



# Palm Sunday

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*Welcome!* Words in **bold** are said together.

## *The Lord's Prayer*

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

**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.**

## *Confession and Forgiveness*

*Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Congregation: Amen.***

*L: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses. (silence for reflection)*

*L: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.***

*L: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.***

*L: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.***

*L: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.***

*L: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.***

*L: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.***

*L: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.***

*L: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **C: Amen.***

## *Gathering Hymn – All Glory, Laud and Honor (v. 1-4) #344*

*Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

1. You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,

now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain.*

2. The company of angels are praising you on high; creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *Refrain.*
3. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain.*
4. To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain.*

*Prayer of the Day* – **Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the Cross. Enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### *Scripture Readings*

Isaiah 50:4-9 p. 594

<sup>4</sup> The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup> The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup> It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 31:9-16 p. 439

<sup>9</sup> Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

**<sup>10</sup> For my life is spent with sorrow and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.**

<sup>11</sup> I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

**<sup>12</sup> I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.**

<sup>13</sup> For I hear the whispering of many—terror all around!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

**<sup>14</sup> But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."**

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

Philippians 2:5-11 p. 954

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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*Gospel Acclamation (sung) p. 102, setting 1*

\*Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

The holy Gospel according to *Matthew*. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 21:1-11 p. 802

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: <sup>5</sup> "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

David Ingram

*Hymn of the Day – My Song is Love Unknown (v. 1-3, 6) #343*

1. My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
2. He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;  
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.  
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!
3. Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day hosannas to our king.  
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
6. Here might I stay and sing - no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

*Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## *Prayers of God's People*

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

*Sharing the Peace – L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.*

### *Offering*

- ◇ Mail: Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705
- ◇ Online: "giving" tab at [www.lordoflifeak.com/giving](http://www.lordoflifeak.com/giving) or the QR Code →
- ◇ Phone app: download "Give Plus Church" search by zip 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow the instructions. Giving is secure.



### *Offering Hymn – When I Survey #803*

1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down,  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.  
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### *Offering Prayer*

**O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*The Great Thanksgiving p. 107*

*Holy, Holy, Holy p. 108*

*Christ's Words of Institution and Communion*

*Invitation to Communion*

*L: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.*

*Post Communion Prayer*

*L: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.*

### *Announcements*

- A few slots left for volunteers for Easter Breakfast

- Coming up: Maundy Thursday worship at New Hope Methodist 7pm; Good Friday worship at Lord of Life 7pm; Apr 24-26 Synod Assembly; Sept 13 GWOH Sunday

*Closing Hymn – The King of Glory #206 The Other Songbook*

*Refrain:* The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices;  
open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.

1. Who is the King of glory; how shall we call him?  
He is Emmanuel, the Promised of ages. *Refrain.*
2. In all of Galilee in city or village,  
He goes among His people curing their illness. *Refrain.*
3. Sing then of David's Son, our Savior and Brother;  
In all of Galilee was never another. *Refrain.*
4. He gave His life for us, the Lamb of salvation;  
He took upon himself the sins of the nation. *Refrain.*
5. He conquered sin and death, He truly has risen;  
And He will share with us His heavenly vision. *Refrain.*

*Blessing*

*L: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation + bless you now and always. C: Amen.*

*Dismissal*

*L: Go in peace. Believe the good news. C: Thanks be to God.*

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