## HOLY COMMUNION Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023 8 & 10:30AM

#### 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

PRELUDE: Palm Sunday Procession Lehenbauer

#### **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.
- **G** 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,
- in the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

# All Glory, Laud, and Honor



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## The presiding minister concludes the procession.

- P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- **G** Hosanna in the highest.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- 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 reading from Zechariah. A <sup>9</sup>Rejoice 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. <sup>10</sup>He 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. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return 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.

### Later service only.

## PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29 (The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.)

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good;\*

his mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel | now proclaim,\*

"His mercy en- | dures forever."

<sup>19</sup>Open for me the | gates of righteousness;\*

I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the Lord.

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate | of the Lord;\*

he who is right- | eous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me\* and have become | my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The same stone which the build- | ers rejected\* has become the chief | cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>This is | the Lord's doing,\* and it is marvelous | in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>On this day the | Lord has acted;\* we will rejoice and be | glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>Hosanna, | Lord, hosanna!\*

Lord, send us | now success.

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the Lord;\* we bless you from the house | of the Lord.

<sup>27</sup>God is the Lord; he has | shined upon us;\*

form a procession with branches up to the horns | of the altar.

<sup>28</sup>"You are my God, and | I will thank you;\* you are my God, and I | will exalt you."

<sup>29</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good;\* his mercy en- | dures forever.

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#### 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** reading from Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and 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**

The congregation sings the Acclamation.

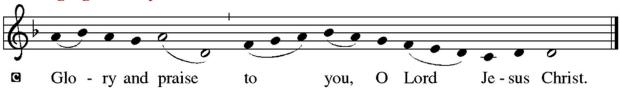


## The choir sings the Verse.



Blessed is | he that comes in the name | of the Lord.

## The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



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GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem.

- **P** The holy gospel according to Matthew.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying 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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"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."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The 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!"

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

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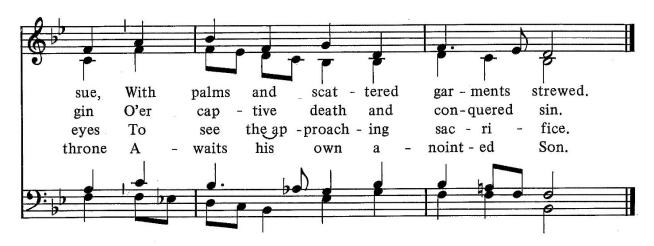
SERMON Pastor Weleck

Later service only:

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Ride On, Ride On in Majesty! Printed on the next page.







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!

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

#### **NICENE CREED**

- P 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

- With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, 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.
- 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,
- **e** hear our prayer.
- 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.
- 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.
- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

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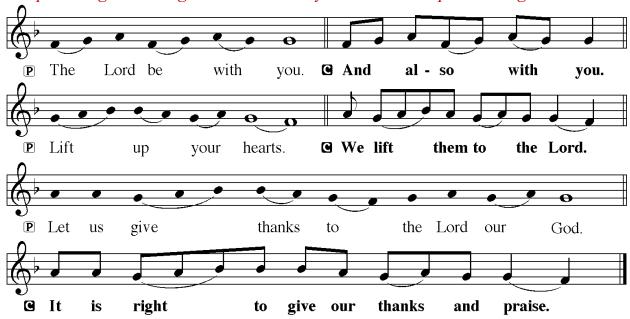
## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

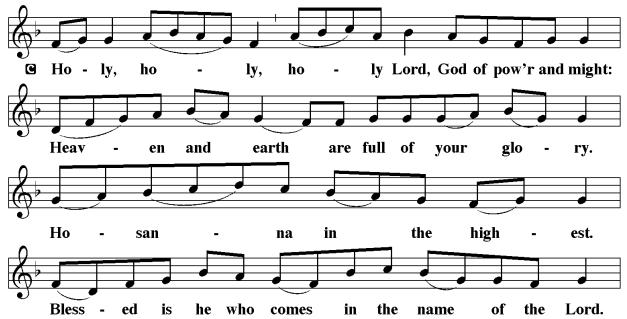
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly sings the SANCTUS:



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The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS; BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING:

TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY + BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU.

DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS,

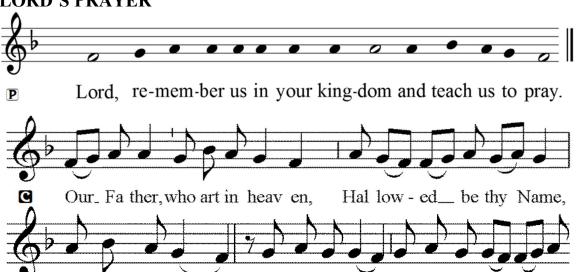
AND GAVE IT FOR ALL TO DRINK, SAYING:

THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY + BLOOD,

SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN.

DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

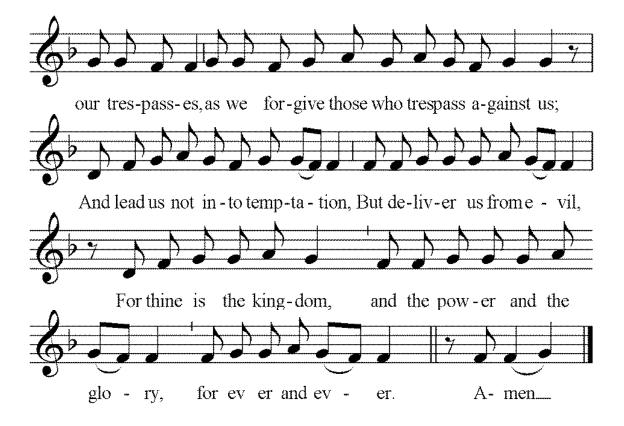
#### LORD'S PRAYER



Thy King-dom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it\_is\_in



heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread; And for-give us



#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- Behold the Lamb of God,behold him who takes away the sins of the world.Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

### Sit

#### COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

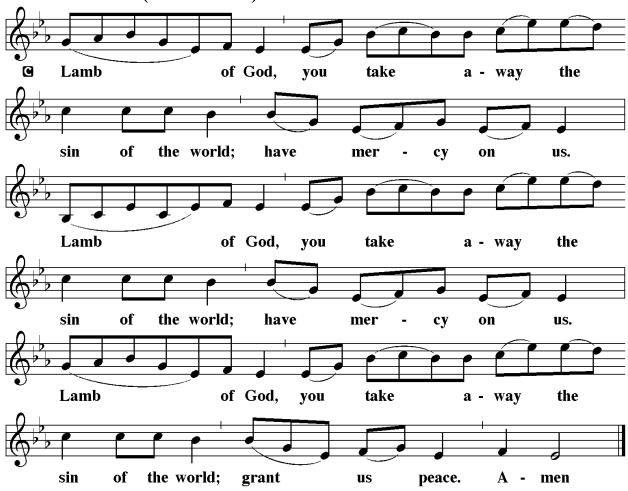
We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another

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Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.

Music during Communion:

## LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



**ANTHEM:** Palm Sunday Welcome

Lovelace

Stand

#### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

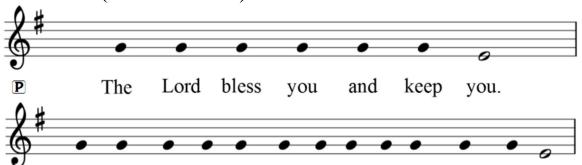
We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you
and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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#### **SENDING**

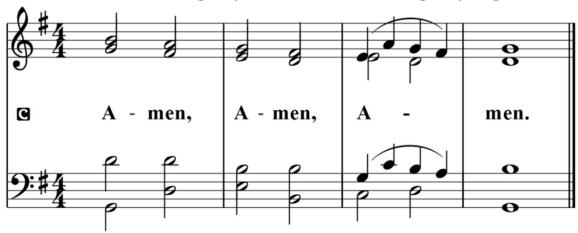
## **BLESSING (BENEDICTION)**



The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.



The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



#### **DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!

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# Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!



- 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*

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#### **OFFERING**

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Burkhardt

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**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.

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10:30 am lessons: Sonya Sowards 10:30 am prayers: Alanna Jessee

Communion Assistant: Gary Wessner

Acolyte: Andrew Schlegel

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine and Sally Sweeney

10:30 am: Deb Scholl and Marie Conover

Offering Tabulation: Gary Wessner, Matthew Vera, and Frank DePaul

Video Production: Jim Lien, Jeannie Funk, or Jonathan Mueller

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God in memory of Richard Miller, who recently passed, with love from the Redeyoff family.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Laurie Mueller in honor of all our choirs this Holy Week and Easter.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by the Menendez family in thanks for blessings received.

<u>The Potted Palm Plants</u> that adorn the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Cheryl & Richard Holcombe in memory of loved ones.

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**Egg Appeal (Benefits Artman Home):** For many years it has been a tradition for Augustus Women/ELCA to support Liberty Lutheran Services, a human services organization, (esp. Artman Home) thru our annual "Egg Appeal". For this "Egg Appeal", Augustus Women/ELCA will collect money at both church worship services today on Palm Sunday, April 2, for Artman Home.

Artman Home is a non-profit, faith-based senior living facility located in Ambler, Pa, offering personal care, short-term rehabilitation, skilled nursing and hospice care for over 100 years. Artman was first established in 1916 as a home for poor and deserving Lutherans of all ages and of both sexes. Artman today is known for its endless hospitality and care for its residents, even long after a resident's money runs out. Your donation helps to make this benevolence possible.

We are a wonderful church community that works together to achieve a common goal of helping those people in need. All proceeds collected will go directly to Artman Home for their use benefitting its residents. Thank you, in advance, for your contribution.







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