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# ∞ PALM SUNDAY ∞

ORDER OF WORSHIP • APRIL 2, 2023 • 9:00 AM

✝ Indicates the congregation should stand as able.

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## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✝ CALL TO WORSHIP

*From the rear of the Sanctuary*

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

WL: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**All: Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

WL: Let us pray: We praise You, O God, for Your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along His way. Let these branches be signs of His victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow Him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with Him, we may enter into Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### ✝ THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM MATTHEW 21:1-11

WL: The Palm Sunday Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

**All: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"**

WL: The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

**All: "Hosanna to the Son of David!"**

WL: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

**All: "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"**

WL: When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

The crowds answered,

**All: "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."**

✠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

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✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

WL: Brothers and sisters, let us face this day of palms and the week of Jesus' passion with honesty, confessing our sin before God and one another.

**All: O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected You, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at Your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting You to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as Your own. Amen.**

WL: Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118:

Let those who fear the LORD say: "His love endures forever." When hard pressed, I cried to the LORD; he brought me into a spacious place. The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Hosanna! Amen!**

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: Let us pray: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

ISAIAH 50:4-9A

R: The Old Testament lesson for this Palm Sunday comes from the book of the prophet Isaiah, the fiftieth chapter.

<sup>4</sup> The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. <sup>5</sup> The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. <sup>6</sup> I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. <sup>7</sup> Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup> He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! <sup>9</sup> It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me?

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

R: Today's Epistle lesson is from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, the second chapter.

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## ✠ HOLY GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 12:20-43

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

**All: Glory to You, O Lord!**

<sup>20</sup> Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

<sup>24</sup> Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. <sup>25</sup> Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

<sup>27</sup> "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."

<sup>29</sup> The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

<sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

<sup>33</sup> He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

<sup>34</sup> The crowd spoke up, "We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?"

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. <sup>36</sup> Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

<sup>37</sup> Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. <sup>38</sup> This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: "Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

<sup>39</sup> For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:  
<sup>40</sup> "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn—and I would heal them."

<sup>41</sup> Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him.

<sup>42</sup> Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup> for they loved human praise more than praise from God.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to You, O Christ!**

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE HYMN

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR  
LBW #108

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Nicene Creed*

**All: 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 worshipped 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

WL: God, whose gracious love for us embraced that long and lonely journey to the cross, gather us close to You in these days when again we make that journey in meditation and recollection.

Help us to contemplate again the way taken by our Savior: the false charges against Him, the fear and flight of the disciples, the kiss of betrayal, the crown of thorns, the purple robe—and in such contemplation give us courage to face those times in our own lives when He received the same at our hands. Yet help us also remember that You have gone before us, so we look to You for compassion and forgiveness, knowing You are able to save.

When we are weak, make us strong; when hurt and resentful, make us forgiving; when defeated and discouraged, make us hopeful. Keep us from asking for mercy without giving it ourselves, from praying for Your kingdom but never working for it.

In this week, deepen our faith by Your matchless grace. Deepen the measure of our gratitude and Christian obedience. Move us, who have so much, to share with others who have so little. Uphold us when we summon our courage to speak out for the alien and stranger within our gates and for those long denied dignity and freedom.

Guard and guide us through these days of meditation and remembrance. Guard and guide us through all our days until we come at last to that day when all our days and journeys will be gathered into Your eternity, and we shall be with You forever. Glory be to You, O God—the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**All: Amen.**

## GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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✠ OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## ✠ PREFACE & SANCTUS

WL: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

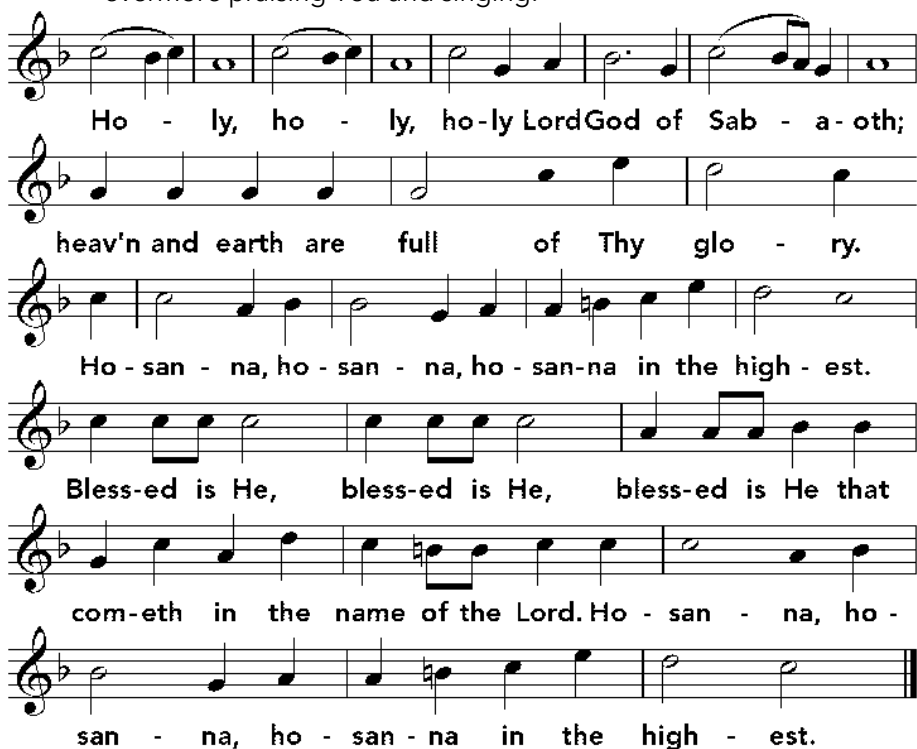
WL: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

WL: 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, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that  
com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



## ✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: 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 OUR LORD

### ✠ PAX DOMINI

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

**All: Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

LAMB OF GOD, PURE AND SINLESS

LBW #111

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

LBW #94

## ✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

**All: Amen.**

## ✠ BLESSING

WL: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING HYMN

RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

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## ✠ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

# TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

# HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA



1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex -
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient



chil - dren sang; Through pil - lared court and tem - ple  
ul - tant crowd, The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing  
song we sing; For Christ is our Re - deem - er,



The love - ly an - them rang. To Je - sus, who had  
And chant - ing clear and loud. The Lord of earth and  
The Lord of heav'n our King. Oh, may we ev - er



blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast, The chil - dren  
heav - en Rode on in low - ly state Nor scorned that  
praise Him With heart and life and voice And in His



sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

# RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY



1. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty!
2. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty!
3. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty!
4. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty!
5. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty!



Hark! All the tribes ho - san - na cry.  
 In low - ly pomp ride on to die.  
 The an - gel ar - mies of the sky  
 Thy last and fierc - est strife is nigh.  
 In low - ly pomp ride on to die.



O Sav - ior meek, pur - sue Thy road,  
 O Christ, Thy tri - umphs now be - gin  
 Look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes  
 The Fa - ther on His sap - phire throne  
 Bow Thy meek head to mor - tal pain,



With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.  
 Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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