

*Before the Sunday service: children may gather in the narthex for the procession with palms.*

***The people stand and face the cross at the entrance to the church.***

**HOLY GOSPEL**

John 12:12–19

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

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

P <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.**

P Let us go forth in peace,

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

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

- 1. 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.**
- 2. 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.**

**3. "Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing  
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice.  
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!**

*Repeat hymn song until procession arrives at the altar.*

*(When all have arrived at their places, the procession concludes with the following:)*

**GREETING**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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. 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.**

*Sit*

**CHILDREN'S TALK**

**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.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: 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 made himself nothing, 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SONG** *"Jesus, Name Above All Names"*

**Jesus, Name above all Names, Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**

**Jesus, Loving Shepherd, Vine of the Branches, Son of God,  
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe  
Light of the world.**

**Jesus, Way of Salvation, King of kings, Lord of lords,**

**The Way, the Truth, and the Life, Mighty Creator,  
My Savior and Friend.**

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**GOSPEL** *Mark 15:1-47 Read by the pastor*

<sup>1</sup>And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." <sup>3</sup>And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup>And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup>And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

<sup>10</sup>For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup>And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup>And they cried out again, "Crucify him." <sup>14</sup>And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the

crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup>And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup>And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup>And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. <sup>22</sup>And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup>And it was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup>So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

<sup>33</sup>And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>35</sup>And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." <sup>36</sup>And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup>And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

<sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

<sup>42</sup>And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. <sup>45</sup>And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** In the presence of royalty, the king's subjects bow as a sign of homage and respect. In the presence of God, sinners sense their own unworthiness and implore the mercy of their Lord.

**People:** **"Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my anguish. Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins."**

*Psalm 25:16-18*

**Pastor:** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**All:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**Pastor:** God is gracious and full of mercy. For this reason the Savior was promised and for this reason He came.  
"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." *John 3:17*  
As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of Jesus I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you. *John 20:23*

**People: Amen.**

## **NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the**

Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

#### **SONG OF THE DAY**

*"There Is A Redeemer"*

There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Chorus:*

Thank You, O my Father for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til Your work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

*Chorus.*

When I stand in glory I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve My King forever, in that holy place.

*Chorus.*

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**SERMON:** *"Following Jesus to His Kingdom"*

*Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** Lord, in Your mercy...Hear our prayer.

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

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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *are said by the pastor.*

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

**C:** And also with you.

*Sit*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*"Do this in Remembrance of Me"*

**Do this in remembrance of Me. Do this in remembrance of Me.**

**This is My body this is My blood. Do this in remembrance of Me.**

**This is My body given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.**

**This cup's the new covenant, sealed in My blood.**

**Do this in remembrance of Me.**

**For whenever you eat this bread**

**and whenever you drink this cup,**

**As you do you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

*Repeat.*

*Ending:*

**Do this in remembrance of Me. Do this in remembrance of Me.**

**This is My body this is My blood. Do this in remembrance of Me.**

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*"Seekers of Your Heart"*

**Lord, we want to know You, live our lives to show You**

**All the love we owe You— We're seekers of Your heart,**

**Repeat.**

**Ending: Seekers of Your heart.**

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*"On Eagle's Wings"*

*AGPS 193 Isaiah 40:31*

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings.**

**Bear you on the breath of dawn,**

**Make you to shine like the sun,**

**And hold you in the palm of God's hand. Repeat.**

*After all have communed, stand.*

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

**C: Amen.**

## **THE CLOSING SONG**

*“Sing to the King”*

**Sing to the King who is coming to reign  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain.  
Life and salvation His empire shall bring,  
And joy to the nations, when Jesus is King.**

*Chorus:*

**Come, let us sing a song,  
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus;  
He is all we need. Lift up a heart of praise.  
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus. Sing to the King.**

**For His returning we watch and we pray;  
We will be ready the dawn of that day.  
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed,  
'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.**

*Sing Chorus twice*

*Ending:*

**Sing to the King. Sing to the King.**

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## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**Maundy Thursday 6:30 PM (Lord's Supper)**

**Good Friday 12 PM/Noon Prayer Service**

**Tenebrae Vespers 6:30 PM**

**No Saturday Service**

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

**6:00 AM Sunrise Service**

**9:00 AM Festival Service (Lord's Supper)**