

Divine Redeemer Lutheran Church

Hartland, Wisconsin

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PALM SUNDAY

April 5, 2020

8:00AM/10:30AM

AS WE GATHER: In today's liturgy we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, with its pomp and pageantry. On this day, the people hailed Jesus as their King. However, the crowds that shouted "Hosanna" to the Messiah were the same crowds that later shouted "Crucify!" The King of Israel would sacrifice His life for His people and for all humanity. We offer thanksgiving for His royal, benevolent rule over us and all who bend the knee and call Jesus Lord.

PROCESSION OF PALMS

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: Amen.

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

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

Pastor: Who is this King of Glory?

People: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

People: That the King of Glory may come in.

Pastor: Who is this King of Glory?

People: The Lord of hosts, He is the King of Glory!

Pastor: Hosanna to the Son of David.
People: Hosanna in the highest!

PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-10

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples² and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it."³ If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately."⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it.⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go.⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it.⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

PROCESSIONAL SONG

**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!
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice;
And in His blissful presence, eternally rejoice!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We cannot come closer to God as we are. It is only through the gracious forgiveness Christ won for us that we are considered righteous under God's Law. Let us confess our sins, pleading, "Lord, have mercy" and "Save us, O Lord."

Pastor: Blessed Lord,

People: **We confess to You that we are born sinful and both by nature and choice have turned away from You. We have enthroned self-interest and pride as our kings, and they have ruled us as tyrants. We have failed to acknowledge Your rightful lordship in our lives and in society. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and by the power of the Holy Spirit turn our hearts this day to worship and follow Jesus, the one true King.**

Pastor: The King has won your freedom. 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.

People: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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

People: **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN #441

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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Thank you to:
Madison Sitzman, soloist
Cathe Kuehn, trumpet

Pastor: O Lord, grant healing and peace to all those who are sick in body, mind or soul whom we name in our hearts in a moment of silence now. Comfort those who are grieving and in distress. Especially this week we pray for Bill and Trudy LaBonte as they grieve the loss of Bill's brother Roger. Bless them with the knowledge that you indeed are the Lord who saves us. In prayer we cry out,

People: **Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: Lord, grant healing and peace to all those who are sick in body, mind or soul. ... In prayer we cry out,

People: **Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: Hear our prayers for the sake of our Savior, who suffered and died that we might have life.

People: **Hosanna! Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

People: **that the King of glory may come in.**

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

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

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.

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.

People: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "From Cheers to Jeers" Miss Heidi

ANTHEM "Riding on the Road to Jerusalem"
Madison Sitzman, soloist

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Kings 1:32-40

³² King David said, "Call to me Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada." So they came before the king. ³³ And the king said to them, "Take with you the servants of your lord and have Solomon my son ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon. ³⁴ And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet there anoint him king over Israel. Then blow the trumpet and say, 'Long live King Solomon!' ³⁵ You shall then come up after him, and he shall come and sit on my throne, for he shall be king in my place. And I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah." ³⁶ And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, "Amen! May the LORD, the God of my lord the king, say so. ³⁷ As the LORD has been with my lord the king, even so may he be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David."

³⁸ So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites went down and had Solomon ride on King David's mule and brought him to Gihon. ³⁹ There Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Solomon. Then they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!" ⁴⁰ And all the people went up after him, playing on pipes, and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth was split by their noise.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ 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.

SERMON

“Long Live the King!”

Pastor Seth Flick

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)

#442, vs. 1,4,5

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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 Blessed One. 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

APOSTLES’ CREED

All: 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 GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: The Father demonstrated His great love for us in sending His Son to be our Savior. This same heavenly Father invites us to come to Him in prayer, and so in prayer we cry out,

People: **Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: Saving Lord, this Holy Week, may we remember anew the events of the first Holy Week, rejoicing in the forgiveness that Your Son won for us on the cross. In prayer we cry out,

People: **Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: All powerful Lord, we thank You for the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces, First Responders as well as all medical personnel. Bless all the men and women who will assume their role to count votes. They are fulfilling an important civic duty and they are scared. Watch over everyone who serves our community and grant Your mighty arm of protection over them in their calling. In prayer we cry out,

People: **Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**