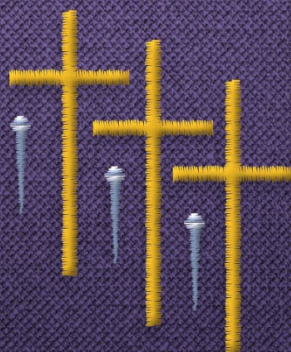


PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

March 28, 2021



AS WE GATHER

Sunday, "the eighth day of the week," is celebrated by Christians as the first day of the eternal life into which they were baptized. Today, the beginning of the great and Holy Week of Lent, we begin with the note of great joy as the crowds receive Jesus entering Jerusalem. This will be the last time He comes to the holy city. For we then follow Him to the judgment hall, the cross of suffering, and the fearful tomb of death. The penitential season of Lent concludes with the three holy days, the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Let us follow our Lord and allow Him to take our sins upon Himself that we may receive His new life in the forgiveness of our sins and the joy of the resurrection.

+ PREPARATION +

PROCESSION OF PALMS

The congregation stands and faces the processional cross at the entrance to the nave.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

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

People: Hosanna to the Son of David.

COLLECT

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL ~ *John 12:12-19*

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

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: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace

People: in the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ref 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 Blessèd One. Refrain
- 2 The company of angels / Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation / 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
- 5 As You received their praises, / Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, / Our good and gracious King. Refrain

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

People: Hosanna in the highest.

+ WORD +

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, on this day Your Son entered the Holy City, Jerusalem, to fulfill Your will by His death on the cross. Help us to follow Him through this week and all our days that we may be drawn closer to You by a faith full of the knowledge of the sacrifice and victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING ~ *Zechariah 9:9-12*

After the reading:

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 118:19-29; antiphon: v.26

Pastor: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

People: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

Pastor: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Pastor: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Pastor: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

People: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

EPISTLE ~ *Philippians 2:5-11*

After the reading:

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VOCAL ENSEMBLE ~ "Blessed Is He Who Comes"

HOLY GOSPEL ~ *John 12:20-43*

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN ~ 444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

- 1 No tramp of soldiers' marching feet / With banners and with drums,
No sound of music's martial beat: / "The King of glory comes!"
To greet what pomp of kingly pride / No bells in triumph ring,
No city gates swing open wide: / "Behold, behold your King!"
- 2 And yet He comes. The children cheer; / With palms His path is strown.
With ev'ry step the cross draws near: / The King of glory's throne.
Astride a colt He passes by / As loud hosannas ring,
Or else the very stones would cry / "Behold, behold your King!"
- 3 What fading flow'rs His road adorn; / The palms, how soon laid down!
No bloom or leaf but only thorn / The King of glory's crown.
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, / The streets with tumult ring,
As Pilate to the mob replies, / "Behold, behold your King!"

4 Now He who bore for mortals' sake / The cross and all its pains
And chose a servant's form to take, / The King of glory reigns.
Hosanna to the Savior's name / Till heaven's rafters ring,
And all the ransomed host proclaim / "Behold, behold your King!"

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SERMON ~ "Praise the Coming Savior" John 12:12-19

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

OFFERING ~ *Online giving is available on the website.*

OFFERTORY ~ 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, / The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple / The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, / Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, / The simplest and the best.

3 "Hosanna in the highest!" / That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer, / The Lord of heav'n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him / With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence / Eternally rejoice!

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+ SACRAMENT +

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:8-9

Pastor: Having heard the Word of God, as we prepare to receive the body and blood of our Lord in, with, and under bread and wine, let us confess our sins to our gracious heavenly Father. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and

eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

[Psalm 136]

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

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. As He endured the shame and suffering of our sins, He became the one and only sacrifice worthy and able to free us from everlasting death. By faith in His resurrection from the dead all who believe in Him have and share in His everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

HYMN - *The Lord of Hosts Is Holy*

***“The Lord of hosts is ho - ly! The Lord of hosts is ho - ly!
The Lord of hosts is ho - ly! His glo - ry fills the earth!”***

***The ser - a - phim to - geth - er Cried out their ex - ul - ta - tion.
The Lord filled all the tem - ple With glo - ry from His throne.***

***That bril - liant, fear - some vi - sion Was fol - lowed by a call - ing.
In faith, I - sa - iah an - swered And spoke pro - phe - tic words.***

***“The Lord of host is ho - ly! The earth is filled with glo - ry!”
In wor - ship - ful a - maze - ment We cry: “Ho - san - na, Lord!”***

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. By His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, He reached the goal of His substitutionary death, that by the offering of His own body and blood on the cross, all who believe in Him may share His triumph over sin and death. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*
People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **Amen.**

HYMN ~ 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

- 1 Lamb of God, pure and holy, / Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, / Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, / Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!
- 2 Lamb of God, pure and holy, / Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, / Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, / Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!
- 3 Lamb of God, pure and holy, / Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, / Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, / Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN ~ 937 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

- 1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, / Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, / This child so long foretold.
- 2 This is the Savior of the world, / The Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst, / The joy of Israel.
- D 3 With saints of old, with saints to come, / To You we lift our voice;
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest / Be honor, love, and praise.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, for the gift of forgiveness won by Your Son's offering on the cross and for the strengthening of our souls and bodies by His body and blood. Go with us now, and keep us steadfast in Your Word through the blessed days of this great and Holy Week and to our eternal life with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

People: Amen.

HYMN ~ 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see the_ approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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