

**Palm Sunday**

**April 10, 2022**

**AS WE GATHER**

**Today's the crowds hailed Jesus as the King of Israel, and on Friday He reigned from His cruel throne, the cross. There He destroyed death for the sake of His subjects. We offer thanksgiving for His royal, benevolent rule over us and for our mindset to bend the knee and call Jesus Lord.**



**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Apr 10 – Holy Week begins today**

**Apr 14 & 15 – Holy Thursday and Good Friday (7:00 PM)**

**Apr 16 – The Resurrection Story for Kids & Easter Egg Hunt (10 AM)**

**Apr 17 – 6:30 AM – Sunrise Service**

- **7:30 – 9:00 AM - Elders' Pancake & Egg Breakfast**
- **9:30 AM – Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**✠ PROCESSION OF PALMS ✠**

**(Procession begins at the entrance of the sanctuary)**

**GREETING**

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

**C: Amen**

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

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

**PRAYER**

**P: Let us pray.**

**Most merciful God, the people of Jerusalem greeted Your dearly beloved Son with palms in their hands and acclaimed Him as King when He came into His Holy City.**

**C: Bless these palms and those who bear them, and grant that we ever hear His voice above the din of this world and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life;**

**P: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

**PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**     *John 12:12–19*     (Jesus enters Jerusalem.)

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

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

**L:** The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out,

**C:** “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

**L:** And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

**C:** “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

**L:** 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. 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. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another,

**C:** “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him.”

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**C:** the righteous shall enter through it.

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**PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 443 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

**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.**

**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.**

**"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**

**L: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.**

**O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected You: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing.**

**C: Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at Your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting You to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as Your own.**

**L: Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise Him with our lips, but may follow Him in the way of the cross.**

**DECLARATION OF GRACE**

**L: Brothers and sisters in Christ, Our God "does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:10-12). Receive His Love and Forgiveness! "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ**

Jesus” (Romans 8:1). Let us therefore walk in the light of His forgiveness; in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## SHARING THE PEACE

HYMN No. 442      “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”      (vss. 1, 3, & 5)

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 multitude of pilgrims  
With palms before You went,  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before You we present. (Refrain)

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 DAY

P: Let us pray.

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.

C: Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection;

P: 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 for Palm Sunday is from *Deuteronomy, chapter 32.*  
(32:36–39)

For the LORD will vindicate his people  
and have compassion on his servants,

when he sees that their power is gone  
and there is none remaining, bond or free.  
Then he will say, 'Where are their gods,  
the rock in which they took refuge,  
who ate the fat of their sacrifices  
and drank the wine of their drink offering?  
Let them rise up and help you;  
let them be your protection!

“See now that I, even I, am he,  
and there is no god beside me;  
I kill and I make alive;  
I wound and I heal;  
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The EPISTLE of St Paul to the Philippians, chapter 2.

*(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.

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VERSE *Philippians 2:8b*

L: Christ humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
C: even death on a cross.

GOSPEL *John 12:20–43*

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter  
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

"He has blinded their eyes  
and hardened their heart,  
lest they see with their eyes,  
and understand with their heart, and turn,  
and I would heal them."

Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

**L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

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

**HYMN No. 433 "Glory Be to Jesus"**

**Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood From his sacred veins.**

**Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind.**

**Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torment Did the world redeem.**

**Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;  
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.**

**Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.**

**Lift we then our voices, Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood.**

**SERMON "A Parade to the Cross" John 12 Pastor Vern**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED *stand***

**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.

## OFFERING

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

**L: Almighty God, Your Son humbly rode into Jerusalem to the shouts of “Hosanna!” so that He might give us righteousness and salvation by His death and resurrection. Mercifully grant that we would repent of our sins and rejoice in His presence as we follow Him to the cross, the ultimate battleground and victory for our redemption. Lord, in Your mercy,**

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L: Lord God, Your Son humbled Himself to the point of death, even death on a cross. Fix the faith of Your Church fast upon His death for our salvation, enrich the proclamation of this Gospel, and enliven our hearts to live out this faith until Christ comes again in take us to our heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy,**

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L: Heavenly Father, You sacrificed Your own Son on the cross, that we all would be called Your children. Increase the faith of all Christian fathers, that they would receive Jesus and His sacrifice for them, and so be enlivened to sacrificial love for their children. Lord, in Your mercy,**

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L: Lord God and King, Your Son entered into Jerusalem as the true ruler, poised to lay down His life for His people. Grant that same mind to those in authority over us, that they would discharge their duty even to the least among us, and so receive Your commendation. Lord, in Your mercy,**

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L: Lord of hosts, Your Son, Jesus, came to deliver His people from all evil. Take away the all fear of death as we put our trust in Your resurrection power. Bring comfort and peace all who live in the shadow of death. We seek Your healing graces upon **our sister Gwen Kemp, our brother Paul Kjosa**, and so many others who are suffering from cancer and the treatments. To those who are suffering from other ailments, depression, loneliness, abandonment, violence, and war, we seek Your protection from the assaults from the evil**

one. Lord, save us as we all await the fullness of our salvation, and fix our eyes upon Jesus whose life's blood has sealed our deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy,  
C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord of Life, remember those who celebrate birthdays this week, **Ann Lundeby, Savannah Boggs, Brianna Berens, Leah Geis, Callie Gorney, Matthew Vohlken, Lyndsey Sherman and Pat Dalton**. Let rejoicing accompany their celebrations, and good memories be spoken of Your gracious devotion toward them throughout the years of their lives. Lord in Your mercy,  
C: hear our prayer.

L: O God, our Creator, You instituted marriage as a way of showing the loving and sacrificial relationship our Lord Jesus has with His bride, the Church. We thank You for another year of Your grace that You have given to **Gogo and Emilie Sanchez**. Continue to bless them abundantly as they hold sacred the vows they made to each other; so that together, they may look with joyful anticipation to the great marriage feast of the Lamb in heaven. Lord in Your mercy,  
C: hear our prayer.

L: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show to us the answer to Your people's prayers of "Hosanna," "save now," in the Passion, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER**                      *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

L: In remembrance of our Lord's Passion, we pray as He has taught us saying:

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.

**BLESSING OF THE LORD**

**L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all!**

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN No. 525      "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

**Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn;  
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their burning eyes At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.**

**SENDING**

**L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Hosanna!*



**To the Son of David**