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PALM SUNDAY
SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

MARCH 28, 2021

+ *God Gathers Us In His Presence* +

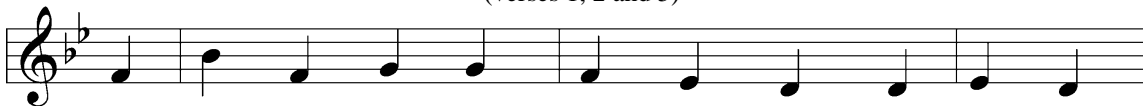
WELCOME:

OPENING PRAYER:

OPENING HYMN:

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”
(verses 1, 2 and 5)

LSB 441



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

THE ACCOUNT OF PALM SUNDAY: *Luke 19:29-44*

When Jesus came near Bethany at the Mount of Olives (as it was called), Jesus sent two of His disciples ahead of Him. He said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you. As you enter, you will find a young donkey tied there. No one has ever sat on it. Untie it, and bring it. If anyone asks you why you are untying it, say that the Lord needs it.”

The men Jesus sent found it as He had told them. While they were untying the young donkey, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the donkey?”

The disciples answered, “The Lord needs it.”

They brought the donkey to Jesus, put their coats on it, and helped Jesus onto it. As He was riding along, people spread their coats on the road. By this time He was coming near the place where the road went down the Mount of Olives. Then the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God for all the miracles they had seen. They shouted joyfully, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven.”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell Your disciples to be quiet.”

Jesus replied, “I can guarantee that if they are quiet, the stones will cry out.”

When He came closer and saw the city, He began to cry. He said, “If you had only known today what would bring you peace! But now it is hidden, so you cannot see it. The time will come when enemy armies will build a wall to surround you and close you in on every side. They will level you to the ground and kill your people. One stone will not be left on top of another, because you didn’t recognize the time when God came to help you.” – GW ®

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION:

Leader: In the name of God the Father, whose presence we now enter.

People: Hosanna!

Leader: In the name of God the Son,
who entered Jerusalem as its coming King and our sacrificial Lamb.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: In the name of God the Spirit, who has entered our hearts moving us to cheer our Lord's gracious arrival, even as we observe our lives with mournful repentance.

**People: Hosanna!
Blessed is He who comes to us in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Dear Lord, many times we have known what You have needed from us, yet we were unwilling to give.

**People: Especially this year Lord, we've been found questioning You,
"What are You doing?"
"Why are You taking?"
"Why have You not?"
"Why have You allowed?"
"Why, Lord, why?"**

Leader: Like the crowd in Jerusalem, we too rejoice at Your arrival.

**People: Yet, we must confess,
that at times we live as if You were never to arrive.
In our attitudes and our actions,
in our desires and our deeds
we have lived as if You were far off,
uninvolved and unconcerned with Your children's behavior.**

Leader: Yet our unworthiness goes much deeper.

**People: We are by nature fallen, unholy and self absorbed.
Often finding ourselves using You to justify our will and our wants.
We admit Lord, that we deserve to have You come to us in judgment.**

Leader: Yet Lord, for the Glory of Your name and the sake of Your love enter our lives today, triumphant and victorious, forgiving and merciful.

People: Bestow on us Your blessing and save us Lord.

Leader: Hosanna, the Lord saves and He has saved you!
The Lord comes here today in these words to cheer you,
"For Jesus' sake your sin is forgiven."

People: **Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest!**

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

People: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Leader: O Lord, on this day You entered a city that rejoiced over You,
only to later reject You.

People: **Our faith is often as fickle as Jerusalem's
and both praises and curses fall from our lips too.
Come to us anew Lord;**

Leader: As You have declared us holy, send us Your Holy Spirit
that we might serve and live with a holy purpose:
that many more might greet Your arrival with joy!

People: **Amen.**

+ *God Gives Us the Gift of His Word* +

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Zechariah 9:9-12*

Rejoice with all your heart, people of Zion!
Shout in triumph, people of Jerusalem!
Look! Your King is coming to you: He is righteous and victorious.
He is humble and rides on a donkey, on a colt, a young pack animal.
He will make sure there are no chariots in Ephraim or war horses in Jerusalem.
There will be no battle bows.
He will announce peace to the nations.
He will rule from sea to sea and from the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth.
I will set your captives free from the waterless pit
because of the blood that sealed my promise to you.
Return to your fortress, you captives who have hope.
Today I tell you that I will return to you double blessings. –GW®

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *Philippians 2:5-11*

Have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Although He was in the form of God and equal with God,
He did not take advantage of this equality.
Instead, He emptied Himself by taking on the form of a servant,
by becoming like other humans, by having a human appearance.
He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, death on a cross.
This is why God has given Him an exceptional honor—
the name honored above all other names—
so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and in the world below
will kneel and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. –GW®

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: *“Hosanna” (Hillsong Music)* Solo

SERMON:

+ *We Give Thanks for God's Word* +

OFFERING:

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

NICENE CREED:

(* *catholic means the universal Christian Church*)

**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;**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Leader: As we journey through this week of our Lord's passion and death,
let us turn to God, the giver of new life.

