

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020 Service of the Word

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PALM SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21: 1-11

¹When 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!"

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

BLESSING OF BRANCHES

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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,

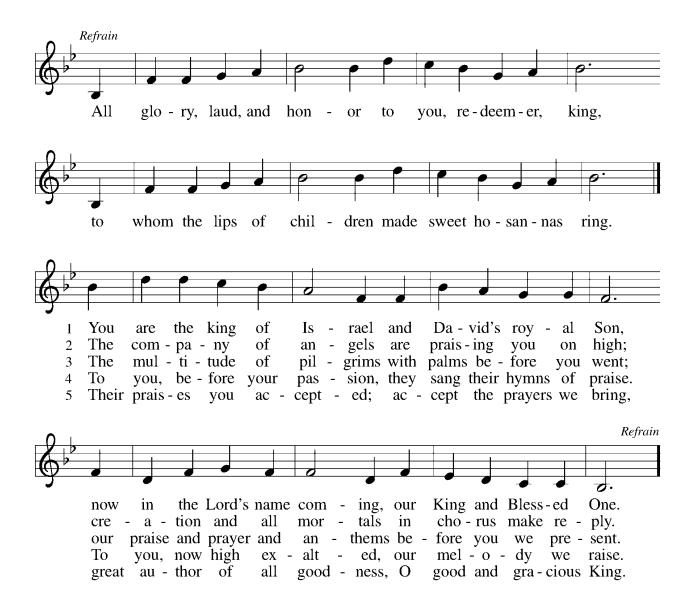
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSION

SONG

"All Glory Laud and Honor" (vs. 1, 5) ELW 344



READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

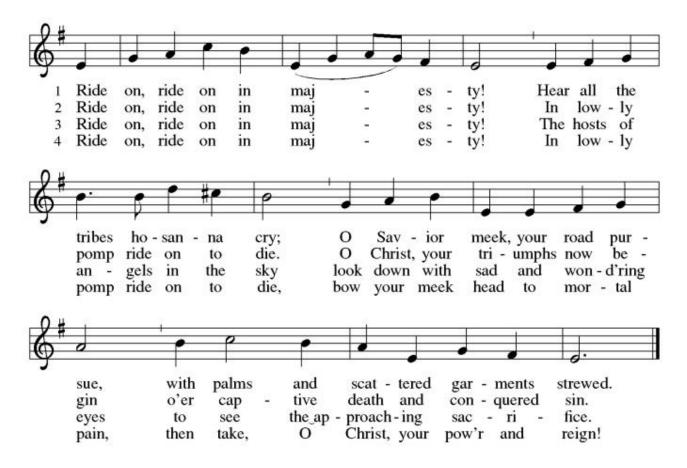
⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ^she who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

SERMON

Pastor Tuula Van Gaasbeek

SONG

"Ride on, Ride on in Majesty' (vs. 1, 4) ELW 346



READING: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

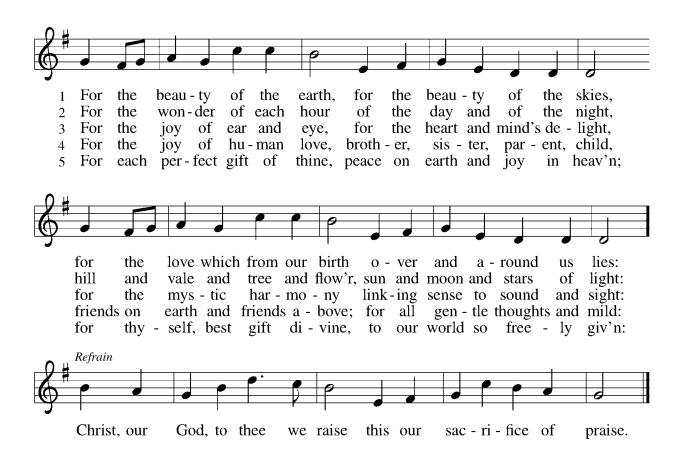
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (CREED)

I believe in the God of Life who creates and loves people, who acts in history and who promises never to leave us alone. I believe in Jesus of Nazareth, who is our brother and who wants us to follow him. I believe that we dwell in the presence of the Holy Spirit without whom we are nothing; filled with the spirit we are able to become creative, lively and free. I believe in the Church of Jesus Christ, a community where we find companions and courage for the struggles of life, where we grow in our understanding of the faith, through worship, prayer, nurture and service. I believe that God has a use for us in this time and place, that though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we are called to be instruments of God's peace and love. I believe in living, hoping, laughing, and enjoying the good of the earth; I believe that God keeps pulling us to life and to new world of joy and peace.

SHARING OF PEACE

SONG

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (vs. 1, 2) ELW 879



OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our prayers....

Rodney Erlandson, Melody Hogeveen, Mary Hughes, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Kylie Mahoney, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

EASTER FLOWERS: This fundraiser has unfortunately been CANCELLED. Terra Nurseries is temporarily closed. All monies will be returned as soon as possible.



Lenten Box Outreach Project: Just a reminder for those of you who are taking part in this mission project for the 40 days of Lent, to please bring your Lenten Box back to church with your envelope number and name on it. We will be putting this money towards a Gift From the Heart from Lutheran World Relief.

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