

Order of Service for Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

St. Johns Lutheran Church
Park Rapids, Minnesota

The Opening Song

"The King of Glory Comes"

Refrain

**The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.**

**Who is the King of glory; What shall we call Him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages. *Refrain***

**In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among His people, curing their illness. *Refrain***

**Sing then of David's Son, our Savior and Brother;
In all of Galilee was never another. *Refrain***

**He gave His life for us, the Lamb of salvation;
He took upon Himself the sin of the nations. *Refrain***

**He conquered sin and death; He truly has risen.
And He will share with us His heavenly vision. *Refrain***

The Confession and Absolution

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

C: Amen

P: We love a parade! We'd probably love it even more at this point in time. The simple joy of palm branches waving and people shouting acclamations of joy. But Jesus didn't enter Jerusalem simply to be exalted as a hero, rather it is to take the final steps toward our salvation. As we hear and say again, "Hosanna! Lord save us," we pause to reflect and confess the sins we need saving from.

A time of silence for personal reflection.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, when our words and actions reflect a reluctance to confess You publicly as Lord of our lives:

C: Forgive us.

P: When we fear that humbling ourselves would be seen by others as weakness, or a defect in our character:

C: Forgive us.

P: When we have betrayed Your love for us through our lack of love for You, and for others:

C: Forgive us.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, fix Your mind in us; and remake us in Your likeness; remove from us all that hinders us from following You with our whole lives.

C: Gracious and loving God, empower us with the Holy Spirit so that our lives continually glorify You and our tongues forever confess Jesus as Lord. Amen.

P: Hear the Good News: Jesus Christ "emptied Himself, by 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. And God has highly exalted Him." In His humble death and glorious resurrection your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

The Psalmody

Psalm 24

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

C: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

P: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,

C: the world and those who dwell therein,

P: for he has founded it upon the seas

C: and established it upon the rivers.

P: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

C: And who shall stand in his holy place?

P: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

C: who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

P: He will receive blessing from the Lord
C: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

P: Such is the generation of those who seek him,

C: who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

P: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

C: that the King of glory may come in.

P: 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,

C: that the King of glory may come in.

P: Who is this King of glory?

C: The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. (*A moment of silence is given for personal prayers*) 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.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Special Music

The Epistle 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 emptied himself, by 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.

The Song

"Ancient Words"

**Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.**

**Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home.**

Refrain: **Ancient words, ever true,
changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
Oh let the ancient words impart.**

**Holy words of our faith
handed down to this age,
came to us through sacrifice:
O, heed the faithful words of Christ. Refrain**

Martyr's blood stains each page,
they have died for this faith;
Hear them cry through the years;
Heed these words and hold them dear.

Ancient words, ever true,
changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
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The Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

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. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

The Sermon Song

"All Glory Laud and Honor" LSB 442

*Refrain: 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 Blessed 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**

The Sermon

The Creed

The Apostle's Creed

The Offering

The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

P: We have gathered with the crowds crying, "Hosanna!"

C: Because if we were silent the stones themselves would call out.

P: We have shared the hope and anticipation for a world about to be changed,

C: and then it did change.

P: Now we follow Jesus as He takes us to the upper room and to His cross.

C: Yet even as the world grows dark, we don't lose hope.

P: For God alone we wait in silence;

C: From Him comes our salvation.

P: He alone is our rock and our salvation, *Ps. 62:1-2*

C: God alone is our fortress; We shall not be greatly shaken.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

The Closing

Tune: *Gethsemane*

P: "We are going up to Jerusalem," Jesus said, "and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and teachers of the law. They will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles, who will mock Him and spit on Him, flog Him and kill Him. Three days later He will rise." *Mark 10:33-34*

Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's power
Your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

P: The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? The LORD is with me; He is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

Psalm 118:6-9

Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

P: I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint... they have pierced My hands and My feet. I can count all My bones... They divide My garments among them and cast lots for My clothing. But You, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help Me.

Psalm 22:14, 16-19

Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

Maundy Thursday

Live Stream at Noon with the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

Live Stream at Noon

Easter Sunday

Live Stream at 9:00 am