

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



PALM SUNDAY

24 MARCH 2024

WELCOME - TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER!

For baptized Christians (Matthew 28:19) who have been instructed in the faith (Galatians 6:6), The Lord's Supper is our participation in the body and blood of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16), as the one body of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:17), to receive forgiveness of sin (Matthew 26:28) and to proclaim the Lord's death until He comes (1 Corinthians 11:26).

So that those who partake of the Lord's Supper do so in a worthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:27) and not to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:29), let us each examine ourselves (1 Corinthians 11:28):

- Do you believe that you are a sinner? That you have sinned in thought, word and deed?
- Are you sorry for your sin?
- Do you trust that Jesus Christ gives forgiveness of sin through His Supper?
- Do you believe that the body and blood of Jesus are present in, with and under the bread and wine?
- Do you seek to lead godly lives by the power of the Holy Spirit?

Please speak to a pastor or usher if you have questions. Gluten-free wafers are provided upon request. Non-alcoholic grape juice is provided in the center of each communion tray. Those who are not communing may come forward for a blessing from the pastor

As We Gather

Palm Sunday, the gateway to Holy Week, is first of all the memorial to our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem. It is also a feast in honor of Christ the King. This is the first time during His earthly ministry that He allowed royal homage to be paid to Him. But Palm Sunday brings us face to face with suffering, for it introduces us to Christ's sacred Passion. This service has been carefully constructed to achieve these historic and traditional Palm Sunday themes. The palms you received are to be taken home and placed where they can be a quiet reminder of the assurance of God's grace and of our commitment to Him.

Stewardship Verse

Galatians 6:7

"Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap."

Bell

Prelude

"Fantasia in G Minor"

J.S. Bach

Welcome

stand

Invocation

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: And also with you.

P: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

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;

C: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Palm Sunday Gospel

John 12:12-19

P: The Palm Sunday 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.

The Processional Hymn

*The Crucifer leads the choir, the participating children, and the pastor.
As always please turn and direct your attention to the cross)*

442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

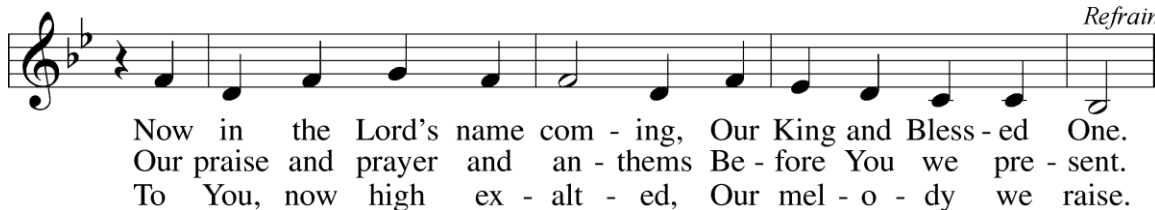
Refrain



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,
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;

Refrain



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
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.

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kneel or sit

The Confession of Sins

P: Recognizing the presence of our God, we feel our unworthiness to fellowship with Him because of our sins. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God:

All: **Eternal God, we confess that we have frequently joined the Palm Sunday crowd, cheering You but not always meaning it. We have failed to put our words into actions. We have not always let the mind of Christ shape our attitudes and activities day by day. We have followed our desires, not Your commands. Forgive us, heavenly Father. For the sake of Jesus cleanse us from our sin and make us bold to confess Him as our Lord without fear or shame. Hear our prayer for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

P: The wonder of our Lord and the fact of Palm Sunday is that He entered Jerusalem knowing that He would die – for us! Therefore, upon your confession and by His authority I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

stand

The Collect of the Day

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

Everlasting God and Father, You sent Your Son to take our flesh upon Himself and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that, being inspired by His great humility and following His patient example, we may share in His victorious resurrection;

C: Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

sit

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

R: The Old Testament Reading for Palm Sunday is from the ninth chapter of Zechariah.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

R: The Epistle Reading is from the second chapter of Philippians.

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

"Hosanna, The King Comes Today"

Emily Lund

The Contemplation of the Passion

I

"Silence"

Mark 15:1-5

And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." And the chief priests accused him of many things. And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

752 Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa - tient-
ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or - der
and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -
main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend
Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.

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II *“Clamor”* **Mark 15:6-20**
⁶Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹²And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³And they cried out again, “Crucify him.” ¹⁴And Pilate said to them, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him.” ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

¹⁶And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the


Jews!" 19 And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. 20 And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

837 Lift High the Cross


Refrain




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till
all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell



Refrain



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.

