

PALM SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE-SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, COLUMBIA, IL
APRIL 5, 2020

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Stand

PALM SUNDAY 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: Hosanna to the Son of David! **C: Hosanna in the highest!**

PALM SUNDAY INTROIT

Psalm 24:7-10

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! **C: We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

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!**

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! **C: We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

THE PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL John 12:12-19

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, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" 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, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

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

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

BLESSING OF PALMS

P: We praise You, God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today we remember that He entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and palm branches along His way. Bless these palm branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to His death and resurrection, we may enter into life with You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (LSB 442)

Sit

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: King of Glory, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us. **C: We confess our lack of humility.**

P: As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted "Hosanna: 'Save us now!'"

On Good Friday they shouted "Crucify!" **C: We confess our praise is often empty.**

We sing "Hosanna," but cry "Crucify." As the crowd laid their palms in front of you, you took no glory for yourself. **C: We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way.**

P: We do not stay true to your will. **C: Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow in the way of obedience. Amen.**

P: 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.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

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. 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.**

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?

P: This is the word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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.

P: This is the word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION VERSE

P: He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, **C: even death on a cross.**

HOLY GOSPEL READING *John 12:20-43*

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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(the Gospel is read)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH **The Nicene Creed**

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "The Lamb" (*LSB 547*)

SERMON "The Cross and It's Implications" **Philippians 2:5-11**

HYMN OF RESPONSE "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (*LSB 549 vs. 1 & 4*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Having set out with Jesus, our Lord, on His journey to Jerusalem, let us bring our prayers to God in humility and love. ... let us pray to the Lord, **C: Lord, have mercy.**

The Lord's Prayer

BENEDICTION

P: Let your eyes be fixed on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. **C: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (*LSB 443*)



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

- ✚For **Carl Maschmeyer** and the healing of his feet
- ✚For Dominic Consolino, cousin of **Charlie Consolino**, diagnosed with advanced stage lung cancer
- ✚For Katherine Hammond, mother of **Stefanie Newbill**, who had hip surgery due to a fall
- ✚For Pat Linderer, future father-in-law of **Chelsea Hagan**, hospitalized with Covid-19 virus
- ✚For Debbie Kern for healing of cancer/gall bladder removal
- ✚For Cheryl Zanders who is ill
- ✚For Diane Henry, friend of **Sandy Roessler**, recuperating at home
- ✚For Dale Hoepfinger, friend of the **Kisro family**, with serious health problems

✚**For those undergoing cancer treatments/living with cancer**

- Carol Toenjes, sister of **Mike Arras**
- Jean Landgraf, friend of the congregation
- Jan Hoffman, friend of **Sandy Roessler**
- Betty Pierson**
- Rev. Matt Friz
- Carrie Yates, friend of **Donna Lake**
- Richard Cullen, friend of **Marge Drexler**
- Marian Ritter
- David Mehtens, brother of **Rose Anne Bense**
- Shirley Kocher
- Tim Barren, brother of **Jackie Haberl**
- Hal Brinkman, friend of **Charlie & Jeanine Consolino**

✚**SPECIAL CONCERNS**

- For encouragement as we enter Holy Week For Healthcare Workers
- For the families of those who have died from the Covid-19 Virus
- For healing upon those who have the Covid-19 Virus For our congregation
- For an increased love for our neighbors
- For our missionary family serving in Central Asia
- For the family of Paul Wortman who died this past week

✚**OUR WEEKLY MEMBER PRAYERS**

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| Caldwell, John | Caldwell, Deborah | Caldwell, Gabriel | Caldwell, Alexis |
| Camp, Gary | Camp, Ruth | Camp, Gary Jr. | Camp, Laura |

We will have three services online this week. **Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.** You can find these services on our web site or go to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Columbia, IL and it will take you to our channel.