

Bethany Lutheran Church

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PALM SUNDAY

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APRIL 5, 2020

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

+ *God Gathers Us In His Presence* +

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN:

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

LSB 442

Please rise, turn and face the Cross as it enters the Sanctuary. This is a physical expression of our faithful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself is present in our worship.

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,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Refrain
Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Mark 11:1-11*

The account of the first Palm Sunday from Mark's Gospel.

When they came near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples ahead of Him. He said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you. As you enter it, you will find a young donkey tied there. No one has ever sat on it. Untie it, and bring it. If anyone asks you what you are doing, say that the Lord needs it. That person will send it here at once.”

The disciples found the young donkey in the street. It was tied to the door of a house. As they were untying it, some men standing there asked them, “Why are you untying that donkey?” The disciples answered them as Jesus had told them. So the men let them go.

They brought the donkey to Jesus, put their coats on it, and He sat on it. Many spread their coats on the road. Others cut leafy branches in the fields and spread them on the road. Those who went ahead and those who followed Him were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

Blessed is our ancestor David’s kingdom that is coming!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Jesus came into Jerusalem and went into the temple courtyard, where He looked around at everything. Since it was already late, He went out with the twelve apostles to Bethany.

– GW ®

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Dear Lord, many times we have known what You have needed from us, yet we were unwilling to give.

People: **We have acted as if Your blessings were our rightful possessions.
And We have often questioned You, Lord,
“What are You doing?”
“Why do You want?”
“Why are You taking?”
“Why have You not?”
“Why, Lord, why?”**

Leader: Like the crowd in Jerusalem, we too rejoice at Your arrival.

**People: Yet, we must confess,
that at times we have lived as if You were never to arrive.
In our attitudes and our actions,
in our desires and our deeds
we have lived as if You were far off,
uninvolved and unconcerned with our behavior.**

Leader: Yet our unworthiness goes much deeper.

**People: We are by nature fallen, unholy and self absorbed.
Often finding ourselves using You to justify our will and our wants.
We admit Lord that we deserve to have You come to us in judgment.**

Leader: Yet Almighty Lord, You come to us humble and gentle,
You come to bear the burden of our sin and to bear the load of our guilt.
You come as blessed bestower of God's bounty
and generous giver of His goodness and grace.

**People: Forgive us Lord for Your own sake, and make us more like You –
generous givers of our gifts and God's,
and blessed bestowers of His bounty and our own. Amen.**

Leader: Beloved child of God, through Jesus Christ, all God has
has become yours! Go in peace with sin forgiven. Go to welcoming Him
into Your home and heart, Your life and living! Go to herald His presence
in what you do and by what you declare. Go empowered to give as you
have received, freely. Amen. In the account of the first Palm Sunday we
heard that, "those who went before and those who followed" proclaimed
their faith in the Lord and what God was doing in Christ Jesus. Today we
join those who have gone before us and who shall come after us in
proclaiming our faith in God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit in the words
of the Nicene Creed.

NICENE CREED:

(catholic means the universal Christian Church)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy *catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

+ *We Give Thanks for God's Word* +

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Leader: Lord, we pray that You the Ruler of all would rule in our hearts by Your Holy Spirit. That we would join those who with their mouths confess Jesus as Lord and in their lives follow His example of great humility and great service; and while separated from being physically present with one another we are gathered together at the foot of the Cross of Jesus, and beg that You preserve us until the resurrection, of our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+ *God Gives Us the Gift of His Word* +

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Philippians 2:5-11*

Have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Although He was in the form of God and equal with God,

He did not take advantage of this equality.

Instead, He emptied Himself by taking on the form of a servant,

by becoming like other humans,

by having a human appearance.

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

This is why God has given Him an exceptional honor—

the name honored above all other names—

so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth,

and in the world below will kneel

and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord

to the glory of God the Father. – GW ®

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *John 12:20-32*

Some Greeks were among those who came to worship during the Passover festival. They went to Philip (who was from Bethsaida in Galilee) and told him, “Sir, we would like to meet Jesus.” Philip told Andrew, and they told Jesus.

Jesus replied to them, “The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I can guarantee this truth: A single grain of wheat doesn’t produce anything unless it is planted in the ground and dies. If it dies, it will produce a lot of grain. Those who love their lives will destroy them, and those who hate their lives in this world will guard them for everlasting life. Those who serve me must follow me. My servants will be with me wherever I will be. If people serve me, the Father will honor them.

“I am too deeply troubled now to know how to express my feelings. Should I say, ‘Father, save me from this time of suffering’? No! I came for this time of suffering. Father, give glory to Your name.”

A voice from heaven said, “I have given it glory, and I will give it glory again.”

The crowd standing there heard the voice and said that it had thundered. Others in the crowd said that an angel had talked to Him. Jesus replied, “That voice wasn’t for my benefit but for yours.

“This world is being judged now. The ruler of this world will be thrown out now. When I have been lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people toward me.” – GW ®

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

MESSAGE: *“Safe at Home”*

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.**

+ *God Sends Us Forth for Lives of Love and Service* +

THE BLESSING

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