

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.
Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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Triumphal Entry

INTRODUCTION

The week before Jesus' crucifixion is considered to be the most eventful week of His life on earth, and His triumphal entry into Jerusalem was one of the greatest highlights. Today we celebrate that day called "Palm Sunday. Jesus would appear in his glory, not in regal majesty, but in meekness with mercy to work salvation. He will, in a matter of days, shed his own blood to save all who will accept his gift of forgiveness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

ACCLAMATION

(ELW p. 256)

The presiding minister begins (repeated one or more times):

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-9

Glory to you, O Lord

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!"

BLESSING OF PALMS

(ELW p. 256)

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

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.**

OPENING HYMN: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” #344 ELW

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Righteous God,

you brought your son Jesus into Jerusalem to show people the radical grace of your love. Show us this grace, and give us eyes to see your goodness. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: “Praise the Father, Praise the Son”

FIRST 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; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM RESPONSE Psalm 118:25-29

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Please stand

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:10-17

Glory to you, O Lord

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." ¹²Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers." ¹⁴The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry ¹⁶and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself'?" ¹⁷He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Prepare the Royal Highway" #264 ELW

Please Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in Christ's passover from death to new life, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God, most holy and humble, plant in your church Christ's spirit of humility. Remove any barriers preventing us from seeing his saving work on the cross. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You reveal your will for all creation through stones, seas, mountains, and meadows. In the splendor of what you have made, show us your care for everything, both great and small. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rescue those who suffer torture, and free those held captive by others. Bring to light the hidden systems that perpetuate injustice among your people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour courage and hope into people who feel like they are wasting away in distress and grief. Restore their trust in you, even as you meet their every need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Open our hearts and minds to receive the words that you speak. Give us words to encourage the weary and to sustain one another in word and deed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Gather your saints into the new covenant that Christ has established for all creation. When we fall into sin, continually renew us until Christ dwells with us again in fullness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Attend to the needs of the whole world with your saving grace, and lead us all into new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

OFFERTORY

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.
Please rise as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God,
you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER – LED BY THE PRAISE TEAM

Invitation to Communion

Christ has prepared the feast. Come to the table where all are welcomed home.
(Communion by intinction - red wine; white apple juice)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, ✠ bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Christ Jesus, On Sunday, You Rode Into Town”

(insert)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.**

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: The Praise Team Greeters: Jerry & Pat Becker
Ushers: Don & Donna Mhyre
Hospitality Hosts: Steve & Melody Lackner; Winnie Zahradka

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, April 7, 2019: 9:00am 89

Wednesday, April 10, 2019: 6:30 pm 26

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

April 15 through April 21, 2019

Monday	4/15	1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	4/16	12 – 2 pm	Pastor's Text Study
		1:30 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday	4/17	8 – 12	WIC
		9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
Thursday	4/18	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		12:30 pm	Funtimers
		6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship w/Communion
Friday	4/19	9:00 am	Good Friday Worship
		10:00 am	Bone Builders
		7:30 pm	Lenten Cantata-Faith Lutheran in Isle
Sunday	4/21	8:30 am	Worship- Easter Sunday
		10:00 am	Worship- Easter Sunday
			No Sunday School this week!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY *Please* sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew. This information is gathered for annual reports to the Synod.

JOIN IN THE FUN! Support our Centennial activities in 2019. Purchase "Easter Eggs & Bunny" decorations for \$1.00 and we will use them to decorate the fellowship hall and have a drawing the last Sunday of the month. The prize for April is a 35 inch by 11 inch Hardanger table runner. All funds raised will be used for our Centennial Celebration on August 11, 2019.

BLESSING BOX We received \$136.01 in the Blessing Box last Sunday. Donations will go to Local Benevolence. Thank you! What a Blessing!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 10:15 for kids ages 4-12. Kids who are older are invited to be helpers. If you know of families in the area who would be interested, or if you want to help, contact Laury Nyberg, Darlene Christensen or Pastor James.

CENTENNIAL JAM is on sale today for \$5/jar in the fellowship hall after worship. All funds raised will be used for our Centennial Celebration on August 11, 2019.

EASTER LILIES sales will begin today. Signup sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall today. Price is \$15. Buy one as a memorial to loved ones and to decorate the church for Easter.

