

# Bethlehem & St. John Lutheran Churches

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Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

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## Palm Sunday Procession

*We have modified the procession to prevent crowding. Children only will process in with pastor during the processional hymn. After the tolling of the bell, rise and turn to the rear of the nave for the invocation.*

Invocation

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12<sup>th</sup> 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.”

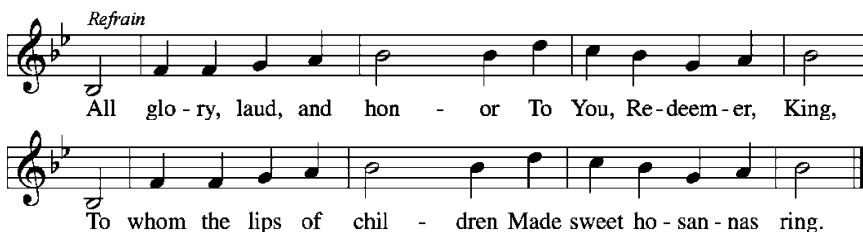
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Processional Hymn: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

LSB 442

*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,



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

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

### Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

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

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

<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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:19-29 (LSB 118) (prayed responsively by whole verse)

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***Stand***

*(The Alleluia is omitted during Lent)*

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 12:20-43

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast  
were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from  
Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”  
<sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told  
Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the

Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>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.

<sup>27</sup>“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. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death He was going to die. <sup>34</sup>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?” <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>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. <sup>37</sup>Though He had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in Him, <sup>38</sup>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?”

<sup>39</sup>Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

<sup>40</sup>“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.”

<sup>41</sup>Isaiah said these things because he saw His glory and spoke of Him. <sup>42</sup>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; <sup>43</sup>for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed (p.191)

*Sit*

Office hymn

Bethlehem: *Children singing*

St. John: *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*

*LSB 350*

Sermon

*Stand*

Offertory (p.192)

*Sit*

Announcements

STJ - Rite of First Communion of Micah Schulz

*Stand*

Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

Preface (p.194)

Sanctus (p.195)

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

The Words of Institution (p.197)

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei (p.198)

*Sit*

Distribution of the Sacrament

*Hymns:*

*Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

*LSB 556*

***Stand***

Nunc Dimittus (p.199)

Post Communion Collect (p.201)

Benedicamus & Benediction (p.201)

Hymn: *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

*LSB 441*

**Announcements**

Remember in our Prayers:

- Elizabeth Kirchner
- Wyatt Kirchner
- Debbie Orth
- Megan Nuemann

Holy Week Services

- Maundy Thursday (4/1): St. John 1:30pm / Bethlehem 7:30pm
  - Good Friday (4/2): St. John 1:30pm / Bethlehem 7:30pm
  - Easter Sunday (4/4) – The Resurrection of Our Lord
    - St. John – 6am Coffee & Cinnamon rolls served
    - Bethlehem – 8am
    - St. John – 10:30am
- (No Bible Study or Sunday School on Easter)

**The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Statement on Close Communion:**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor.

(CTCR, *Admission to the Lord's Supper*, Nov 1999)

## Teaching Points

**Hosanna:** From Hebrew, its basic meaning is "to save." It functions as a plea to God our king to have mercy on us and save us from our lost condition.

**Palm Sunday:** The Sunday before Easter. The day commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem but then shifts focus toward the suffering that Jesus endured on our behalf. It is also the start of Holy Week, during which our Lord's last days are commemorated with special services.

## From the Small Catechism

The Apostles' Creed – The First Article (Creation):

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven and earth.

*What does this mean?*

I believe that God has made me and all \_\_\_\_\_; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my reason and all my \_\_\_\_\_, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, \_\_\_\_\_ and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and \_\_\_\_\_ provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and \_\_\_\_\_ and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and \_\_\_\_\_, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to \_\_\_\_\_ and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

*Hint: The Small Catechism starts on p.321 in the LSB*