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Palm Sunday

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✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Gathered outside

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And with your spirit.**

P Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD!

C **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

PALM SUNDAY ACCOUNT – Matthew 21:1-11 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Ps. 24:7-10; Ps. 118:26

P Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless You from the house of the LORD.

C **Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

C **Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!

C **Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

Mon Zechariah 9:9-10 A good reason for keeping our minds and hearts open to God's Word in the Old Testament is to discover and digest how God kept His people attuned to the New Testament. This passage proves our point, as do many of the Psalms. Psalm 72, for example, lays out Jesus' career—to save for all time, generously, over the entire planet, for all sorts of humans in all their needs, compelling their devotion to Him for all their blessings.

Tues Mark 11:1-10 Approaching Jerusalem from the east, they walked uphill in a gentle climb, taking breathers at Bethphage and Bethany. Not to make things easier for Him but to fulfill ancient prophecy, Jesus rode a juvenile donkey into the city, where devout people welcomed His arrival. [We expect to meet them again in heaven.] Less than a week later, others scoffed at Him and rejoiced at His departure on the cross.

Wed Philippians 2:5-11 The mind/attitude of Jesus amazes us—that He gave up so much for us in order to give us much more than we deserve. He left behind His lofty home and demoted Himself as low as anyone can get (7-8). For what purpose? In order to pay off our debt with His own precious blood, laid down on the sacrificial cross of Calvary. [Now change channels] Because Jesus paid the last iota, He earned reinstatement on Easter (9) and thus merits everyone's devout adoration – now and forever (10-11).

Thurs Exodus 12 The good reason for the Jewish sacred calendar beginning with Passover is that Passover marked the beginning of their new life under God's jurisdiction. Passover means just what it declares: the avenging angel would **pass over** those homes where occupants took God as His word and accommodated themselves to His directions. Read the entire chapter to see that they followed God's directives specifically, devoutly, worshipfully.

Fri Psalm 22 Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why **ME**? For what good reason are You turning Your back on ME, Your own beloved Son, when I'm down as low as I can get (6) and mocked as a failure (7-8)? I started out fresh (9-11), but now I'm close to death on this cross (14-18). Nonetheless, I am still relying on You to help Me (19-21), for which I will praise You both at home and abroad, now and forever (22-31)."

Sat Hebrews 4:14-16, 15:7-9 Jesus left Earth behind, but that does not mean He has forgotten us. He understands what we are up against, sympathizes with us, loves us, and is still serving our best interests. He invites us to keep connected, *that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.* ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us; ♪ Christ, have mercy upon us; ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us.

During the next hymn, the congregation is invited to proceed into the sanctuary, lay their palm leaves before the altar, and return to their seats.

HYMN: WS #725 "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!"**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- P** Blessed Lord, Who always comes among Your people for good,
- C** **We confess to You that we are conceived and born sinful and both by nature and choice have turned away from You. We have enthroned self-interest and pride as our kings, and they have ruled us as tyrants. We have failed to acknowledge Your rightful lordship in our lives. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and by the power of the Holy Spirit turn our hearts this day to worship and follow Jesus, the one true King of kings and Lord of lords.**
- P** The King has won your freedom. 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.
- C** **Amen.**



GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

P 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.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Zechariah 9:9-12 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.

✠ Announcements ✠

Good Friday Tenebrae On

Good Friday we will hold a Tenebrae service. *Tenebrae* is a Latin term meaning “*shadows, darkness.*” This service is an ancient form of worship dating from the fourth century. The tone is very somber as candles are extinguished, and the sanctuary is gradually darkened to remind worshipers of the three hours of darkness which blanketed the earth during Christ’s crucifixion as He suffered the punishment of being forsaken by God for our sins. The darkness of Good Friday prepares us for the brilliant dawning of Easter. **The Good Friday Tenebrae will begin half an hour later than normal evening services, at 7:00 pm.**

✠ **Mar. 28:** Bill Hartmann Memorial
✠ **Apr. 2:** Good Fri. Tenebrae 7pm
✠ **Apr. 4:** Easter Sunday
✠ **Apr. 18:** Voters Meeting

Easter Service

Just a friendly reminder that next Sunday is Easter, and we’ll be holding our Easter Worship at the regular 10:15 time slot. The masks-on service will be held at 9:00. If you haven’t seen someone in church for a while, reach out to them with a reminder that next Sunday we’ll be celebrating our Lord’s Resurrection!

