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**Palm Sunday – April 13, 2025**

## **GATHERING**

### **ACCLAMATION**

**P** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** Hosanna in the highest.

### **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40**

**P** The holy gospel according to Luke.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

<sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" <sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## **BLESSING OF PALMS**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

P We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen,

## **PALM SUNDAY PARADE**

### **HYMN: *All Glory, Laud and Honor* – ELW 344 (vs 1, 3-5)**

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*

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 Their praises you accepted;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

## **WELCOME**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

P Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race, you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

*This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature<sup>[a]</sup> 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<sup>[b]</sup> 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.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Josie Wilterdink

## SERMON

Pastor Stephen

**HYMN: *They Crucified My Lord* ELW 350**

## APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Petitions end: "Hear us, O God." Please respond: "**Your mercy is great.**"

P Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

**P** Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**P** Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**P** Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**P** Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**P** Give energy and joy to pastors, worship leaders, and musicians. Watch over those who travel. Grant health and healing to those in need especially Shirley, Kathy, Carley, Paul, Jeanna, Sonya, Steve, Sharon, Chris, Carol, Virginia, Richard, Scott, Kathy, Bob, Luke, Jocylin, Orson, Cindi; Josie, all who serve in our military and their families; people residing in care facilities or confined to their homes and those we bring before you now with our voices or silently in our hearts. (*A brief period of silence*). Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**P** Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**P** Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY: *Create in Me a Clean Heart* ELW #186**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

- P** What can we offer that you have not already offered us?  
What can we do that you have not already done for us?  
Lord Jesus Christ, in your gifts to us, you have provided us the way to live and serve you. In both your triumph and your suffering, you deserve our praise. Through the gifts we now offer, we express our longing to serve and to follow wherever you go.
- C** Amen.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

- P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C** **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **COMMUNION**

**HYMN "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross" ELW #803**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- P** On this first day of the week that is called "Holy Week," we thank you for Jesus's courage to do your will. Strengthen us through this meal to stand by Jesus, to truly be the loving, courageous body of the faithful, and to accept risk and confrontation as elements of faithfulness. As this week passes, speak to us through all its events, reminding us of your constant love, surprising grace, and caring power.
- C** Amen.

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

# SENDING

## BENEDICTION

## SENDING HYMN:

### We Thank You, Lord Jesus

Layton James, 2024

St. Denio

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'We Thank You, Lord Jesus'. It consists of four staves of music in a 3/4 time signature, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: 'We thank you, Lord Je - sus for rich gifts and'. The second staff continues: 'bread. Please join us in shar - ing this sup - per out -'. The third staff continues: 'spread. Wheat wa - fers and wine nour - ish bo - dy and'. The fourth staff concludes: 'soul, pre - pare us for ser - vice and heav - en our goal.' The music ends with a double bar line.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

P Love

**C Jesus**

P Grow

**C Together**

P Serve

**C Others**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*(Please share a greeting of peace with one another).*

**P** Go in Peace, refreshed for the journey.

**C Thanks be to God!**

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH!**



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