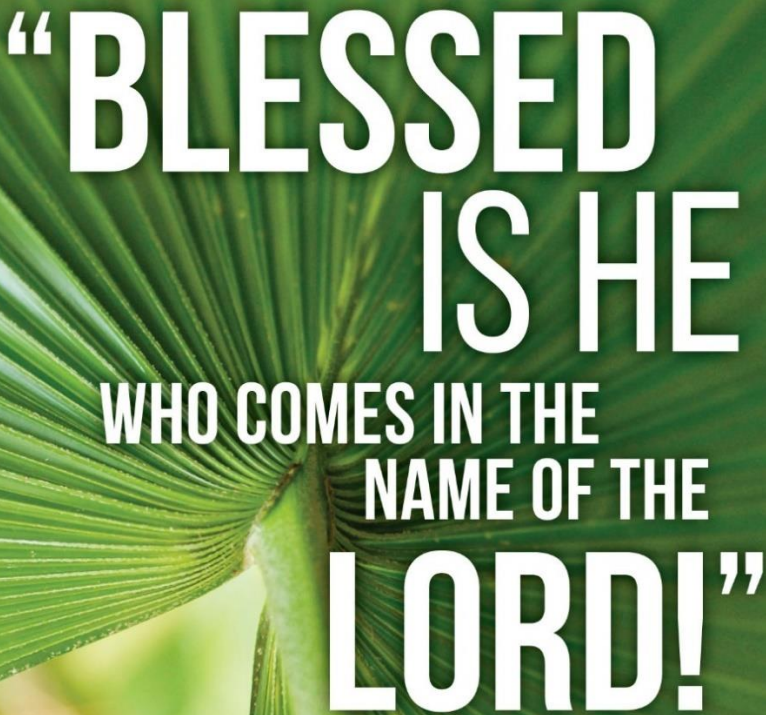


# ***PALM SUNDAY***

From Palms to Passion: Jesus for You

**April 13, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**



**“BLESSED  
IS HE  
WHO COMES IN THE  
NAME OF THE  
LORD!”**

**JOHN 12:13, NIV**



**AS WE GATHER**

*Today we are brought to the threshold of Holy Week. How quickly things can change in a week! On this Palm Sunday, we see Jesus enter Jerusalem with palms, a symbol of victory, strewn in the road and being waved. Yet it was from that entry that Jesus went to show His true love—His passion—by dying on the cross on Friday. That death showed His love for you. By faith, we believe what Jesus did was for us. Everything about us—our sin, our eternal destination—changed that week because Jesus took the road from palms to passion. Receive what Jesus did for you by faith, knowing your home in heaven was paid for with the King’s ransom—His own blood.*

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

*\*The congregation is invited to gather in the entry hall with palm branches and coats for the Palm Sunday Processional.\**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

**P** Hosanna!  
**C** **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!  
**C** **Hosanna in the highest!**

**COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.  
Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL *John 12:12–19*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

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

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

‘Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—  
the King of Israel!’

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

‘Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey’s colt!’

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, ‘You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!’

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** **in the name of the Lord.**

## HYMN

## "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*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 Is 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 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
 And we with all cre - a - tion 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.  
 O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulf of Orléans, c. 762–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.; setting: *Lutheran Book of Worship: Select Hymns*, 1985

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## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father,  
**C** **who loved us unconditionally, even before the foundation of the world;**

**P** and of The ✠ Son, Jesus,  
**C** **the name above all names, who came to pay a King's ransom for us;**

**P** and of the Holy Spirit,  
**C** **who brings us to the faith and keeps us in the faith from the cradle to grave. Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** We confess before You, Lord, that we have sinned against You.  
**C** **We have sinned not only against You but one another, with what we have thought, what we have said, and by what we have or have not done.**

**P** We unseat You and put ourselves on the throne that belongs only to You.  
**C** **Our pride in these and all sins deserves Your punishment, yet today we approach Your throne of grace, asking for Your mercy.**

**P** So I ask you now: are you sincere in this, your confession before God, and promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."  
**C** **Yes, with the help of God.**

**P** Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday to show His love for you at the cross. At the cross, He showed His passion for you by dying for your sins and paying the price we could not pay. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen! Thank You, Lord, for Your passion for us.**

**✠ WORD ✠**


## GREETING

**[P]** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**C Hosanna in the highest!**

*We greet one another with a sign of peace.*

## KYRIE

 **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, on this day, You entered Jerusalem with pomp and circumstance, yet Your true passion was to be sacrificed for our sins. Help us, we pray, to look past the pomp and circumstance and see Your passion for us; we ask this in Your name, who with the Father and Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 32:36–39* (God will vindicate His people.)

