



Lutheran Church & Christian School



Palm Sunday – Sunday of the Passion

**April 5, 2020**

***Redeemed, Restored & Rejoicing in Jesus!***

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## **PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**

Palms of Victory!

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### **AS WE GATHER**

*“pas\*sion (pash’n), n. [ME, OFr < Lat. passio, suffering < Lat. passus, p. part. of pati, to suffer.] 1. A powerful emotion or appetite as love, joy, hatred, anger, or greed; 2. Ardent, adoring love ... 5. **Passion. a.** The sufferings of Christ in the period following the Last Supper and including the crucifixion.” (Webster’s II New Riverside University Dictionary) *Passion, a most appropriate word for today! What other word is at one time a synonym for love and suffering? Today we journey from Palm Sunday to Easter so that we might know again the depth of Christ’s love that knows no bounds, especially when we face trial and temptation. Be encouraged, your Savior is near, and is willing to walk the way with you, and for you.**

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** “King of Glory” (Words & Music by Mac Powell, David Carr, Brad Avery, Mark Lee & Tai Anderson © 2000 New Spring | Vandura 2500 Songs)

1. Solo
2. Who is this King of angels, O blessed Prince of Peace,  
Revealing things of heaven and all its mysteries?  
My spirit’s ever longing for His grace in which to stand;  
Who is this King of glory? Son of God and Son of Man!

*Chorus: His name is Jesus, precious Jesus  
Lord Almighty, King of my heart, King of glory!*

3. Who is this King of glory with strength and majesty,  
And wisdom beyond measure, the gracious King of kings?  
The Lord of earth and heaven, the Creator of all things;  
He is the King of glory. He is everything to me. (*Chorus and repeat*)

### **WELCOME**

## **GREETING**

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Congregation: Hosanna to the Son of David.**

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Pastor: Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in hand, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, 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.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 12:12–19 (*The triumphal entry*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

**Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" <sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him.

<sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

**Congregation: in the name of the Lord.**

**HYMN** "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"

*LSB 350*

1. Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, only hope for sinful mortals!  
Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to Thee all portals.  
Come, Thy beauty let us see; anxiously we wait for Thee.
2. Enter now my waiting heart, glorious King and Lord most holy.  
Dwell in me and ne'er depart, though I am but poor and lowly.  
Ah, what riches will be mine when Thou art my guest divine!
3. My Hosannas and my palms graciously receive, I pray Thee;  
Evermore, as best I can, Savior, I will homage pay Thee,  
And in faith I will embrace, Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.
4. Hail! Hosanna, David's Son! Jesus, hear our supplication!  
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown, bring us blessing and salvation,  
That forever we may sing: Hail! Hosanna to our King.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God and Father, You sent Your Son to take our nature upon Himself and to suffer death on the cross that all should follow the example of His great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of our Savior Jesus Christ in His patience and also have our portion in His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**READING**      Revelation 7:9-17      (*Great multitude from every nation.*)

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve Him day and night in His temple;  
and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and He will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Pastor:                      This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:            Thanks be to God.**

**CREEDAL RESPONSE**

Pastor:                      What do you believe concerning Jesus Christ?

**Congregation:            I believe 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.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

**Congregation:** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

## MEDITATION

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet” *LSB 444, St. 1, 3-4*

1. No tramp of soldiers’ marching feet with banners and with drums,  
No sound of music’s martial beat: “The King of glory comes!”  
To greet what pomp of kingly pride no bells in triumph ring,  
No city gates swing open wide: “Behold, behold your King!”
3. What fading flow’rs His road adorn; the palms, how soon laid down!  
No bloom or leaf but only thorn the King of glory’s crown.  
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, the streets with tumult ring,  
As Pilate to the mob replies, “Behold, behold your King!”
4. Now He who bore for mortals’ sake the cross and all its pains  
And chose a servant’ form to take, the King of glory reigns.  
Hosanna to the Savior’s name till heaven’s rafters ring,  
And all the ransomed host proclaim “Behold, behold your King!”

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Various petitions and praises are offered.*

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who also taught us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

Pastor:

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

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

Pastor:

Christ has come in triumph to His people.

**Congregation:**

**Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

Pastor:

To Bethany with friends, to the temple which needs cleansing,  
He comes.

**Congregation:**

**Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

Pastor:

To the courtyard of the teachers, to the testing of enemies, to  
the oil of a weeping woman, He comes.

**Congregation:**

**Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

Pastor:

The days continue, the night arrives. Triumph turns its face  
away.

**Congregation:**

**Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

Pastor:

To the clink of silver, to the new feast of body and blood, to the  
love of serving, He comes.

**Congregation:**

**Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

Pastor:

To the agony of prayer and trial, to the hollowness of betrayal,  
to the indignity of accusation, He comes.

**Congregation:**

**Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

Pastor:

To the screaming silent pain of thorns and whip, to the weight  
and nails of a cross, He comes.

**Congregation:**

**Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

Pastor:

To death and to risen life,

**Congregation:**

**Jesus has come!**

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

LSB 441, St. 1-2, 5

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! 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.



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for the week (available Wednesday) and  
join us for Maundy Thursday, Good  
Friday, and Easter services, live on Face  
Book and recorded onto our website at  
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