

HOLY COMMUNION *Setting 4*
Palm Sunday Worship *(modified)*
March 28, 2021

GATHERING

GREETING

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL *(below)*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord.

Matthew 21:1-11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The reading is concluded: The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS (*On the Way to Calvary*)

The Lord be you.

And also with you.

P Crosses of palm, fashioned by the faithful in faraway places, unite us in our devotion of Jesus of Nazareth, and focus our gaze on the King, the Lamb, the Son of God.

C On the way to Calvary and victory, palms were waved - honor given to the coming King.

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

C On the way to Calvary and victory, palms were waved - response to One who came to suffer so.

P He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

C On the way to Calvary and victory, palms were waved - prelude to the cross and death.

P Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

C On the way to Calvary and victory, we take up our crosses, and watch this One, who takes this deathward journey in our stead.

P On the way to Calvary, we take our places - to watch in silence, to wait in humble expectation as he rides now to death...and to life eternal - one King, one Lord, one Death - for all!

Let us pray.

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 Palms.
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 the same Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

- ELW 344

All glory, laud, an honor to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel and David’s Royal Son,
Now in the Lord’s name coming, our King and Blessed One.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

CHILDREN’S TIME

Song:

“Jesus Died and Rose for Us”

(Tune: *“The Chicken Dance,”* Lyrics by Pr. Roger Facione)

Jesus Died and Rose for Us.
Jesus Died and Rose for Us.
O Lord, Thank You!
O Lord, Thank You!

Jesus Died and Rose for Us.
Jesus Died and Rose for Us.
O Lord, Thank You!
O Lord, Thank You!

It’s not an Idle Tale.
It’s not an Idle Tale.
We know it’s true.
We know it’s true.

And because He arose,
And because He arose,
We know we will too!
We know we will too!

Let us sacrifice and serve,
Let us sacrifice and serve,
Our whole life long.
Our whole life long.

Knowing we are saved,
Knowing we are saved,
By God's good grace.
By God's good grace.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOD'S WORD

HOLY GOSPEL *(modified)*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. *(Excerpts from the Passion story)*

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 22:66-71

Jesus before the Council

⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. ⁶⁷They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸and if I question you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." ⁷⁰All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." ⁷¹Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

Luke 23:1-5

Jesus before Pilate

¹Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." ³Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." ⁵But they were insistent

and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

Luke 23:32-49

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Death of Jesus

⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." ⁴⁸And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

The reading is concluded:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

DRAMATIC MESSAGE

(Assisting Minister)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

Faithful God, as our Lord rides into Jerusalem, humble and mounted on a donkey, we are filled with gratitude; knowing that this marked the time for the beginning of The Passion of your Son, Jesus. May we always be ready to sacrifice and serve You. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Faithful God, the Passion of your Son reminds us that Jesus endured such agony so that we would be forgiven and redeemed. May your Will -- however difficult it may be for us to endure -- always be done in our lives. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Faithful God, continue to guide our President, his Administration and the Congress so that they will work together for the common good of all and our country's future. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Faithful God, continue to guide our church council, church committees, and our whole congregation in carrying out the ministries of your church. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Faithful God, we pray for the sick, the homebound, those grieving loved ones who have died, those listed in the church bulletin prayer list, and those we lift up by name either silently or out loud this morning... Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Faithful God, Hear the Prayers of your people today and always. **Amen!!**

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

The sick & recuperating:

Ashley Rubert (*Chris Snook's friend*)

Baby Mason (*Brenda Pedersen's friend's infant*)

Betty Shimel (*Cheryl Burck's neighbor*)

Camille Miller

Dale Teschler (*Krista's father*)

Diana Gabriel

Don Hinz

Jackie Hicks (*Hartman's neighbor*)

Joe Bokano (*Roger's brother*)

Kassidy Carter (*Tinson's cousin*)

Lind Family

Minister Enoch
Rachel Pedersen (*Brenda's daughter*)

The homebound: Marie Johansson

Other concerns: *All Medical Professionals, All Caregivers*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

(Assisting Minister)

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God,
you feed us with the harvest of the land,
and you provide for our every need.

Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor,
and transform them into a feast that welcomes all,
in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING – *responsive (below)*

A God of our ancestors, friend in our midst, your children come before you.
Here is food! Here is drink!
These things are yours before they are ours.
Now we are making a feast, but it is a thanksgiving:
God, we are thanking you.
With our ancestors in faith and all the hosts in heaven,
O God, we thank you and rejoice.
This food - we shall eat it in your honor!
This drink - we shall drink it in your honor!

A We thank you for giving us life.

C We thank you!

A We thank you for giving us freedom.

C We thank you!

A We thank you for bringing us peace.

C We thank you!

A We thank you for the one who bore our sins upon the cross.

C We thank you!

A We thank you for the one who brought us over from death to life.

C We thank you!

A Father, send the Spirit of life, The Spirit of power and fruitfulness.
With the Spirit's breath, speak your word into these things.
Give us who eat and drink the living body and the lifeblood of Jesus,
life and power and fruitfulness of heart and body.
Give us true communion with your Son.

P On the night of his suffering,
he gave thanks for the bread that he held in his hands.
This bread he shared among his followers, saying:
'All of you, take this, eat this;
it is my body, handed over for you.
Do this and remember me.'

C The body of Christ! Amen.

P Then he shared drink with them, saying:
'All of you, take this, drink this; it is my blood, the blood of the
new covenant that begins now and lasts forever.
This blood is poured out for you and for all people so that sins
may be taken away. Do this and remember me.'

C The blood of Christ! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (below)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

Amen.

(Assisting Minister)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Tender and merciful one,
at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing,
turning our emptiness into joy.
Filled with your abundant grace,
send us now to be ministers of reconciliation,
mending broken hearts, working for justice,
and striving for peace among all people,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

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The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with great favor and give... us peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Go Now in Peace”

by Nancy Price & Don Besig

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

The liturgy ends in silence.

Scripture Readings are taken from The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)