### HOLY COMMUNION Palm Sunday

#### March 28, 2021

#### 8 & 10:30 AM

### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

#### SILENT PRAYER

#### **PRELUDE:**

8:00 am: Dorian Toccata 10:30 am: The Palms Bach 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.
- **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.

#### **G** Amen.

- **A** Let us go forth in peace,
- **G** in the name of Christ. Amen.

## HYMN: 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

**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 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.

## **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.

#### Philippians 2:5-11

## SECOND READING

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. A 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 deatheven 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.

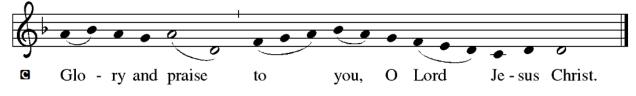
**A** The word of the Lord.

## **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Stand

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



## GOSPEL

Jesus enters Jerusalem.

**P** The holy gospel according to Mark.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

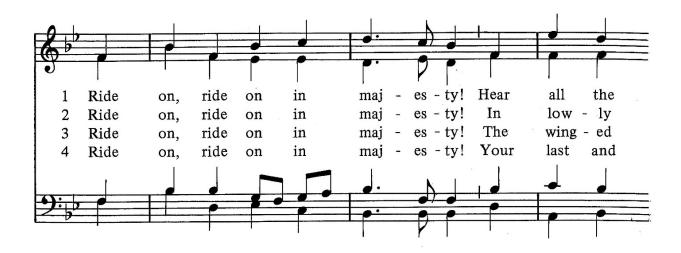
**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

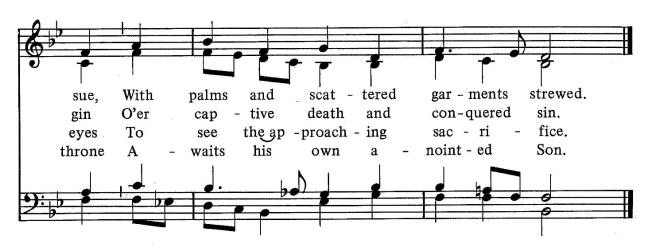
#### Sit SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand 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!

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.
- **G** 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 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.

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.

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.

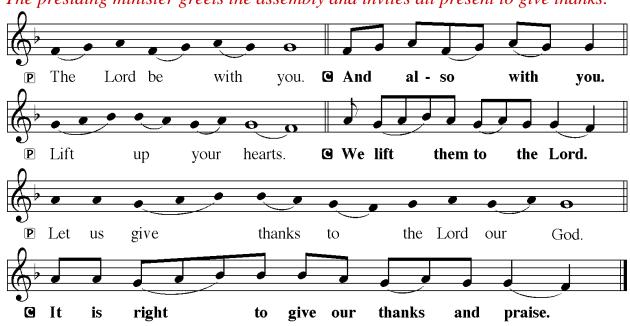
A We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

#### **C** hear our prayer.

- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- **C** Amen.

The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church. The service continues with the Great Thanksgiving.

#### LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

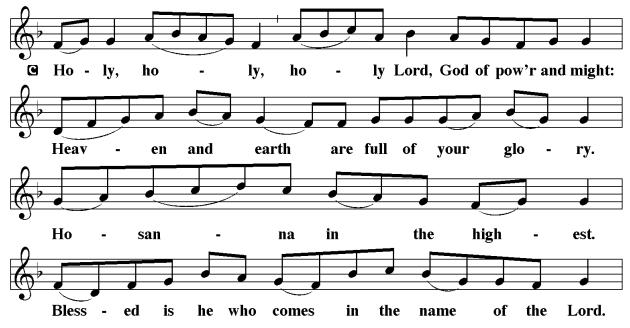


The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:

# The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

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

The assembly sings the SANCTUS:





