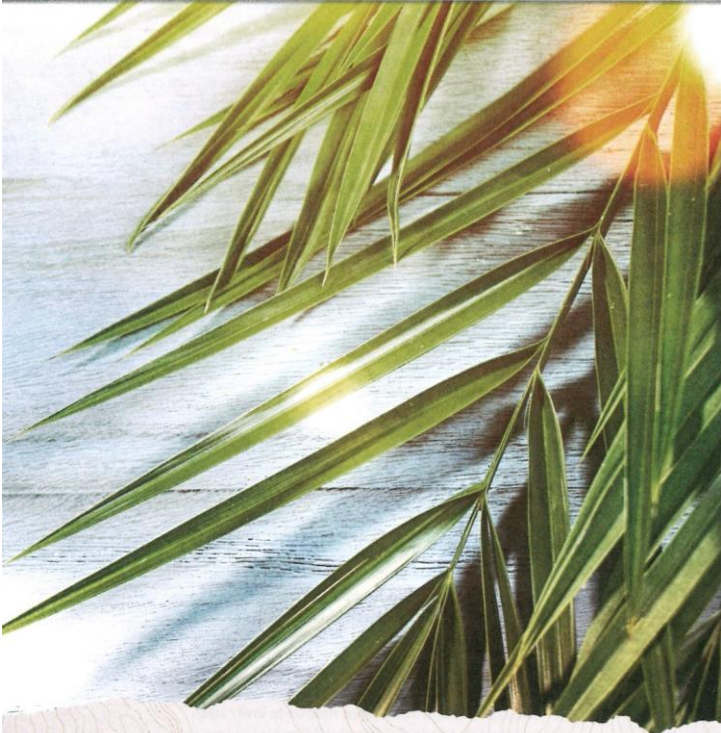


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PALM SUNDAY

Bethphage

Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021
9 a.m.

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church
Brillion, WI

Welcome

Theme Verse

P Our theme verse for today is, “Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me’” (Matt. 21:1-2).

Invocation and Call to Worship

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

C Amen.

P Let us ever walk with Jesus.

C To see the depths of His love.

P To behold the gift of His forgiveness.

C To gaze upon the heights of His grace.

P To marvel at the magnitude of His mercy.

C We walk with Jesus as He rides a donkey.

P He begins in Bethphage and makes His way to Jerusalem.

C He does it for us and for our salvation!

P Faithful Lord, with me abide.

C I shall follow where You guide!

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 heav’n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

Confession and Absolution

P Merciful and mighty Father, You know us well. We are quick to speak of faith, but slow to live it out. We shout “hosanna” as Jesus approaches, as did the people of Jerusalem, but we do not want Him coming too close to us, not close enough to really see—

C **Our greed and our grasping.**

P Our pride and our pretense.

C **Our envy and our strife.**

P Our hard hearts and lackluster prayers.

C **Our willful disobedience and ongoing sin.**

P Our harsh words and condemning judgments.

C **Our backbiting and badmouthing.**

P Our lame excuses.

C **Our fickle faith. Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy!
Lord, have mercy!**

P Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment, and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha, and Golgotha—for you. That’s why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!

C **I shall follow where You guide!**

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

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1 On my heart imprint Your image, Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,
That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foundation, And my glory and salvation!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in hand, gathered to greet Your Son when He came into the City of David, grant that we may hail Him as our King and walk with Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9–10

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

Lenten Verse

LSB 157

C Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1–11

Mini Message

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

LSB 441

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed Son.

- 5 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.

Sermon

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

LSB 442 vs. 1, 3, 5

*Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.*

- 1 You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessèd One.
Refrain
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present.
Refrain
- 5 As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.
Refrain

Prayer of the Church

P Onward in Christ's footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above. Full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father's bidding. And so we pray: Lord Jesus, You are the King of Zechariah's vision, and on this Palm Sunday, we worship, honor, and bless You, saying—

C Hosanna in the highest!

P Lord Jesus, no other king would show up to conquer his enemies, humbly riding on the foal of a donkey. No other king would break the power of death and rob the grave by the brokenness of the cross. No other king could defeat evil and tyranny by shedding his blood. That's why we say—

C Hosanna in the highest!

P Lord Jesus, no other king would come not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many—a group of rebels and sinners like us. No other king would come so humbly, so lovingly, so kindly. That’s why we shout it out—

C Hosanna in the highest!

P Lord Jesus, You are our King, the King of glory, the King of kings and the Lord of lords. You are our Monarch of mercy, our Governor of grace, and our Prince of Peace. Great is our rejoicing, for You have come to us, righteous and victorious, loving and sovereign. That’s why we celebrate—

C Hosanna in the highest!

P Lord Jesus, by the riches of Your grace, continue to free us from sin, selfishness, and worthless idols. By the power of the Gospel, enable us to live with hope and as agents of redemption until the Day You return to finish making all things new.

C Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Collect

P 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.

Benediction

P Jesus invites us to walk with Him to Bethphage and then into Jerusalem, places of great suffering and places of great love! We will walk with Jesus all the way to the empty tomb—and resurrection victory!

C **Let us ever walk with Jesus.**

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685 v. 2

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

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