

Palm Sunday

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Palm Sunday Gathering Rite

Today's order of worship is the "Service of the Word" on page 38 in the front section of Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal. *The following rite will replace the opening portion of the service. After the Gathering Rite, the service continues with the section entitled, "The Word."*

At the presiding minister's invitation, please stand and face the processional group in the back of the church.

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

PSALM 118 *(Selected Verses)*

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: His love endures forever.

M: Open for me the gates of righteousness;

C: I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

M: This is the gate of the Lord

C: Through which the righteous may enter.

M: O Lord, save us;

C: O Lord, grant us success.

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: From the house of the Lord we bless you.

M: The Lord is God,

C: And he has made his light shine on us.

M: With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession

C: Up to the horns of the altar.

M: You are my God, and I will give you thanks;

C: You are my God, and I will exalt you.

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: His love endures forever.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted **"Hosanna" and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our praise, and listen to our prayers** as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us go forth in peace,

C: In the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Christian Worship #131

Please turn to hymn #131 in Christian Worship. This hymn will be sung as the processional group enters the sanctuary from either the outside (weather permitting) or the lower level of the building.

After the hymn is concluded:

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

M: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-10 (EHV)

⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! Look! Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation. He is humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His kingdom will extend from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

Refrain

I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,
in the land of the liv - ing.

Psalm tone

Refrain

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;*
 he heard my cry for mercy.
 Because he turned his ear to me,*
 I will call on him as long as I live.
 The LORD is gracious and righteous;*
 when I was in great need, he saved me.

Refrain

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,*
 my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
 How can I repay the LORD*
 for all his goodness to me?
 I will lift up the cup of salvation*
 and call on the name of the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
 and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11 (EHV)

⁵Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. ⁶Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, ⁷but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. (*Philippians 2:8b*)

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11 (EHV)

⁵As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²telling them, "Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

⁶The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

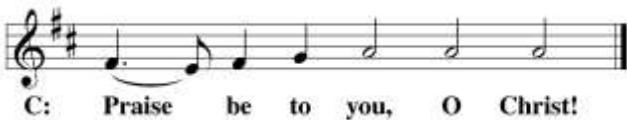
Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds were saying, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY— #133—*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

SERMON *Philippians 2:5-11*

"Exalted, Humbled, and Exalted Again — All For You"

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.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and

the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever and ever. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN #716—*No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet*

STAND

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



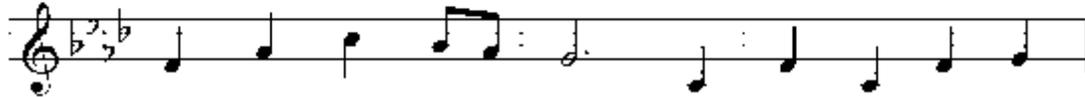
HYMN #130—*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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716 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet With
 2 And yet he comes, The chil - dren cheer: With
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs his road a - dorn; The
 4 Now he who bore for mor - tals' sake The



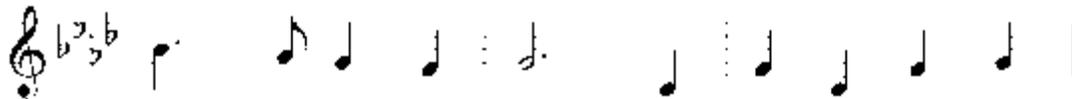
ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
 palms his path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial heart: "The King of glo - ry comes!" To
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne, A -
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown, The
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns, Ho -



greet what pomp of king - ly pride No
 stride a colt he pass - es by As
 sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries, The
 san - na to the Sav - ior's name Till



bells in tri - umph ring, No ci - ty gates swing
 loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ve - ry
 streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
 heav - en's raft - ers ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 stones would cry, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 host pro - claim, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

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News And Notes

Welcome to worship! We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us today. Guests, if there is anything we can do to make your worship more meaningful, please do not hesitate to ask us. Pastor, the ushers, and all members of our Bethany family stand ready to serve you. May the Lord bless your worship!

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

A special "thank you" to those who served their Lord by serving us this morning, our violinists, our organist, and our ushers. Thank you for edifying and beautifying our worship with your service.

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP

In last Sunday's worship, 35 people were fed and strengthened by the Word of God and 29 took communion. At our Wednesday evening midweek service we had 24 in attendance.

EASTER BREAKFAST PLANS — PLEASE PLAN ON PARTICIPATING!

At our Easter breakfast between services next Sunday, we are planning a joint effort of the congregation and volunteer cooks. The congregation is invited to bring egg casseroles and/or sweet breads to contribute to the celebration as they desire. Bethany will be supplying ham and beverages to accompany the eggs, and volunteers will be cooking pancakes for your eating pleasure. Please plan on attending the breakfast and enjoying the company of your brothers and sisters in Christ as we nourish both our bodies and our souls. Thank you!

FOOD DRIVE FOR NORTH HILLS COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

Bethany members — please take note of the blue food collection bins located in the entryway and in the lower level of Bethany. Non-perishable food donations are being collected throughout the month of April and will be delivered to the North Hills Community Outreach after our food drive is completed. Thank you!

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE — PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

Our remaining Holy Week worship and fellowship schedule will be as follows:

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 4/13. 7:00 PM — Worship with communion.

GOOD FRIDAY, 4/14, 7:00 PM — Worship without communion

EASTER EARLY WORSHIP, 4/16. 7:30 AM

EASTER BREAKFAST AFTER EARLY WORSHIP (begins ~8:30 AM)

EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP, 4/16, 10:30 AM

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT — After Festival Worship

Our Walk For God

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY...

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| 10 | 11 <i>No Bible Study</i> | 12 <i>Happy birthday Jennifer Thomas!</i> | 13 <i>7:00p Maundy Thursday Service Ushers: A/G</i> | 14 <i>7:00p Good Friday Service Ushers: E</i> | 15 | 16 <i>EASTER SUNDAY 7:30a Early Service with communion Ushers: D/H 8:30a Breakfast 10:30a Festival Worship Service Ushers: C</i> |
| <i>Serving next Sunday: Altar: Stadler; Greeter: Marty Kurth; Ushers: Team D/H; C</i> | | | | | | |