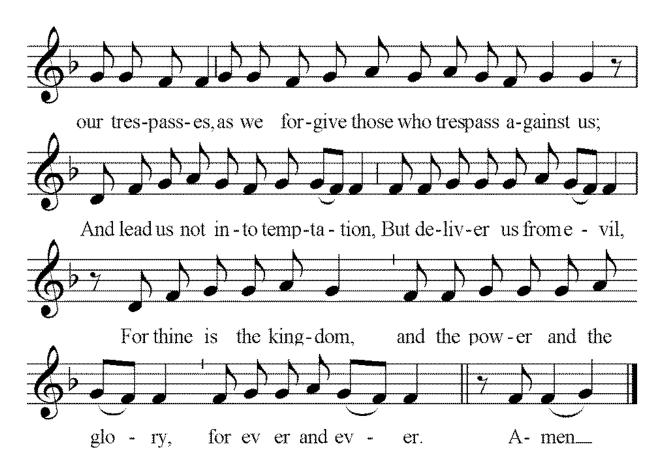
The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

 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





## 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, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given 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 Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing. At the direction of the ushers, approach the communion station, receive the host in your palm, move to the side and place the host in your mouth, and return to your seat.



Music during Communion: LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

## Stand

# **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

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

**G** Amen.

### SENDING

## **BLESSING (BENEDICTION)**



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! Printed on the next page.* 



- 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*

### **OFFERING**

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

**POSTLUDE:** All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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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.

A few palm branches are saved for the Ash Wednesday liturgy the following year.

## 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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Vestry Greeters: Debra Augustine, Brian O'Hara, and Chilly Lyaro

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<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar in the Brick Church Nave</u> are given to the glory of God by James and Sally Lorah in loving memory of Son, J. Scott Lorah.

<u>The Potted Palms</u> that adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holcombe and family in memory of loved ones.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Deborah Harley in loving memory of husband, Jerry Harley.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tartar and family wishing blessings for Jennifer and William Tartar.

<u>Altar Guild Help Wanted:</u> Altar Guild members attend to the altar on Sundays. They change and adjust the paraments, prepare the Holy Communion elements, place and remove the flowers, and a host of other small jobs that are so important to our weekly worship. Are you interested in helping? No experience required! We'll train you! Contact Deb Scholl at <u>Schollde@aol.com</u>.

# We're so glad to see you today!

We hope you are as glad to be back at worship as we are! Please keep in mind that the church, like everywhere else during these careful times, has had to make changes in order to adhere to CDC guidelines. Some of these changes are inconvenient, but we must all do our part to protect ourselves and our church family. Your patience and cooperation are very much appreciated. If you have questions about new policies, please feel free to speak with one of the Vestry ushers.

Please see a list of changes/requirements for worship on the following page.

<u>We will continue to post videos of our services on our web site</u> along with the complete bulletin for those who are unable to join us during this strange time in which we live.

<u>The Church office and all church buildings will remain closed.</u> Please check our web site for opening updates. The Parish Administrator will be available during normal office hours via telephone or e-mail.

We are never alone during this stressful time. Jesus walks alongside us every step of the way.

# **Augustus Re-Opening Information for Parishioners:**

- Please stay home if you are sick, feel ill, have a fever, or have been exposed to an individual diagnosed with Covid-19 (Coronavirus) within the last 14 days.
- Please stay home if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19. If you are uncertain about your risk status, please consult your doctor.
- Worship will be held at the usual times: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM.
- Before entering the Church, please put on your own facemask or cloth covering. (Facemasks will not be provided by Augustus.) Exceptions to wearing a facemask or other covering are "children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing ... and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance" (CDC Guidelines).
- Please maintain social distancing guidelines with those people who are not members of your household.
- Due to current restrictions, you will probably not sit in your usual place at worship. Ushers will direct you to your seat, filling the church from the front to back to minimize contact. The only appropriate response to this temporary but necessary change is a patient and loving spirit.
- A complete large print worship bulletin will be given to you by an usher. No hymnals will be used. When leaving the church, please take the bulletin with you or place it in the recycle bin. It cannot be re-used.
- We will sing less than customary at this time. This is an added disappointment for Lutherans, but it is only a temporary restriction.
- Communion will be distributed to you as you come forward at the direction of the ushers. Only the host will be distributed. It will be placed in the palm of your hand. Please keep your mask on and move away from the Pastor. Then remove your mask, place the host in your mouth, and put your mask back on and return to your seat.
- The ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows starting in the back of the church. Please proceed immediately and directly to the exit of the church building.
- The offering will be received as you leave. Please place your offering in one of the receptacles at the door.