(A brief silence)

Leader: Merciful Father, Your Son endured triumphs and terrors in Jerusalem.
Give steadfastness to all Your people in this Holy Week,
and give us insight to meditate faithfully
upon the mystery of the Lamb of God
sacrificed for sheep, like us, who love to wander. Hear us, O God;

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Merciful Father, may the gentle rule of Jesus the Prince of Peace
be known throughout the world.
Hear us, O God;

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Merciful Father, may Your grace sustain all who are sick, (especially...).
May they know Your healing presence. Hear us, O God;

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Merciful Father, keep us in communion
with those who have gone before us into Your endless joy,
and bless those who mourn or rejoice this day, (especially...).
Hear us, O God;

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Merciful Father, hear us when we cry to You;
renew us, and uphold us with Your Spirit;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who has taught us to pray:

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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

+ *God Sends Us Forth for Lives of Love and Service* +

THE BLESSING:

Leader: As He sat on a donkey Jesus gave the beast of burden,

People: **a new dignity.**

Leader: As He entered His own city in humility Jesus gave royalty,

People: **a new grace.**

Leader: As He welcomed the praise of the crowd
Jesus gave those longing for redemption,

People: **a new song.**

Leader: With them, we give Him our hearts and voices, as we cry:

People: **Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

CLOSING HYMN:

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

LSB 443



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 “Ho - san - na in the high - est!” That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!



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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

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Liturgist/Bible Study Leader: Pastor Seth Moorman

Scripture Reader: Phil Bright

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Powerpoint Operator: Richard Staley

Recorder of Service: Carol Doss

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Sunday at Holy Cross begins at **10:00 am** with Adult Bible Study (Parish Hall) and Sunday School (Youth Room for 7th - 9th Graders & Classroom 3 for elementary students).
- Worship Service then follows, beginning at **11:00 am**.



- **April 1: Maundy Thursday Virtual Worship Service** via zoom. Zoom Meeting ID: 848 9442 8411 --- Passcode: Jesus1 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84894428411?pwd=WXRzQ0RkenFmMkFYyMTQyNEJXeEFNQT09>
- **April 2: Good Friday Worship Service** in the Sanctuary (7:00 pm)
- **April 4: Easter Sunday Worship Service** in the Sanctuary (11:00 am)

Remember to pick-up a copy of the **Portal of Prayers Devotional**
(April – June)



Portals of Prayer



Couch Conversations

Take some time this week with your family, or on your own, to have some couch conversations about our text and theme for worship: ***Zechariah 9:9-12 & John 12:12-19***

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understand exactly Jesus was. But soon the cheers turned into jeers, as the crowd would soon cry out, "Crucify Him!"

- Share about a time where you seemed to know who Jesus was, only to act in a way that was contrary to His teachings.
- Jesus knew that he was not to be an earthly king. What did he do that showed he was different?
- How do Jesus's actions still have power today?



“Joining Jesus On His Mission”

Learn how you can join Jesus in His mission every day by reading and discussing the book ***“Joining Jesus On His Mission”*** by Pastor Greg Finke. **The book study is on Sunday at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.**

The study began March 7th, but you can still join! **Books are still available** - contact Carol Doss or the church office. Material is also available for you to **join the journey at your own pace on-line via**

the Bethany website (<http://www.bethanylutheran.org> - select "Bible Discovery Resources").



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Thrivent Members: Please designate your **Choice Dollars** to Holy Cross. **The Choice dollars must be designated prior to March 31st.** You can designate your Choice Dollars on Thrivent.com or contact your Thrivent representative.

Living Way Bible Study





Starting **April 7th**, the Living Way Bible Study starts up again. The Bible Study is held every **Wednesday in the Parish Hall from 1:00–2:30pm**. The Study of Matthew continues as follows thru June 23rd. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Fuqua. **Hope to see you there!**

* April 7–Lesson 16 * April 14–Lesson 17 * April 21–Lesson 18 * April 28–Lesson 19 *

Tuesday through Thursday (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)
(Remember to wear a face mask upon entry to the Church Office.)



This week at Holy Cross Lutheran Church
 (following HC published "Safe Together" Protocol)

	3/28	10:00 am	Sunday School, Youth Group and Bible Study
		11:00 am	Palm Sunday Worship Service
		3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Boy Scouts (to move to Monday 6:30-8:30 pm)
Monday	3/29		
Tuesday	3/30	9:00 am - noon	555 Team - Making Time for Prayer (Room 7)
		10:00 am - noon	Food Pantry
		10:00 am	MAC
		4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Confirmation (Church Office Conference Room)
Wednesday	3/31	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Choir/Worship Team
	4/1	5:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Salam Ministries
		7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Virtual Service (hosted by Bethany Lutheran)
	4/2	7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship Service
Saturday	4/3	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
		9:15 am	Elders Meeting
	4/4	10:00 am	Sunday School, Youth Group and Bible Study
		11:00 am	Easter Worship Service with HC
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Any additional events require prior approval by the Leadership Board.

- Please continue to pray for continued healing and recovery for Ken Culley.
- Praise the Lord for all the workers that were able to come to Saturday's Work Day at Holy Cross to prepare for Holy Week.



Be a part of the **Easter Service at Holy Cross** by purchasing an **Easter Lily to place at the Altar**. Cost is \$10.00 - Make check payable to Holy Cross LWML. Flyers with additional details and envelopes are available in the Narthex. **Thank you** for helping decorate the church in celebration of Easter!

WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS

March 28, 2021



As you attend worship with your family, use this page to help you pay attention, ask questions and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing and listening to what God has to say to us today.



Who led the children's message today?

One thing I learned today in worship was...

What is one of the Bible Verses we are reading today?
Book:
Chapter:
Verse:

Words I heard but don't know...



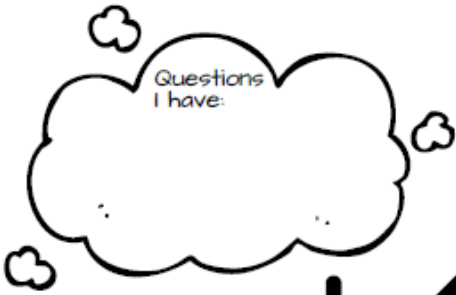
My Favorite Song today was:

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Who helped in worship today?

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Write or draw something you heard in the sermon or saw in church today.



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