

Palm Sunday
Sunday of the Passion
March 24, 2024

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Fargo, North Dakota

Opening Sentences

- 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: This Lenten season has been a season of preparation that has led us to this Holy Week. Now we will see our God and His love in action. Jesus enters His own city in triumph that He might meet our sin and death and gain the victory. May the Spirit empower us to believe so great a salvation and rejoice in what our God has done.
- C: **Most Merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem welcomed the Savior with palms in their hands grant that we may ever hail him as our king and redeemer. And when he comes again, may we go forth to meet him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow him on the way that leads to eternal life. Amen.**

Processional Hymn ***“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*** (LSB 442, arr. by Cynthia Dobrinski)
Special Music includes instrumental introduction

All: 1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to You, Re - deem - er, King, To
Choir: 2. The com - pan - y of an - gels are prais - ing You on high. (And
All: 3. To You be - fore Your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise; To

whom the lips of child - ren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring. You
hum - an - kind and all things cre - a - ted make re - ply. The
You, now high ex - alt - ed our mel - o - dy we raise. As

are the King of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son, Who
mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore You went; Our
You re - ceived their prai - ses, Ac - cept the prayers we bring, O

in the Lord's name com - ing, the King and Bless - ed One.
praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore You we pre - sent.
source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, our good and gra - cious King.

Special Music by Immanuel children [N-3rd]: "Prepare Ye"; "Hosanna, Hosanna"; "Jesus Loves Me"

Palm Sunday Litany

(Zechariah 9:9-10)

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;

C: Give thanks to Him and bless His holy name.

P: Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion!

C: Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!

P: Hosanna.

C: (louder) Hosanna!

P: (louder) Hosanna!

C: (shout) Hosanna!

P: See, your king comes to you,

C: Hosanna to the Son of David!!

P: He is righteous and having salvation, He is gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David!!

P: With palms and branches waving high;

C: Hosanna to the Son of David!!

P: With coats for a carpet as He rides by;

C: Hosanna to the Son of David!!

P: With hearts sincere and voices cry;

C: Hosanna to the Son of David!!

Collect of the Day

All: Almighty and everlasting God the Father, who sent your Son to take our nature upon him and to suffer death on the cross that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility, mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of our Savior Jesus Christ in his patience and also have our portion in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

R: The Old Testament reading for Palm Sunday is from Zechariah, chapter nine.

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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

R: The Epistle is written in Philippians, chapter two.

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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Litany toward the Passion

P: He who rode in victory also came for seeming defeat. The Blessed Messiah who rode the donkey also came to bear the cross.

C: For us and our salvation.

P: Blessed is He who comes to save!

C: Blessed is He who gives His life as a ransom for sin.

Hymn

“When I Behold Jesus Christ”

LSB 542

The Holy Gospel

John 12:12-36a

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

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.”

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for

eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn *“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”*

LSB 428

Sermon *“Downward Mobility”*

Philippians 2:5-11

Offering *(Please sign and pass the green Fellowship book found at the center end of each pew.)*

Prayers

Service Without Holy Communion – 8 am

Hymn *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

LSB 449

The Lord’s Prayer, Collect, Benediction

Announcements

Closing Hymn

“No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”

LSB 444

+ Service of the Sacrament – 11 am +

(Guests and visitors please refer to guideline "Preparation for Holy Communion", printed on the inside of the bulletin cover.)

P: O Lord of heaven and earth, when Your creation was overcome and held captive to sin and death, you raised up the banner of hope. Your prophets renewed Your promise until you delivered your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. He came among us in our human flesh and blood. He willingly took our sin on Himself and entered into our death by the cross. By His rising again He has brought hope and life to a world in darkness and death. As we approach the great mystery of His death and resurrection, send us your Holy Spirit that we may receive His gift of forgiveness and salvation with confidence and trust which come to us in His body and blood.

Gathered in the name of Jesus and in remembrance of His holy death we pray you to forgive, renew and strengthen us with your Word and Spirit. Grant us the faith to receive what His own words do promise:

C: 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 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 is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

P: As often as you eat of this bread and drink from this cup you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Come, Lord Jesus, live in us that we may live in You.

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

+ **Service of the Sacrament** – *continued* +

Distribution Hymns

“Glory Be to Jesus”

LSB 433

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

LSB 443

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

LSB 449

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Almighty God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, chose to suffer pain before going to joy, and crucifixion before entering into glory, mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may 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.

C: Amen.

Benediction

Announcements

Closing Hymn ***“No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”*** ***LSB 444***

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