Thank You!

To everyone who came yesterday to clean and fix up the church property! Your hard work shows and is much appreciated!

Special Voters’ Meeting

— Last week, in a Special Voters’ Meeting, we elected to call a graduate to be our Lower Grade Teacher. This call will be issued to the CLC Call Committee, and they will assign our call to one of the two candidates, Lord willing. Please keep this in your prayers!

Shut-in/Encouragement List

Patti Meno continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney transplant. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound. **Paulette Galstad** is suffering through bad back pain and other health problems. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain, among other ailments. **Greg Tincher** is recovering from his recent surgeries at home and receiving frequent therapy. **JoAnne Weis** is regaining her strength at home and feeling much better. **Rudy Enriquez** is home from the hospital and awaiting the beginning of treatment for his throat cancer. **Joel Bernthal** is recovering well from his knee surgery and is back at school in Eau Claire.

Last Week: WH – 42

Total Offering = \$1,063.49

General = \$863.49 | Property Improvement = \$50 | Building = \$50 | Tuition Grant = \$100

Cleaner (4/3): Bernthal | **Acolyte (4/4):** Mason Kuehne

Obedient Ears

Isaiah 50:5 (ESV) *The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.*

“Great listener! Follows instructions well!” How would you like to find those evaluations scrawled on your child’s report card? Such a review would surely bring you a sigh of relief. This would certainly be preferable to “Inattentive. Likes to have the last word.” What would be scrawled on *your* report card if God was writing it? Perhaps it would say, “*Your ears are open, but you do not listen.*” (Isaiah 42:20)

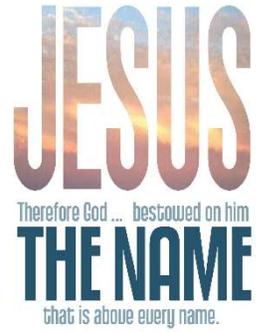
Unlistening ears characterize a person who does not follow orders. When it comes to the demands of God’s Law, isn’t that exactly what we do daily? How often do you ignore God’s clearly written will, making the excuses, “Just one more time,” or, “I’ll start doing better tomorrow,” or even, “It doesn’t matter, I know He’ll forgive me anyways.” In other words, we *hear* what God says, but we don’t always *listen*.

Christ’s ears were open, and He listened. This fact indicated that He would do exactly as He had been instructed by His Father. He would not turn backward. Even when His Father’s will was that He drink the cup of suffering by dying on the cross, Jesus listened and obeyed. As the perfect listener, He received this glowing review from His Father, “*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*” (Matthew 17:5b)

What would the Father put on your report card? Thanks to Christ, it’s not what you deserve! As your substitute, Jesus reversed your deafness. His obedience is counted as yours. The Father now gives this evaluation: “*Well done, my good and faithful servant.*” (Matthew 25:23)

*Who can condemn me now? For surely
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely,
With Jesus I to heaven rise.*

EPISTLE READING – Philippians 2:5-11 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.



CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: TLH #160:1,3,5 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

- 1. All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and Blessed One.**
- 3. All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
The people of the Hebrews With psalms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before Thee we present.**
- 5. All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.**

SERMON – Psalm 8:1-9 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ² Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? ⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, ⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹ O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

There is Power in the Name of the King!

- I. The most powerful name of all.
- II. The name that gives power to the powerless.
- III. The name that overpowers every foe.

OFFERTORY

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In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- ☞** *♫* Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

Hymn: TLH #161

“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.
2. From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm-branch waving And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of men and angels 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 heaven our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice.

PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C** *♫* Amen, amen, a – men.

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #162

“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 wondering 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
Expects 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 Christ, Thy power and reign.

