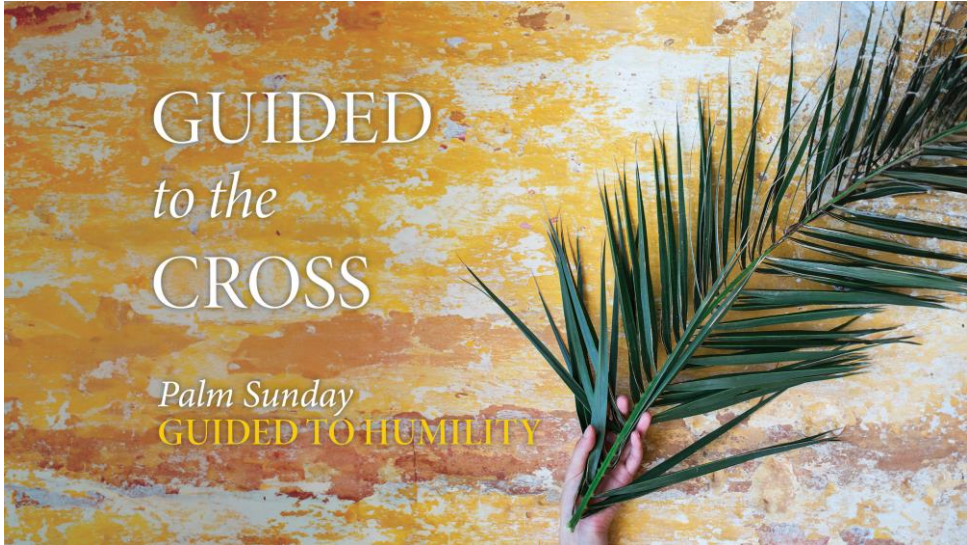


Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24, 2024 – 8:00 p.m.



Welcome!

To our guests and visitors:

We are glad that you are here with us today!
If you have no church home, consider joining us?
Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service!

ref 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 Blessèd One. **Refrain**

The company of angels
Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply. **Refrain**

The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present. **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**

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

C **The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

C **The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

P 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.

C **Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

C **Almighty God, we are called to humble ourselves and to serve one another in love, but instead, we become puffed up with pride. We look on others as less important than ourselves. We do not humble ourselves before your Word, and we do not walk in the way of love. Have mercy on us, and forgive us.**

P God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus humbled himself, and on the cross, he suffered in our place the penalty of death that we deserved for our sins. For his sake God forgives us. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Behold our King has come, righteous and humble, bringing salvation to us!**

Prayer of the Day

P Lord Jesus, you are the King of glory, yet you entered Jerusalem in humble majesty, to bring to us salvation. During this Holy Week, as we follow your final path to the cross, lead us in humility and meekness. Help us to put the needs of others ahead of our own and to walk in love, forgiving one another as we have been forgiven. Jesus, humble King, we hail you as our Lord and Savior. You are the King of glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C **Amen.**

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**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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading

James 4:7-10

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 11:1-10

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples 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. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’”

And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it.

And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Apostles' Creed

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.

Sermon Hymn Thee Will I Love, My Strength LSB 694:1,3,4

Thee will I love, my strength, my tower;
Thee will I love, my hope, my joy.
Thee will I love with all my power,
With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.
Thee will I love, O Light divine,
So long as life is mine.

I thank thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven,
Whose radiance hath brought light to me;
I thank thee, who hast richly given
All that could make me glad and free;
I thank thee that my soul is healed
By what thy lips revealed.

O keep me watchful, then, and humble;
Permit me nevermore to stray.
Uphold me when my feet would stumble,
And keep me on the narrow way.
Fill all my nature with thy light,
O Radiance strong and bright!

Prayer of the Church

P Jesus, King of glory, you entered Jerusalem in humility and meekness. You did not come to fight armies and set up an earthly kingdom. You came to bring salvation, to suffer and die on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. Jesus, humble King,

C **Set your cross before us to guide us in humility.**

P Jesus, King of glory, during this Holy Week we will follow you as you take up your path to the cross. We will receive the gift of your body and your blood in your holy Supper. We will follow you to Gethsemane, and watch with you through your betrayal, arrest and condemnation. We will see with eyes of faith your humble death and victorious resurrection. Jesus, humble King,

C **Set your cross before us to guide us in humility.**

P Jesus, King of glory, lead us to walk in your steps, in humility and love. Teach us to put others first, as you put our needs ahead of your own. We want to follow you, our King, and to pattern our lives after your life. Jesus, humble King,

C **Set your cross before us to guide us in humility.**

P Jesus, King of glory, look with mercy on those who are suffering in pain, illness or grief, especially [.....] and those we name in our hearts. Lead us to help and serve them in love and to bring to them the hope and comfort found in your Word. Jesus, humble King,

C **Set your cross before us to guide us in humility.**

P Jesus, King of glory, you humbled yourself, obedient to your heavenly Father, even to the point of death on a cross. On the third day after your death, you were raised in exalted glory, as we by faith will one day be raised, to live in your presence forever. Jesus, humble King,

C **Set your cross before us to guide us in humility. Amen.**

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

The Words of Our Lord

P: 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 cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Distribution

Handbells All Glory, Laud, and Honor arr. By David Angerman

Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.

Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,
Christ crucified, I come.

Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain,
Christ crucified, I come.

And then for work to do for Thee,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me,
Christ crucified, I come.

Benediction

- P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
- C **Righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**
- P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **Amen.**

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.