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III

"Ridicule"

Mark 15:21-32

21 And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. 22 And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). 23 And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. 24 And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. 25 And it was the third hour^[a] when they crucified him. 26 And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." 27 And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left.^[b] 29 And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, 30 save yourself, and come down from the cross!" 31 So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. 32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
All ea - ger to de - vour us,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
as he will, He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
tle word can fell him.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'A Mighty Fortress Is Our God'. It consists of eight staves of music in treble clef, 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The final note of the eighth staff is a double bar line.

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³³ And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵ And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." ³⁶ And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹ When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴² And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. ⁴⁵ And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. ⁴⁶ And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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Prayer of the Church

P: O God, as Your Son humbled Himself for us,

C: so enable us by Your Holy Spirit to learn true humility and self-denial.

P: As Your Son suffered death on the cross for us,

C: so renew us who have been joined to Him in death by our Baptism.

P: As Your Son is acclaimed King of kings,

C: so teach earthly rulers to follow in His ways of peace and justice.

P: Grant us grace to live to Your honor and glory,

C: so that our lives will reflect our eternal gratitude for the salvation You won for us through Your Son's life of perfect obedience and His sacrificial suffering and death.

P: May Your kingdom reach into the lives of the sick, the bereaved, the disabled, and the lonely.

- Here special petitions are offered -

P: Lord in Your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, have mercy.
C: **Christ, have mercy.**

P: Lord have mercy.
C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: We pray in the name of the King of kings, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: **Amen.**

sit

Offering

"Gethsemane"

Mary Turner Salter

*Come, let us kneel in sorrow and contrition
Before the cross which His pure blood doth lave.
Come rich and poor, offer Him your hearts,
Who gave Himself the world to save.
My sins, my sins, my Savior!
Their guilt I never knew,
Till with Thee in the desert I near Thy passion drew.
Till with Thee in the garden I heard Thy pleading prayer,
and saw the sweatdrops bloody that told Thy sorrow there.
My sins, my sins, my Savior!
They take such hold on me,
I am not able to look up, save only, Christ, to Thee.
I know they are forgiven, but still their pain to me
Is all the grief and anguish they laid, my Lord, on Thee.*

Rebecca Hemminger, Voice

Stand

Offertory Hymn 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion And hast borne it
pa - tient - ly, E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,
Ful - ly to a - tone for me; Thou didst choose to
be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.

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The Service of Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. On the tree of the cross You gave salvation to mankind that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that he who by a tree once overcame likewise by a tree might be overcome, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us children of men and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: O Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

The Words of Institution/Consecration

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All may share a sign of the Lord's peace with those around you

Agnus Dei



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

sit

Music During Communion

"The Rose"

Mary Caldwell

*I found a single perfect flow'r upon a red rose tree,
Beauty to match the sunlit hour, and a lovely thing to see.
Yet in the crimson heart I saw a crystal tear displayed.
Was this because a crown of thorns from crimson rose was made?*

Rebecca Hemminger, Voice

436 Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar - raigned; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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stand

Hymn Prayer

422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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Post-Communion Prayer

P: Lord Jesus Christ, we feast upon Your flesh and blood,

C: **freely offered, freely received.**

P: Motivate us by Your sacrifice to offer up ourselves

C: **as living sacrifices to God.**

P: You are the living Lord and King, forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

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Announcements

Postlude

"Festival Postlude"

C. Fink

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Serving in Worship

Rev. Ronald Weidler, Presiding
The Senior Choir of St. John 's Lutheran Church
Mrs. Rebecca Hemminger, Voice
Mr. Gregory Ceurvorst, Director of Music

Mission Notes

SUNDAY SCHOOL	Sundays, 9:25, Music Rm (Second Floor)
TRUTH TRAVELERS (JR HIGH)	Sundays, 9:25AM, Youth Rm (Basement)
ADULT BIBLE STUDY	Sundays, 9:25AM, Heritage Rm
BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP	Sundays, 6PM, Offsite
BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP	Mondays, 7PM, Zoom
WOMENS' SMALL GROUP	Tuesdays, 8:45AM, Heritage Rm
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	Wednesdays, 9AM, Heritage Rm
CHOIR PRACTICE	Wednesdays, immediately following Midweek, 2 nd Floor, Music/Choir Rm
CONFIRMATION CLASS	Wednesdays, 6:30PM, Heritage Rm
PICKLEBALL	Thursdays, 6:30PM, Gym
TRIP ORDER	April 8 & 22

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00PM

Good Friday, March 29, 12:00PM; 7:00PM

Easter Sunday, March 31, 8:00AM; 10:45 AM

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