ISLE COMMUNITY LENTEN CANTATA "Risen This Day" will be presented at 7:30 pm on Good Friday, April 19th at Faith Lutheran in Isle. Free will donations go to Isle Food Shelf. Refreshments following. The music, scripture and narrations offer an opportunity to reflect on Jesus' life and the events of Holy Week ending with a hymn of gratitude and praise for the sacrifice of His life for our redemption.

MEMORY GARDEN we are taking paver orders until Mother's Day. You may order an engraved paver to honor anyone special (living or deceased.) A large paver is \$35; a small paver \$25. Order forms can be found in the narthex. Return completed forms to Val Benton or place in the office Memory Garden mailbox.

COOKING FOR A CROWD-FOOD SAFETY TRAINING Aitkin County Environmental Service is offering a free 2.5 hour food safety and sanitation training session on May 1, 2019 from 1:00 PM–3:30 PM at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo. Training is for faith based and non-profit organizations. All participants will receive a certificate of attendance. If you help out in the kitchen, you should consider going to this event. Please email: michelle.leitinger@ co.aitkin.mn.us (preferred) or call 218-927-7266 and leave a message to register by April 24, 2019.

JELLY MAKING The date for our annual jelly making has been set for Mon., May 6th at 8 AM. Please come and join in the fun. No experience needed. Sign up sheets are in the fellowship hall. The jelly will be sold at the veggie stand this summer. All proceeds go to the Benevolence fund. Donations are very welcome. Items needed:

Sugar ----- 150 lbs.

Strawberry Jello -----14 (3oz) boxes

Sure Jell ----- about 14 boxes

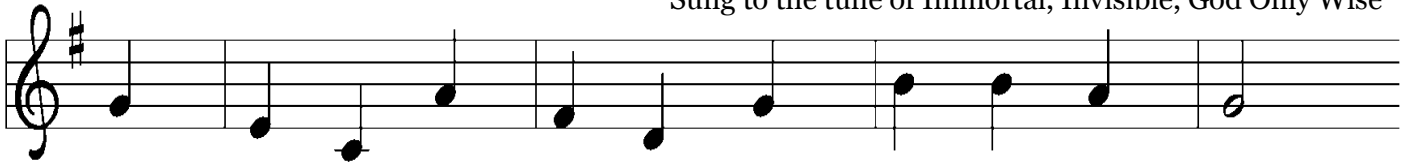
Regular mouth lids & rings----8 boxes

Also need lots of jars, so bring in your empties. If you have rhubarb or hot peppers in your freezer from last year we could use that also. **All donations need to be in by April 30th so we can go shopping for the remaining items needed.**

Thank you to everyone that helps out.

Christ Jesus, On Sunday, You Rode Into Town

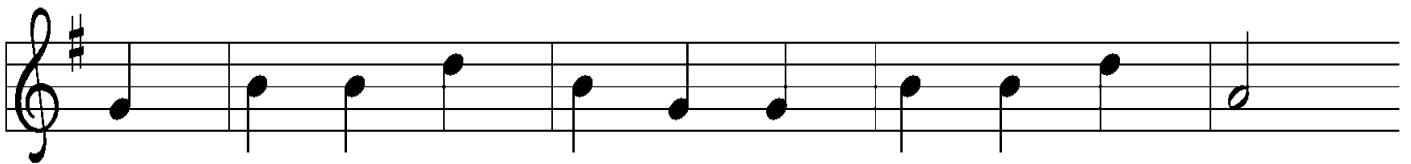
Sung to the tune of Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1. Christ Je - sus, on Sun - day, you rode in to town;
2. Christ Je - sus, on Mon - day, you went up to pray;
3. Christ Je - sus, on Thurs-day, you read - ied a place;
4. With ba - sin and tow - el, with wash - ing of feet,
5. On Fri - day, you died, and the next day was bleak.



The crowds laid their coats and some palms on the ground.
The sell - ers were fill - ing the Tem - ple that day.
You host - ed a meal and you off - ered the grace.
You show - ed us where love and hu - mil - ity meet.
O Christ, we re - mem - ber your whole Ho - ly Week.



They made you a wel - come and called you their king,
But who could be reve - rent? That court yard was loud;
You told your dis - ci - ples, "Now eat of this bread,"
You loved till your love led to suf - fering and loss;
We can't a - void suf - fering, or turn from what's true,



But they did not know of the reign you would bring.
You o - ver - turned ta - bles, dis - per - sing the crowd.
"Now drink of the cup of sal - va - tion," you said.
You knelt down to serve us, then hung on a cross.
For out of your death, we find new life in you.