

PALM SUNDAY

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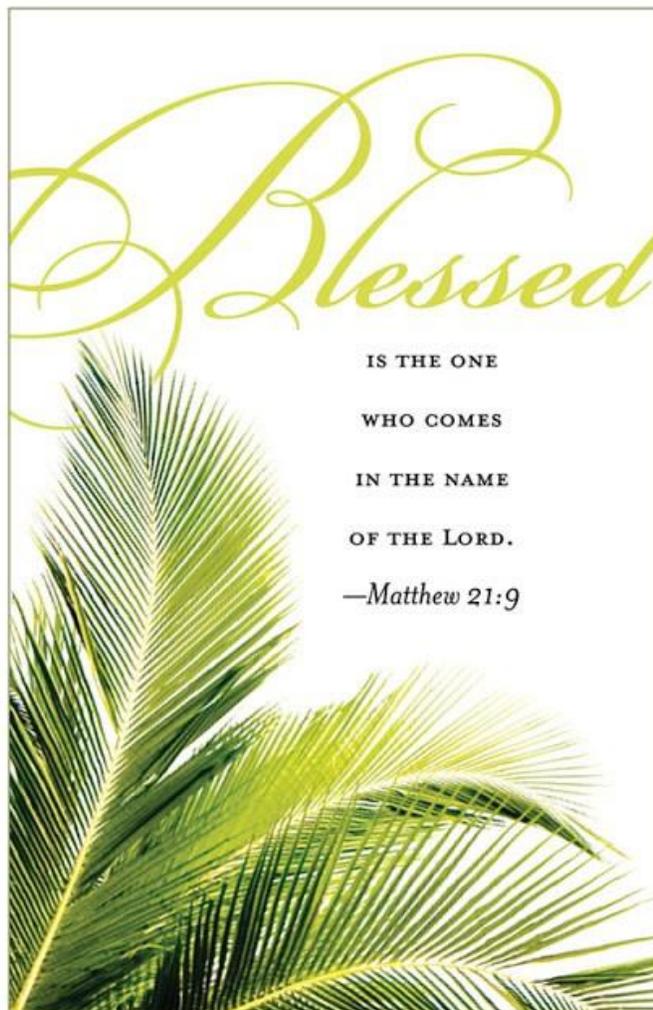
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AS WE GATHER

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

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.**

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So 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!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His 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. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So 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 SONG: COME OH COME, OUR KING OF KINGS *(Sunday School Children Only)*

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.

⁹Rejoice 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.

¹⁰I 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.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

१हे सियोनकी छोरी, खूब रमाऊ। हे यरूशलेमकी छोरी, जोडसित कराऊ! हेर, तिम्रा राजा तिमीकहाँ आउँदैहुनुहुन्छ। उहाँ धर्मात्मा र मुक्तिदाता हुनुहुन्छ। उहाँ भला हुनुहुन्छ, र गधामाथि, अर्थात् गधाको बच्चा एउटा बछेडामाथि सवार भएर आउँदैहुनुहुन्छ। १०म एफ्राइमबाट रथहरू र यरूशलेमबाट जङ्गीघोडाहरू लैजानेछु, र लडाइँको धनु भाँचिनेछ। उहाँले जाति-जातिहरूलाई शान्तिको घोषणा गर्नुहुनेछ। उहाँको राज्य समुद्रदेखि समुद्रसम्मै र यूफ्रेटिस नदीदेखि पृथ्वीको अन्तसम्मै हुनेछ। ११तँसित बाँधेको रगतको मेरो करारको कारणले म तेरा कैदीहरूलाई पानी नभएको खाइलबाट मुक्त गरिदिनेछु। १२हे आशावादी कैदी हो, आफ्नो किल्लामा फर्केर जाओ। तिमीहरूलाई दोबर दिनेछु भनी अब म तिमीहरूलाई घोषणा गर्दैछु।

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 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

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

प्रेरितहरूको विश्वासको सार
म विश्वास गर्दछु एक परमेश्वर सर्वशक्तिमान् पिता, स्वर्ग र पृथ्वी सृष्टि गर्नुहुनेमाथि।
अनि उहाँका एकल पुत्र, हाम्रा प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टमाथि, जो पवित्र आत्माको शक्तिद्वारा गर्भ धारण हुनुभयो, कन्ये मरियमदेखि जन्मनुभयो,
जसले पन्तियस पिलातसको अधीनमा दुःख भोग्नुभयो, जो क्रूसमा टाँगिनुभयो, स्वर्गमा चढिजानुभयो, अनि सर्वशक्तिमान् परमेश्वर पिताको दाहिने
हातपट्टि बस्नुभएको छ;
जहाँदेखि उहाँ जिउँदा र मरेकाहरूको न्याय गर्नलाई फेरि आउनुहुनेछ।
म विश्वास गर्दछु पवित्र आत्मामाथि; पवित्र मण्डलीमाथि; पवित्रहरूको सङ्गतिमाथि; पाप मोचनमाथि; शरीरको पुनरुत्थानमाथि; र अजम्मरी
जीवनमाथि। आमिन्।

(Please Be Seated)

SONG OF THE DAY: THE KING OF GLORY

Jabusch AGPS 227

REFRAIN: The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices;
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.

Who is the King of Glory; how shall we call Him?
He is Emmanuel, 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 sins of the nation. **REFRAIN**

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

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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.
"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 right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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.**

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३)
हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा बसुहुन्छ,
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।
तपाईंको राज्य आओस्,
तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ त्यस्तै यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।
हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्।
हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,
जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।
हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्।
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्।
आमिन्।

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI: LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

Maichel

Lamb of God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world.
Lamb of God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world.
And have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.
And grant us your peace.
Grant us your peace.
Have mercy on us, O Lamb of God.
Grant us your peace we pray.

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✠ DISTRIBUTION SONGS ✠

HYMN: ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

LSB 549 sts. 1-2, 4, 6-7

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,
Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine,
And crown Him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.

SONG: CORNERSTONE

Mote/Liljero/Myrin/Morgan/Batchelder-Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name REPEAT

CHORUS: Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil CHORUS

He is Lord Lord of all CHORUS

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Faultless stand before the throne

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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.

CLOSING SONG: THE WAY

Peens/Dryden/Camp/Williams

All creation cries out with longing
With groans only You can comprehend
And with wisdom You always answer
And give the words of life
So unfailing

And Your glory shines all around us
Your faithfulness shown for all to see
When we think of all of Your wonders
The beauty of Your plan that's been revealed
When we walk in Your light
When we walk in it

CHORUS: Shine bright. Let Your glory fill this land
Lift high the King of kings and great I AM
Jesus You are the Way. You are the Way

We can see the works of Your loving hands
With the hope and peace not made by man
When You poured out Your grace and Your mercy
And You held out Your arms
So we could see
You bled for all mankind
And set the captives free yeah CHORUS

CHORUS: Shine bright. Let Your glory fill this land
Lift high the King of kings and great I AM
Shine bright. Let Your glory fill this land
Lift high the King of kings and great I AM
Jesus You are the Way. You are the Way

Na na na na na nah, Jesus. Na na na na na nah
You are the Way
Na na na na na nah, Jesus. Na na na na na nah CHORUS

Jesus, You are the Way. You are the Way. You are the Way.
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