Indeed the Lord will vindicate his people,  
have compassion on his servants,  
when he sees that their power is gone,  
neither bond nor free remaining.

Then he will say: Where are their gods,  
the rock in which they took refuge,  
who ate the fat of their sacrifices,  
and drank the wine of their libations?

Let them rise up and help you,  
let them be your protection!

See now that I, even I, am he;  
there is no god besides me.

I kill and I make alive;  
I wound and I heal;  
and no one can deliver from my hand.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

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



# PSALM

Psalm 118:19–29



**[P]** The Lord is my strength and my sóng,\*  
and he has become my salvátion.

**[C]** There is a sound of exultation and victory\*  
in the tents of the ríghteous:

*The right hand of the Lord has tríumphed!\**

*The right hand of the Lord is exalted! /*

*The right hand of the Lord has tríumphed!"*

I shall not die, but líve,\*  
and declare the works of the Lórd.

*The Lord has punished me sórely,\*  
but he did not hand me over to déath.*

Open for me the gates of righteousnéss,\*

I will enter them; / (breathe)

I will offer thanks to the Lórd.

*This is the gate of the Lórd,\*  
he who is righteous may énter.*

I will give thanks to you, for you answered mé\*  
and have become my salvátion.

*The same stone which the builders rejected\*  
has become the chief cornerstóne.*

This is the Lord's dóing,\*  
and it is marvelous in our éyes.

*On this day the Lord has áted;\*  
we will rejoice and be glad in ít.*

Hosanna, Lord, hosánna!\*  
Lord, send us now succéss.

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lórd;\*  
we will bless you from the house of the Lórd.*

God is the Lord; / (breathe)

he has shined upón us;\*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the áltar.

***“You are my God, and I will thánk you;\****  
***You are my God, / (breathe)***  
***and I will exált you.”***

**Give thanks to the Lord, / (breathe)**  
**For he is góód;**  
**His mercy endures foréver.**

**EPISTLE**      *Philippians 2:5–11*

(Paul reveals what the mind of Christ is.)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he 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 every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**R**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**C**

**Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

## "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

*Refrain*

Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;

dai-ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?  
 3 When my fee-ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

*Refrain*

I'll be sat-is-fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
 Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear . . Lord, none but thee.  
 guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er to thy king-dom . . shore, to thy shore.

Text: traditional

Music: CLOSER WALK, traditional

## SERMON

## "The King is Coming"

## CREED

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made truly human;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Almighty God, King of the universe, we come before You humbly asking that You would hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will. We bow before You and give unto You our worship and praise.
- C** **We worship You not because we love You, but You loved us first and gave the King's ransom to pay our sin's debt. Thank You, Jesus, for loving us so much.**
- P** We thank You for the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives both to bring us to faith and keep us in the faith.
- C** **Continue to open the eyes of our hearts and those around us, that we might see Your entry with palms for what it really was—Your passion to save us.**
- P** As we near the day of Your return, we see a world in turmoil.
- C** **Help us, Prince of Peace, amid all the chaos, to keep our eyes fixed on You.**
- P** You are a benevolent King, known to grant requests.
- C** **While You walked this earth, You granted the requests of the blind, the lame, the deaf, and even the widow at Nain, who did not ask You for anything, and You raised her son back to life.**
- P** We lift up those who are sick and those who are suffering, *[including . . .]*.
- C** **Be with them, ease their pain, and bring relief from sicknesses through doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles to accomplish Your will in their lives.**
- P** You tell us in Your Word to remember those in authority. We lift up those who hold seats of power.
- C** **For rulers in all places, high and low, north, south, east, and west, we ask that Your Spirit would guide them and Satan's power be thwarted in all places.**
- P** For Your church in all places, that the Gospel would be powerfully proclaimed this week, and the Holy Spirit stir faith in the hearts of many,
- C** **use us according to Your will, that others may see the life of Jesus in us.**

**P** Before Your throne, almighty King, we lift these and all petitions of our hearts, trusting You will answer all according to Your will.

