

## Divine Service - Palm Sunday

MARCH 28, 2021

*“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...”* (Heb. 12:28)

### The Opening Hymn: 442 ss 1-5

#### 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 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

### The Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and  
of the Holy Spirit.

CONG: Amen.

### Call to Confession

PASTOR: Beloved in the LORD. Let us draw near with a  
true heart and confess our sins to God our  
Father, imploring him in the name of our LORD  
Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

### The Confession

PASTOR: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

CONG: Who made heaven and earth.

PASTOR: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the  
LORD.

CONG: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

PASTOR: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we  
poor sinners confess to you that we are by  
nature sinful and unclean and that we have  
sinned against you by thought, word, and deed;  
therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless  
mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the  
sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, since you have given your  
only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on  
us and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our  
sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us  
true knowledge of you and of your will and true  
obedience to your Word, to the end that by your  
grace we may come to everlasting life; through  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### The Absolution

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.

CONG: Amen.

## **The Introit of the Day** PSALM 118:26; PS. 24:7-10

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory!

## **Gloria Patri**

**CONG:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **The Kyrie**

**CONG:** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **The Collect**

**PASTOR:** Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**CONG:** Amen.

## **The Old Testament Reading: ZECHARIAH 9:9-12**

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.

## **The Gradual** HEBREWS 9:12a, c, 15a; PSALM 111:9a

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

## **The Epistle: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11**

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.

### **The Verse** PHILIPPIANS 2:8b

He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

### **The Holy Gospel: ST. MARK 11:1-10**

1 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples

2 and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it.

3 If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'"

4 And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it.

5 And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"

6 And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go.

7 And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it.

8 And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.

9 And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

### **Choir: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" 438 ss. 1-4**

1. A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,  
The guilt of sinners bearing;  
And laden with the sins of earth,  
None else the burden sharing!  
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,  
To slaughter led without complaint,  
That spotless life to offer;  
He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,  
The mockery, and yet replies,  
"All this I gladly suffer."

2. This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,  
The Lamb of God, our Savior;  
Whom God the Father chose to send  
To gain for us His favor.  
"Go forth, My Son," the Father said,  
"And free My children from their dread  
Of guilt and condemnation.  
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,  
But by Your Passion they will share  
The fruit of Your salvation."

3. "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly  
I'll bear what You command me.  
My will conforms to Your decree,  
I'll do what You have asked me."  
O wondrous Love, what have You done!  
The Father offers up His Son!  
Desiring our salvation.  
O Love, how strong You are to save!  
You lay the One into the grave  
Who built the earth's foundation.

4. Lord, when Your glory I shall see  
And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,

Your blood my royal robe shall be,  
My joy beyond all measure.  
When I appear before Your throne,  
Your righteousness shall be my crown,  
With these I need not hide me.  
And there, in garments richly wrought  
As Your own bride, shall we be brought  
To stand in joy beside You.

### **The Nicene Creed** (We Confess Together)

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.

### **Sermon Hymn:** 441 ss. 1-5

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, t  
then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

### **The Sermon:** "From Empty to Full" PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

#### **The Offertory**

**CONG:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## **The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer**

### **The Closing Hymn:** 443 ss. 1-3

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.

2 From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,  
the victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

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.

### **The 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.

**CONG:** Amen.

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