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Palm Sunday

March 28th, 2021



HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 9:00 AM SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

AS WE GATHER

Sunday, “the eighth day of the week,” is celebrated by Christians as the first day of the eternal life into which they were baptized. Today, the beginning of the great and Holy Week of Lent, we begin with the note of great joy as the crowds receive Jesus entering Jerusalem. This will be the last time He comes to the holy city. For we then follow Him to the judgment hall, the cross of suffering, and the fearful tomb of death. The penitential season of Lent concludes with the three holy days, the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Let us follow our Lord and allow Him to take our sins upon Himself that we may receive His new life in the forgiveness of our sins and the joy of the resurrection.

PALM SUNDAY

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS

Pastor: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ: In the five weeks of Lent, we have been preparing for this week, for the events of our Lord’s death and resurrection. The great and wondrous paschal mystery now lies before us as we enter with Christ with palms and hosannas before He confronts the cross. Everything in Lent points to this week. As we commemorate how our Lord entered to the welcome of palms and hosannas, we also remember His death, which gives us life, and His resurrection, through which we dwell with Him for all eternity.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, we pray You to bless ✠ and consecrate these palm branches and those who bear them that we may honor Christ as our Lord and King and that we may follow Him without fear as He leads us on the pathway of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

PALM PROCESSIONAL

(The children and youth of the congregation are invited to help with the Palm Processional)

COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ!

HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

LSB 443

† WORD †

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM~ *Read Responsively*

Psalm 118:19-29

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

People: We bless You from the house of the Lord. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Pastor: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

People: I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

Pastor: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

People: We bless You from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.

Pastor: Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

People: You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You.

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: We bless You from the house of the Lord.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the ✠ Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, in now, and will be forever. Amen.

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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“Thank You, Lord”

CCS 46

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Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul. Thank you, Lord, for making me whole;
Thank you, Lord, for giving to me Thy great salvation so rich and free.

Sing 3 times

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

LSB 442

SERMON

"A Gentle and Humble Heart"

Matthew 21:1-9

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for ourselves and all the baptized who gather around the Word and Sacraments this Holy Week.

People: May we all receive the grace to follow You through Your Passion as we cry to You for help.

Pastor: Watch over the rulers of the world, each appointed by the one true King.

People: May they defend the powerless and rule wisely so that we and all people may live in peace.

Pastor: Be with the sick and all who suffer any weakness of body or soul, [*especially . . .*]. May the forgiveness and freedom You have won for them sustain them in their affliction. Lord in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: (*Special petitions that end in, "Lord in Your mercy"*)

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Guide all who continue to follow You along the pilgrim path.

People: Keep us firm in the truth faith until we are brought at last to Your nearer presence with the great company of all the saints who have died with faith in You and now rest from their labors.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Crucified King, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your steadfast love, which endures forever.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

****SATURDAY 5:30PM SERVICE****

HYMN

“The King of Glory”

AGPS 227

Refrain: The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices;
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.

1. Who is the King of Glory; how shall we call Him?
He is Emmanuel, the Promised of ages.
2. In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among His people curing their illness.
3. Sing then of David’s son, our Savior and Brother;
In all of Galilee was never another.
4. He gave His life for us, the Lamb of salvation,
He took upon Himself the sins of the nation.
5. He conquered sin and death. He truly has risen.
And He will share with us His heavenly vision.

Text: Willard F. Jabusch B. 1930 Tune: The King of Glory, Israeli folk song

LORD’S PRAYER

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EVENING PRAYER

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CLOSING HYMN

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

LSB 441

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****9:00 AM SUNDAY SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT****

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent

who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name,

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed Lord, You caused all things to come into being and sent forth the promise of Your Word when sin and death held us captive. In the fullness of time, You sent forth Your one and only Son to fulfill the promise made to Adam and Eve and become the Savior of Your people. We rejoice in what He accomplished by His saving death upon the cross and His glorious resurrection. As He has made peace with His death, so bestow upon us the fruits of His atonement in this blessed Communion of His body and blood, that what we receive here now with our lips, we keep to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

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| 2. In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among His people curing their illness. | 4. He gave His life for us, the Lamb of salvation,
He took upon Himself the sins of the nation. |
| 3. Sing then of David's son, our Savior and Brother; | 5. He conquered sin and death. He truly has risen.
And He will share with us His heavenly visio |

Refrain: Hosanna, hallelujah! Sing we loud and clear. Hosanna, hallelujah! Jesus Christ is near. With ancient psalms and new-grown palms Praise Him on His way. Hosanna, hallelujah! Christ, our Lord, is here.

1. This day in spring the streets will ring with voices sweet and lyrical To greet our Lord, the One adored, His very life a miracle.
2. King David’s Son now rides upon a mule, of beasts the lowliest; Amidst the throng it bears along of all mankind the holiest.
3. How very odd the Son of God must do things that would weary us. God will amaze; He works in ways that we all find mysterious.

HYMN

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

LSB 617

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, chose to suffer pain before going up to joy and crucifixion before entering into glory, mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, find this path to be the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

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5:30 PM SATURDAY

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