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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Say to Daughter Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹¹ The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Hymn: “All Glory, Laud and Honor” *Lutheran Service Book 442*

Invocation

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

C. Amen

Confession and Absolution

P. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C. 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.

P. 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 Word I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C. Amen.

Collect:

P: Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: A Reading from Isaiah 50:4-9

⁴The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue,
to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

⁵The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears;

I have not been rebellious,

I have not turned away.

⁶I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;

I did not hide my face

from mocking and spitting.

⁷Because the Sovereign LORD helps me,

I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,

and I know I will not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near.

Who then will bring charges against me?

Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser?

Let him confront me!

⁹It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me.

Who will condemn me?

They will all wear out like a garment;

the moths will eat them up.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**New Testament Reading: A Reading from Philippians
2:5-11**

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**The Gospel Reading: A Reading from the Gospel of
Matthew, Chapter 26.**

¹ When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, ² “As you know, the Passover is two days

away—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

³ Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, ⁴ and they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. ⁵ “But not during the festival,” they said, “or there may be a riot among the people.”

⁶ While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, ⁷ a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

⁸ When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked. ⁹ “This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.”

¹⁰ Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹ The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. ¹² When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. ¹³ Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

¹⁴ Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Song: "Hosanna"

Verse 1

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Chorus

**Lord, we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise!
Be exalted, oh Lord, my God! Hosanna in the highest!**

Verse 2

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings! Glory, glory, glory
to the King of kings!

Sermon

Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Prayers of the Church

P. Lord, in your mercy,
C. Hear our prayer.

The 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

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Song: "King of My Heart"

Verse 1

Let the King of my heart, Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from, Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart, Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life, Oh He is my song

Chorus

**You are good good oh, You are good good oh
You are good good oh, You are good good oh**

Verse 2

Let the King of my heart, Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves, Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart, Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days, Oh He is my song (to chorus)

Bridge

You're never gonna let, Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let, Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let, Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let, Never gonna let me down (to
chorus)

Ending

When the night is holding on to me
God is holding on
When the night is holding on to me
God is holding on

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