**C** **We pray in the name of Jesus, who with the Father and Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## OFFERING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Mantos y Palmas”**  
*(Filled with Excitement)*  
Choir

Avila/Gertrude C. Suppe

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

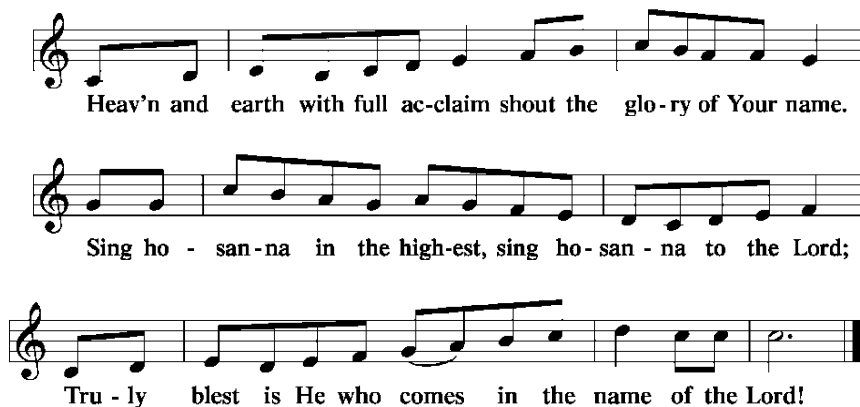
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of all people by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS





## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20;  
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER


Matthew 6:9-13



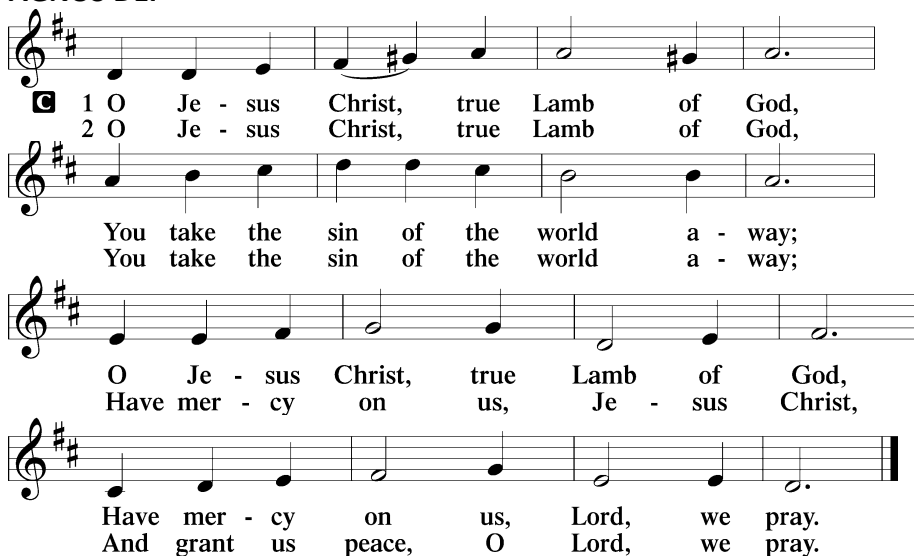
Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## PAX DOMINI



The peace of the Lord be with you always.  Amen.

## AGNUS DEI



 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.



## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

## "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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!

## NUNC DIMITTIS



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
 A light to lead the be - Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- [P]** Let us pray.  
 Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **[C] Amen.**

## BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:23-26*

**[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.

## HYMN "Ride On, King Jesus"

*Refrain*

Ride on, King Je - sus, no one can-a hin-der me.

Ride on, King Je-sus, ride on, no one can-a hin-der me.

1 King Je - sus rides a milk-white horse, no one works like him,  
2 I know that my re - deem-er lives, no one works like him,

*Refrain*

the riv - er Jor - d'n he did cross, no one works like him. Oh,  
and of his bless-ing free-ly gives, no one works like him. Oh,

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### Our Confession about Communion

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine, we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. has been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord and concur in our confession.

b. is not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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