

PALM SUNDAY

April 5, 2020

10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Palm Sunday leads us into Holy Week, which focuses us on the celebration of the mystery of our salvation. In baptism, we have been joined to this story; in Holy Week, we make our way through it again, because it brings us to life with Christ.

SILENT PRAYER

ANTHEM: *The Palms*

(sung by Alan Shunk)

Faure

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Stand

Palm branches are distributed before the service begins.

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

P 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 branches and those who carry them.
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.

C **Amen.**

A Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

HYMN: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

The presiding minister concludes the procession.

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

Sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

The divine warrior image follows the image of God entering into Jerusalem. The Gospels use this passage in their accounts of Jesus riding into Jerusalem in the days before his crucifixion.

A A reading from Zechariah.
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.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *The Holy City* (Sung by Jamie Shields)

Adams

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience, even to death, and his exaltation as Lord of all.

A A reading from Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

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 should bend,

in heaven and on earth and

under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

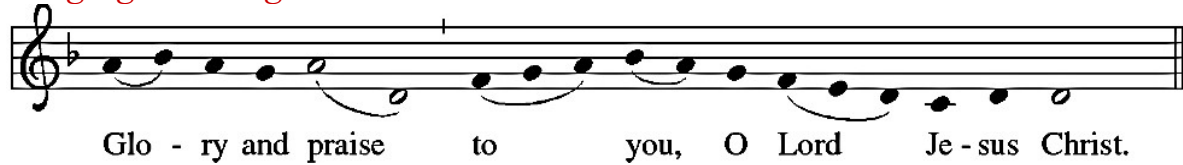
A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation sings Lenten Acclamation:



Choir sings the Verse:



Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death | on a cross.*

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above | ev'ry name.

Congregation repeats Lenten Acclamation.



GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-9

Jesus enters Jerusalem.

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P When 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!”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Kochenderfer

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*

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1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The wing - ed
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and

tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -
 squad-rons of the sky Look down with sad and won-d'ring
 fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his sap - phire

sue, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
 gin O'er cap - tive death and con- quered sin.
 eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 throne A - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.

- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die,
 bow your meek head to mortal pain,
 then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

The Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed may be spoken. The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

NICENE CREED

¶ With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

☩ We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- A** Lord Jesus Christ, you came in fulfillment of the promise to deliver us, once
and for all, from the tyranny of sin and death. We rejoice that you are always
coming and have come to us. Help us to crown you as Lord of life that you
may reign always in our hearts and homes. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for the church, for its pastors and bishops, for the newly baptized,
for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in
grace. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase
of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and
among peoples. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of
war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit,
for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day
will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts...
Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and
especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete
their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in your
mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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.

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)

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

C **Amen**

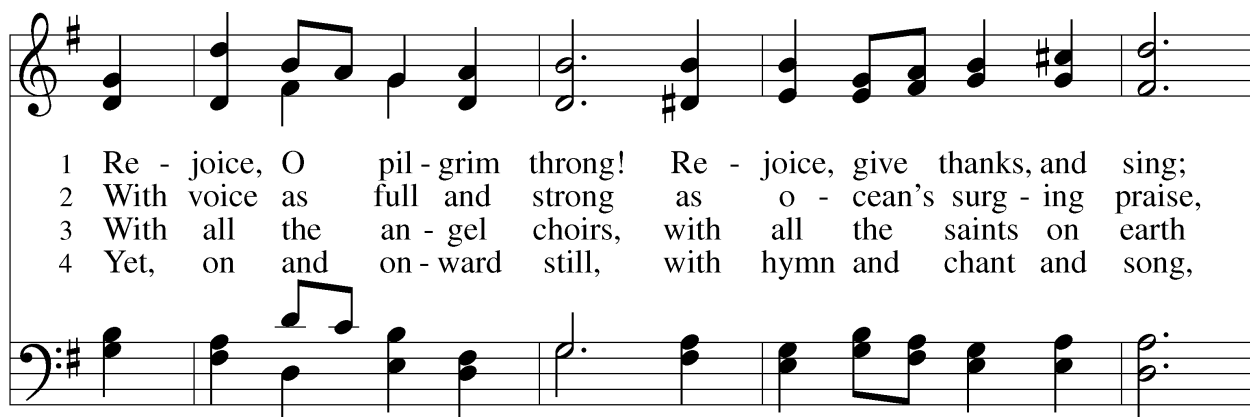
DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.


C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: *Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!*

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1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
 4 Yet, on and on - ward still, with hymn and chant and song,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 through gate and porch and col - umned aisle the hal - lowed path - ways throng.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Re - joice! Re - joice!

5 Still lift your standard high,
 still march in firm array,
 as pilgrims through the darkness wend
 till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*

6 At last the march shall end;
 the wearied ones shall rest;
 the pilgrims find their home at last,
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

7 Praise him who reigns on high,
 the Lord whom we adore:
 the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 one God forevermore. *Refrain*

POSTLUDE:



The Easter Cycle celebrates the events surrounding our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the Easter Cycle includes the Lenten season, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. This cycle concludes with the Day of Pentecost, as the culmination of the resurrection through the coming of the Holy Spirit to Christ's followers.

The liturgical color scarlet, symbolic of Jesus' blood, is the preferred color for Palm Sunday. Purple, symbolic of our penitence and Jesus' royalty, is the alternate color for Palm Sunday.

The Story of Our Hymns

All glory, laud and honor

Theodulph of Orleans, c. 750-821

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866

Source: *Medieval Hymns*, 1851

Bishop Theodulph was imprisoned in 818 for conspiring against King Louis the Pious. This hymn was probably written while in prison, originally in 78 lines which was shortened and translated from the Latin by Neale. It has become the traditional Palm Sunday processional hymn throughout the church.