

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Palm Sunday – April 10, 2022

Announcements and prayer concerns

Call to Worship with Palms

L: With palm branches in hand, we greet the One who comes to save us from our sin.

C: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

A: With raised voices, we glorify the Messiah who comes humbly riding on a donkey.

C: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

L: With jubilant song, we worship the King who comes to rule in righteousness and peace.

C: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

A: With penitent hearts, we repent before the Lord who is holy and just.

C: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

L: With soaring spirits, we rejoice in the God of our salvation.

C: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

A: Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king comes to you sitting on a donkey's colt.

C: Amen.

We will read psalm 118 responsively as process to the sanctuary:

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

³Let the house of Aaron say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

⁴**Let those who fear the LORD say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**

⁵Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.

⁶**With the LORD on my side I do not fear. What can mortals do to me?**

⁷The LORD is on my side to help me; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

⁸**It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in mortals.**

⁹It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

¹⁰**All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!**

¹¹They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

¹²**They surrounded me like bees; they blazed like a fire of thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!**

¹³I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me.

¹⁴**The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.**

¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

¹⁶**the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”**

¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Gathering Hymn - All Glory, Laud, and Honor- ELW # 344

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3a8fTTrAdE>

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 Blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

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.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Their praises you accepted, accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.

Invocation

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: On Palm Sunday, the crowds welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with the cry of "Hosanna!" But on Friday they called out for his execution, shouting "Crucify him!" So also our sin has led to Christ's crucifixion. We repent of that sin and seek God's mercy to absolve our iniquity.

L: Most merciful God,

C: we have sinned much and are in need of your salvation. We cry to you “Hosanna, save us!” We ask you not to remember our evil but instead to forgive our transgression. For the sake of your humble servant, Jesus Christ, pardon us and restore us in righteousness. Renew our spirits so that we walk in obedience to your Word, to the glory of your holy name.

L: We cry to you for mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection

L: Hear the good news! God’s Word declares: “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Behold your king comes to you: righteous and having salvation is he”. In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for us. For Christ’s sake God forgives us all sins and gives us his righteousness, making us holy in his sight and giving us salvation. His mercy endures forever because his love for us is steadfast.

C: Amen.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

**Hymn of Praise –
Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here - ELW #358
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nw9kPRJ_eMY**

Prayer of the Day

A: 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.

C: In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection,

A: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word

First reading – Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter 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. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second reading – 2 Corinthians 2:14 — 17

¹⁴But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him. ¹⁵For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; ¹⁶to the one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? ¹⁷For we

are not peddlers of God's word like so many; but in Christ we speak as persons of sincerity, as persons sent from God and standing in his presence.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – John 12:12-19

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<https://youtu.be/57O3nBfuKww>

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. ¹⁷So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. ¹⁸It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. ¹⁹The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!"

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message – Tim Leitner, SAM

https://youtu.be/Y5yF79_SXYo

Hymn of the day My Song is Love Unknown - ELW #343

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kny2mYcs5eo>

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead,
on the third day, he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

L: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make us unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For the earth and all its inhabitants, created in love: Train us to recognize your divine goodness in the world around us. Rouse in us a reverence for creation, that we take greater care of its resources.

Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For those in positions of authority called to lead with integrity and compassion: Supply them with courage and vulnerability when challenged with new ideas. Deliver them from fear that limits imagination and impedes justice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For those who suffer, waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Heal those who are ill (*especially*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For Christians around the world, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross: Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We remember those who have died, who were commended into your hands. Remember us when you come into your kingdom, and prepare a place for each of us with you in paradise. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Offering Prayer

A: Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.

C: Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Meal – Consecration

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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Communion

Post Communion Blessing

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.

C: Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

Blessing

L: You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God, motherly, majestic and mighty,
+bless you this day and always.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land – ELW #333

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUh0csSsXkk>

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Jesus meets us on the way.

C: Thanks be to God.