

# **PALM SUNDAY**

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021 5:00 PM

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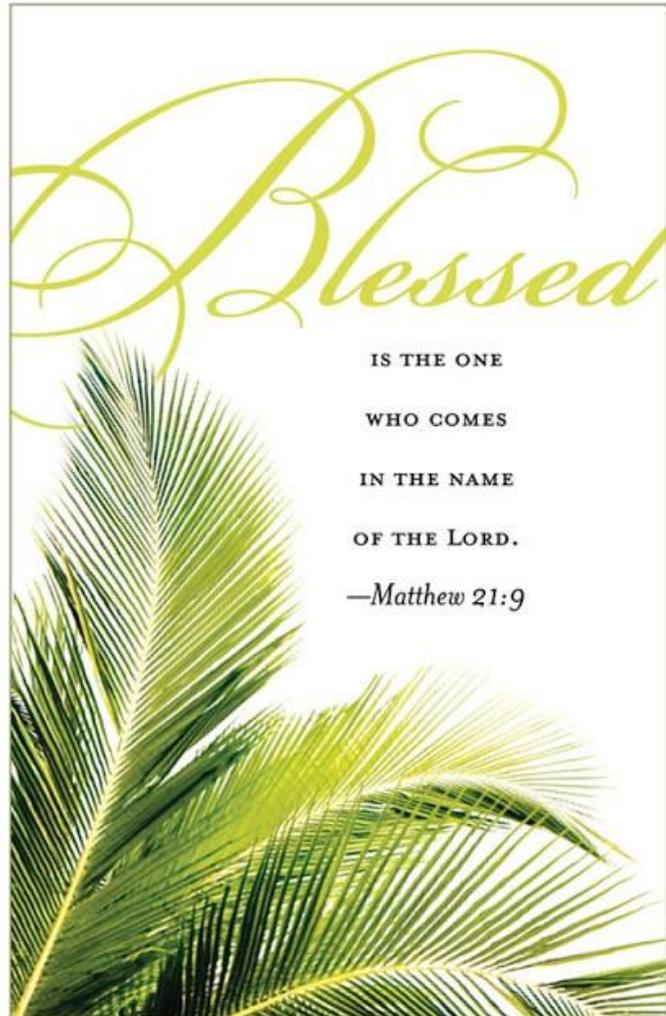
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# **PALM SUNDAY**

MARCH 27 & 28, 2021

## **AS WE GATHER**

Sunday, “the eighth day of the week,” is celebrated by Christians as the first day of the eternal life into which they were baptized. Today, the beginning of the great and Holy Week of Lent, we begin with the note of great joy as the crowds receive Jesus entering Jerusalem. This will be the last time He comes to the holy city. For we then follow Him to the judgment hall, the cross of suffering, and the fearful tomb of death. The penitential season of Lent concludes with the three holy days, the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Let us follow our Lord and allow Him to take our sins upon Himself that we may receive His new life in the forgiveness of our sins and the joy of the resurrection.

## **PRELUDE**

*Organ*

**RINGING OF THE BELLS** -*We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*

## **WELCOME**

### **✠ PREPARATION ✠**

*(Please Stand)*

## **INVOCATION**

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

**C** Amen.

## **BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

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

**C** **Hosanna in the highest!**

**P** Brothers and sisters in Christ: In the five weeks of Lent, we have been preparing for this week, for the events of our Lord’s death and resurrection. We enter with Christ with palms and hosannas before He confronts the cross. Everything in Lent points to this week.

Let us pray. Almighty God, we pray You bless ✠ and consecrate these palm branches and those who bear them that we may honor Christ as our Lord and King and that we may follow Him without fear as He leads us on the pathway of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

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

**C** **Hosanna in the highest!**

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:12–19

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

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

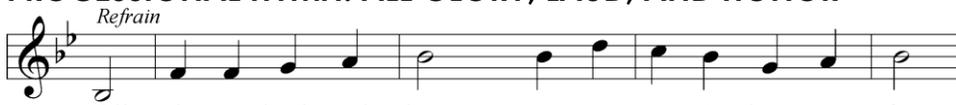
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

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*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem - er, King,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;  
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;  
5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.  
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.  
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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## OPENING SENTENCES

**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!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**

(or)

**A** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God,

**C** **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;**

**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.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

✠ WORD ✠

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Zechariah 9:9–12*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Zechariah, chapter 9.

<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.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 118:19–29*

**P** Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**C** **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

**P** I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**C** **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

**P** This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**C** **This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**P** Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

**C** **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

**P** The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

**C** **Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**

**P** You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

**A** **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!**

## EPISTLE

*Philippians 2:5–11*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>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.**

*(Please Stand)*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** 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.

*(Please Be Seated)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY: NO TRAMP OF SOLDIERS' MARCHING FEET

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1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet  
2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;  
3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;  
4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's  
With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the  
The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but  
The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"  
cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.  
on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.  
form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride  
A - stride a colt He pass - es by  
The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,  
Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name

No bells in triumph ring, No city gates swing  
 As loud hosannas ring, Or else the very  
 The streets with tumult ring, As Pilate to the  
 Till heaven's rafters ring, And all the ransomed

o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

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## SERMON

*(Please Stand)*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Saving Lord, this Holy Week, may we remember anew the events of the first Holy Week, rejoicing in the forgiveness that Your Son won for us on the cross. In prayer we cry out,

**C Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**P** Lord of the Church, work in the hearts and minds of those who have been baptized in Your name, but who now neglect to gather together with us as we worship in Your name. Work in their hearts and lives that they may repent and gladly hear and learn Your Word. In prayer we cry out,

**C Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**P** Almighty God, grant strength and courage to those who proclaim Your name in places where the Gospel of Jesus is actively opposed. Keep them steadfast in Your Word even in the midst of persecution that Your Church may grow and be blessed. In prayer we cry out,

**C Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**P** All powerful Lord, we thank You for the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces of our land. Watch over them in their duties and grant Your mighty arm of protection over them in their calling. In prayer we cry out,

**C Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

*(Special Petitions)*

**P** Hear our prayers for the sake of our Savior, who suffered and died that we might have life.

**C Hosanna! Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

### OFFERTORY: CREATE IN ME

*Psalms 51:10–12*

**C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

## OFFERING

Due to COVID-19 we will not be passing an offering plate. Please place gifts and offerings in the wooden box in the narthex. You can also give online as a one-time gift or reoccurring donation. Simply click "Online Giving" at [www.ascensionstl.com](http://www.ascensionstl.com).

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

How should we each examine ourselves before coming to Holy Communion?

1. Be aware of our sins and be sorry for them
2. Believe in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in His words in the Sacrament
3. Intend, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as God's forgiven people walking in newness of life

## PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is good and right so to do.**

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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✚ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ✚

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: LAMB OF GOD**

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1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

*Refrain*



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY**

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1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the  
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel  
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and  
 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -  
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs  
 ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and  
 fier - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His  
 pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.  
 mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMN: COME, THOU PRECIOUS RANSOM, COME

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1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for  
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and  
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -  
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!  
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,  
ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,  
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty  
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es  
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I  
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.  
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!  
will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.  
we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

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*(Please Stand)*

## BENEDICTION

**P** Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

**C** that the King of glory may come in.

**A** Who is this King of glory?

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

**P** 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 ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN TO DEPART: HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

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1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.  
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.  
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,  
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state  
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

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