

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

2107 Three Oaks Rd, Cary, IL

March 27 & 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY

Inspired by Christ • Serving under Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ

Order of Service from Setting Three, page 184 in the Lutheran Service Book

AS WE GATHER

On Palm Sunday, we remember and celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem, at which time He was hailed as a king and the Messiah. But we also remember that just five days later He was crucified and experienced death and damnation in payment for the sin of the entire world. Jesus is the King of kings, but He is also the sacrifice for our sins. On account of Jesus, we are forgiven all our sin and have the gift of everlasting life! **“Let us fix our eyes upon Jesus!”**

OPENING HYMN

“All Glory Laud and Honor”

LSB 442 v.1-3

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and 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 Blessèd One. *Refrain***

**The company of angels is praising You on high,
And we with all creation in chorus make reply. *Refrain***

**The multitude of pilgrims with palms before You went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems before You we present. *Refrain***

John 12:12-15; Psalm 118:26; Psalm 24:7-9

Please stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *Heb. 10:22*

P: Our Help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth. *Ps. 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Ps. 32:5*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Jn 20:19-23*

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Spoken responsively

P: Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: We bless You from the house of the Lord.

P: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

C: that the King of glory may come in.

P: Who is this King of glory?

C: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

P: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

C: that the King of glory may come in.

P: Who is this King of glory?

C: The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!

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

C: We bless you from the house of the Lord. *Ps. 24:7–10; antiphon: Ps. 118:26*

KYRIE *Mark 10:47*

Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

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.

Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 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. 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. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:5–11 (“At the name of Jesus every knee should bow.”)

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Twelfth chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 12:12-43 (*Jesus' entry into Jerusalem*)

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.” Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has

spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them." Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he will come again with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "The Path of Palms that lead to the Cross"

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Ride on, Ride on in Majesty"

LSB 441

**. Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**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.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes To see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne Awaits His own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.**

John 12:12-16; Psalm 118:23-26; Zechariah 9:9

MESSAGE: "Run With Endurance – With Our Hearts & Minds Fixed On Jesus" *Text: Hebrews 12:1-3*

Your offering may be placed in the collection plate in the Narthex as you depart the church.

Please stand

THE OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me,
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Ps. 51:10-12

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalm 136*]

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should in all times and all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth! Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He
that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

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

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *John 1:29*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us!
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us!
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace! Amen.**

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

Distribution today is by station communion. Ushers will invite people to the front by family or individual. Pastor will drop the wafer into your cupped hands and you may take the individual cup yourself and dispose of it into the basket provided.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

LSB 436

**Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the temper's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn from Him to bear the cross.**

**Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

**Early hasten to the tomb where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.
*Mark 14:32-38; Mark 15:1-20; Luke 23:33-46; Matthew 27:33-50; John 20:1-18***

Please stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word;
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people.
A light to lighten the Gentiles; and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.
C: **And His mercy endureth forever.** *Ps. 107:1*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And with thy spirit.** *2 Tim 4:22*
P: Bless we the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.** *Ps. 103:1*

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 peace.
C: **Amen, amen, amen!**

CLOSING HYMN

“All Glory Laud and Honor”

LSB 442 v.4-5

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**To You before Your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted, our melody we raise.** *Refrain*

**As You received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, our good and gracious King.** *Refrain*
John 12:12-15; Psalm 118:26; Psalm 24:7-9

††† TO GOD ALONE BE ALL GLORY †††

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Maundy Thursday	April 1	6:30 PM
Good Friday	April 2	Noon and 6:30 PM
Easter	April 4	7:30 and 9:30 AM sanctuary 10:45 AM LOFT

No worship service on Saturday, April 3.