

**MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Palm Sunday**

**April 5, 2020**

## **Palm Sunday**

### **ELW Setting One -- Non-Communion**

#### **BLESSING OF PALMS**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these 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 enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”* (verses 1—3) **Hymn 344**

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. The company of angels are praising you on high; Creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went. Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.**

#### **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

**Matthew 21:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>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, saying, <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!”

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”* (verse 4—5)

**Hymn 344**

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king. All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

<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.”

### **GREETING**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest. All Glory, Laud, and Honor to you, O Lord.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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. In your mercy 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.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church’s understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, 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 up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM**

**Psalms 31:9-16**

*Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)*

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;**

**my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;  
I am as useless as a | broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.  
I have said, “You | are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are | in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;  
save me in your | steadfast love.”**

## SECOND READING

## Philippians 2:5-11

*Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.*

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of 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.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

**Hymn 351**

## 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 INTERCESSION**

...Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

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Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**BLESSING**

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, † bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

*“Praise and Thanks and Adoration”*

**Hymn 783**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Lord Teach Us To Pray:**

*As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Joe Anderson, Rachel Bundrick, Leah Conrad, Emma Lou Easley, Florence Evans, Ed Fuson, Bradley Gantt, Gale Gantt, Linda Harmon, James Hook, Matthew Hook, Michael Hook, Sue Jones, Brittany Looby, Lib Manus, Vicki McFarland, Rick Myers, Tripp Owen, Nellie Phillips, Kristen Pittman, Harry Prim, Ryan Risinger, Rosemary Roddy, Scott Shull, Kenneth Skenes, Boyd Steele, Kristen Stockton, Charlie Taylor, Luke Willhide, Taylor Wilson, Todd Wilson, Sharon Witherell.*

**This Week's Prayer Concerns:**

Carolyn Creasman, Robert Cromer, Ray Conrad.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Brenda Smith, Alice Pollock, Penny Timmerman, David Mellichamp, Lucky Jones, Gene Sexton, Dottie Ford, Rachel Bundrick, Pete Davis, Mary Hamson, Jennifer Brazell, Betty Wise, Hazel Rauch, Matthew Hook, Elise Harmon, Ann Callison, Adele Rodgers, Faye Smith, Lisa Long.

**Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:**

Nancy Reed, Carlie Hernandez, Maida Jean League, Debra Knotts, Father Marcin Zahuta, Tara Tygrett, Scott & Margean Stein, Wilbur Smith, Chuck Burns, Walter Brown, Murray Hoskins, Linda Goodson, Samantha Hustus, Gregg Avedisian, Tommy Roof, Isabelle Sundlie, Bill Hunnicutt.

**Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:**

Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Mike Willhide, Scott Hash, John Post, Dallas Phillips.

**Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:**

Tom Bryant, Marcus Hayes, Tristan Mullen, Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Taylor, Patrick Taylor, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, Adam Mintz, David Mathews, Bernd Koehler, John Ward.

**The Family Of:**

Pamela Shumpert, Melton "Bub" Bundrick, Terry Tucker, J.R. Grubbs, Carolyn Sox, Margot Gainey.

***Please help us keep our prayer list up to date by calling the church office with any names to be added or removed. Otherwise, names remaining on the prayer list for more than 2 months will be removed.***

