSB 443 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

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

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: Who made heaven and earth**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?.

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear Gods Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free

ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me a sinner.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen**

**P:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

**C: Amen.**

### **☩WORD☩**

**INTROIT** (see insert – spoken full verse by full verse – Pastor begins)

**KYRIE** (sung)     **Lord, have mercy.**  
                              **Christ, have mercy.**  
                              **Lord, have mercy.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (omitted during Lent)

### **SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**L:**     The Lord be with you.

**C:**     **And also with you.**

**P:**     Let us pray:  
          Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross.

**C:**            **Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection;**

**P:**            through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Zechariah 9:9-12

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a*

P: [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

**C: Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

P: He sent redemption to His people;

**C: He has commanded His covenant forever.**

**THE EPISTLE** Philippians 2:5-11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**VERSE** (omitted during Lent)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** John 11:38-44 - first reading  
John 12:12-19 – second reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the eleventh & twelveth chapters,

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

After the reading:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **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**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** LSB 442 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

**SERMON** (Lazarus, Were You There? )

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Because our Lord humbled Himself and became obedient even to death on the cross, now He is highly exalted, at the Father’s right hand, ready and able to receive our prayers and accept our praise. Let us go to Him in prayer for all people in their various circumstances.

For people without the necessities of food, clothing, and shelter, that the Holy Spirit would hear their cries and groans, bringing tears of relief and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P:** For all who face this day burdened with illness or addiction, ongoing conflict with people around them, or fear of what might happen, that God would assure them of His gracious presence and strengthen their faith in His guidance and protection, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: For those who serve the needs of others as they provide medical and emergency care, as they maintain order in our communities and peace across borders, and as they put themselves in danger that their neighbors may find the protection they need, that God would use the gifts He has placed within them to serve in compassion and love, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: For loving families and caring communities, for schools and institutions of higher learning, wherever people gather to share and build up, that God would provide them the wisdom and understanding they need to do His will, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: For people near and dear to us, [*especially . . .*], that God would visit, relief, and console them in His grace and mercy, and for the church here and around the world, that our Lord would strengthen our faith and move us to be His servants, drawing people to His glorious death and resurrection and serving Him with all that we are and have, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**OFFERING** plate will be passed. Please sign the Record of Fellowship folder at this time.

## ✠SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT✠

### **PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your bondless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **SANCTUS** (sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks

that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**L:** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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  $\times$  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  $\times$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **PAX DOMINI**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** –Lamb of God

(sung) **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray**

### **Distribution**

LSB 622 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

### **NUNC DIMITTIS**

(sung) **O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'n ly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forevr Three in One;  
Far as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resoudnding Through all eternity.**

### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

P: Let us pray:

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



## **SALUTATION and BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**THE CLOSING HYMN** LSB 525 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

**SILENT PRAYER**

***+THIS WORSHIP IS ENDED.***

**LET THE SERVICE BEGIN+**

“...whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to

God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17

### **Dates to Remember**

March 28 – Maundy Thursday/Communion – Service 7 pm

March 29 – Good Friday – Service 7pm

March 31 – EASTER service 10:30 – brunch to follow.

### **BIBLE STUDY & CHURCH SERVICE**

Bible Study will meet at 9:15 am in the fellowship hall,

Church Service at 10:30 am. Both being lead by Pastor Bernthal.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

For the family of Jerry Hinds who passed away last weekend

Rick Burd – cancer treatments

Edith Smith – sister of Chuck Smith - dementia

Deb Sparks – tumors on thyroid

### **Birthdays**

Becky Priami – March 14

Roger Smelker – March 29

Gretchen Heegeman – April 19

Sharon Tow – March 19

Betty Sell – April 9

### **Anniversary**

James & Karen Nantz – March 20

Adam & Alisha VanderLoop – April 4