GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 5, 2020 - Sunday of Passion - Palm Sunday

"Hosana to the Son of David!"

[Matthew 21:9]

WELCOME

We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning.

9:30 A.M. Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

PRELUDE Chaconne Louis Couperin

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is the sun that shines behind every cloud.
When the light seems dim, when the world seems grey, we trust that this is only temporary.
God is the hope beyond our human doubts.
When all else feels shaky and impermanent, we trust that God is constant, and we continue to be loved.
God is welcome home when we are lost.
We may be cold, lonely hungry, and at our spirit's lowest ebb, but we trust that God meets us with open heart, and warm embrace.
God is the perfect model for our imperfect selves.
Let us do our best to become the people God created us to be.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WHOLENESS

We join the procession with branches in hand. We rejoice at the coming of our king! We praise you from our place of safety. We confess: we will not go where you are going. We admire but hesitate. Your adversaries gather, we will flee from you. Accusations will mount, insults hurled and we will

turn away. Our times are in your hand, O God. Have mercy on us, Lord Deliver us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Receive good news: God turns to us in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All our sin is forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for us. **Amen.**

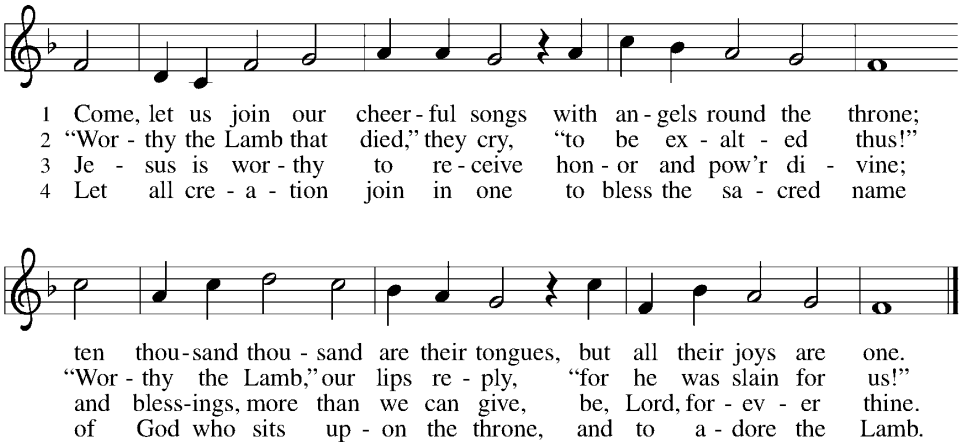
PROCESSION HYMN — All Glory, Laud, and Honor (1, 4, 5)

Stand as you are able

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

SONG OF PRAISE **Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

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. **Amen.**

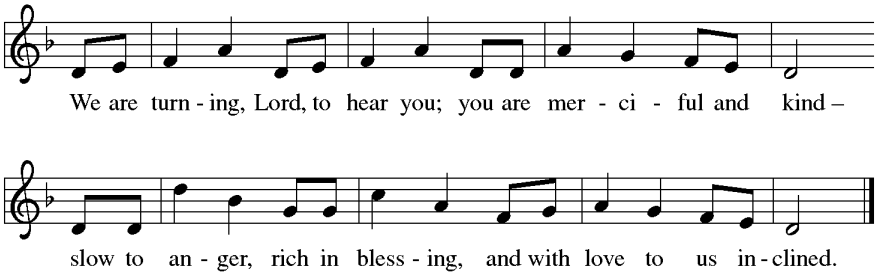
Sit

READING PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sit *(Sung Twice)*



Sit

GOSPEL 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."

A The grass withers and the flower fades but the word of God endures forever.

C Thanks be to God.

Sit

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

SERMON *It Was All Going So Well*

Time for reflection

Stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY **Lamb of God (Your Only Son)**

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and
born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

Stand as you are able

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of mercy, awaken your church to new proclamations of your faithfulness. By your Spirit, give us bold and joyful words to speak, that we sustain the weary with the message of your redemption. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, quiet the earth where it trembles and shakes. Protect vulnerable ecosystems, threatened habitats, and endangered species. Prosper the work of scientists, engineers, and researchers who find ways to restore creation to health and wholeness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, drive away fear and anger that cause us to turn against one another. Give courage to leaders who seek liberation for the oppressed. Bring peace and hope to those who are in prison and those who face execution. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, send your saving help to all who suffer abuse, insult, discrimination, or contempt. Heal the wounded. Comfort the dying. Bring peace to those suffering chronic or terminal illness. Tend to all who cry out for relief (especially). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, we pray for all who will prepare and lead worship in this Holy Week. In all things, show us the ways that you call us to die to self, to live for you, and to give of ourselves for the sake of others. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, when we breathe our last, you raise us to eternal life. With all your witnesses in heaven and on earth (especially), let us boldly confess the name of Jesus Christ, our resurrection and our hope. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Stand as you are able

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with all the angels and the host of heaven, we praise you and together we acclaim:

1*
Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un-der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless-ed are you com-ing near. Bless - ed are you com-ing here
väl - sig - na-de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.
2
Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

THE 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Stand as you are able

SENDING PRAYERS

We thank you, living God for your Son, who sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. **As Christ has loved us, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors.**

Let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick from the coronavirus. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. **May God console them and grant them peace.**

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. **May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good. Amen.**

BLESSING

Stand facing the cross

SENDING HYMN **Go to Dark Gethsemane** **ELW 347**

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;

your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Rigaudon Jean-Baptiste Lully