

# St John Evangelical Lutheran Church Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

## **PRELUDE**

## **INVOCATION & OPENING PRAYER**

 $\blacksquare$  We gather in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  $\blacksquare$ 

# C Amen.

Based on Psalm 118

#### PROCESSIONAL PSALM

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

- **G** We bless You from the house of the Lord.
- **P** Open to me the gates of righteousness,
- **C** that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
- **P** I thank You that You have answered me
- **C** and have become my salvation.
- P The stone that the builders rejected
- **C** has become the cornerstone.
- **P** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
- **C** for His steadfast love endures forever!
- P Hosanna, to the Son of David!
- **C** Hosanna! Save us, we pray, O Lord!
- **P** This is the day that the Lord has made;
- C let us rejoice and be glad in it.



# PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

As we see our King coming, we recognize our sinful condition. Let us confess our sins, pleading, "Lord, have mercy" and "Save us, O Lord."

Silence for reflection on God's Word and our sinful condition.

- **P** Father in heaven,
- Your Son humbled Himself and became a human being to die in our place. But we confess that in our disobedience we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Lord, have mercy.
- P He was obedient to death and took our sins with Him to the cross. Father, You have exalted Him, that every knee should bow.
- We confess that without Your help we are bound to continue in sin as Your rebellious children. Hosanna! Save us, O Lord!
- We see our King coming, not to punish but to forgive. In His great love, Jesus gives His life so that we can inherit the Kingdom of God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Hosanna Alleluia"

Sunday School Children

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup>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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## NEW TESTAMENT 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 11:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. <sup>5</sup>And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. <sup>7</sup>And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup>And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

<sup>11</sup>And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

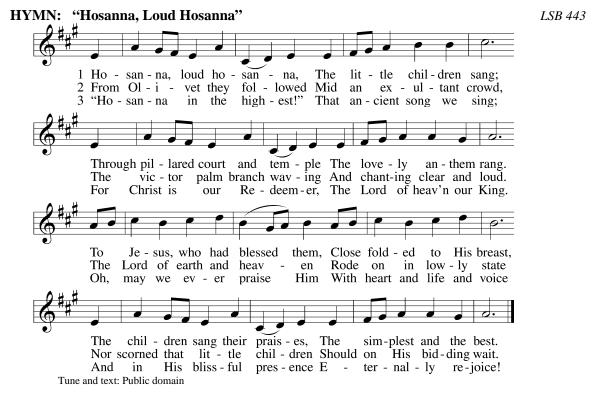
#### APOSTLE'S CREED

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.



# TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD

# **OFFERING**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Handbells

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

after each petition

- **P** let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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.

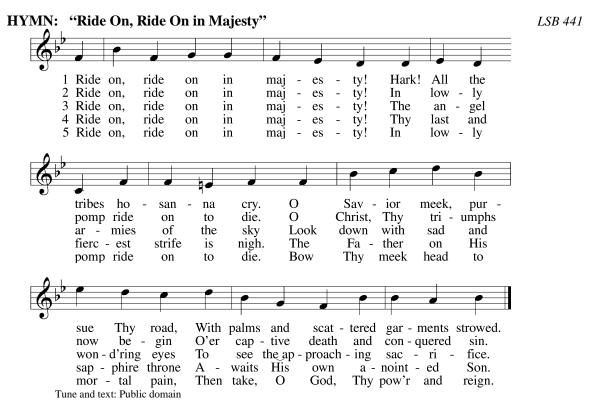
## BENEDICTION

- 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 H give you peace.
- C Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## **POSTLUDE**

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