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## Palm Sunday

11:00 a.m. ~ Service of the Word

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### Words of Welcome

### Opening Responses

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

**P** Hosanna to the Son of David!

**C** Hosanna in the highest!

**P** Blessed is He who comes,

**C** who comes in the name of the Lord.

**P** Hosanna!

**C** Hosanna in the highest!

### Palm Sunday Gospel

*John 12:12-19*

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

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

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>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!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>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!

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Saviour 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.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn

**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna** *LSB #443*

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**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.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him  
With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence  
Eternally rejoice!**

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

<sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?  
Let him come near to me.

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory

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

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

**P** Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,  
**C** **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.**

**Epistle*****Philippians 2:5-11***

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>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.**

**Anthem**

Claude Massicotte (soloist)

**“The Holy City”**

by F.E. Weatherly, Stephen Adams

**Sermon*****John 12:12-19*****“THE TRUE KING”****Prayer of the Church**

**P** *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, church workers and for all the baptized in their calling as God's people:*

Almighty God, by Your Spirit You have established us as Your Church and granted to us unique callings within the Church, home and community in which we serve You. Grant to us every gift and blessing needful, that we may honour our calling and serve You to the best of our ability; 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 neighbours:*

O God of power and might, You hold in Your hand all the might of man. Give to us good government and faithful leaders who will heed Your Word and pursue righteousness and justice. Bless and defend us against all destruction, especially from this deadly pandemic, and teach us to be patient and faithful citizens of this land, using ourselves and our resources wisely for the good of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** *Let us pray for an end to violence and terror, for those imprisoned, for the troubled in mind, and for those who suffer any afflictions of the body:*

Merciful Lord, Your grace is sufficient for all our needs, and 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 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 the unemployed and underemployed:*

O God, You have always been the help and comfort of Your people. Support the unemployed in this time of trouble and need. Give them faith to cast their cares on You, and preserve them from all bitterness and resentment. According to Your goodness increase the opportunity for their employment that with thankful hearts they may earn a just wage. Give to Your people everywhere a ready willingness to share their blessings with those in need. Make us merciful, even as You are merciful, O Father, 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 a blessed Holy Week:*

Holy Lord, as once Your Son was welcomed with palms and hosannas, help us to welcome Him who comes to us this day through His Word and Spirit. 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. Grant us true repentance that we may meditate upon our Lord's passion, death and resurrection and be strengthened in faith and service to You and one another, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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** Let your eyes be fixed on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 favour and † give you peace.

**G** Amen.

### Closing Hymn

### Ride On, Ride On in Majesty *LSB #441*

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**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**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.**

**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.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
Awaits His own anointed Son.**

**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.**



### Serving in the Lord's House Today

**Preacher** ..... Pastor Nolan Astley  
**Officiant** ..... Pastor Roland Syens  
**Organist** ..... Jennifer Massicotte