

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 5th, 2020

*“Church is not a place; it is who we are.  
Once we realize this, we can be the church anywhere.”*

We gather to worship together, at this time, in different places. Bottom line, we are worshipping God, TOGETHER! This worship service has been pre-recorded. Worship materials have been sent out. If you are able, please watch the service via the website ([www.blcmalmo.org](http://www.blcmalmo.org)) the Bethesda Lutheran Church Facebook page, or the Youtube link that was emailed to you.

## ACCLAMATION

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

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, he 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.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### BLESSING OF PALMS

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.**

Let us go forth in peace,  
in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL SONG

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*  
(Verses 1, 3, & 5)

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*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 are 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 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals 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.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, 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.**

**Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Psalm: Psalm 118: 1-9, 14-29

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare, God's mercy endures forever.” <sup>3</sup>Let the house of Aaron declare, God's mercy endures forever.” <sup>4</sup>Let those who fear the Lord declare, God's mercy endures forever.” <sup>5</sup>In distress I called to the Lord, who answered by setting me free.

<sup>6</sup>The Lord is with me; I shall not fear; that can anyone do to me? <sup>7</sup>The Lord is with me as my helper; will look in triumph on those who hate me. <sup>8</sup>It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in mortals. <sup>9</sup>It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in rulers. <sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly. <sup>16</sup>The right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!” <sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. <sup>18</sup>The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death. <sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give

thanks to the Lord.<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter."

<sup>1</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. <sup>23</sup>By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it <sup>25</sup>Hosanna! O Lord, save us! We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days! <sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; We bless you from the house of the Lord. <sup>27</sup>The Lord is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners 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 the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

### Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

<sup>5</sup>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 death—even 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Mark 14:3-9

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>3</sup>While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. <sup>4</sup>But some were

there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. <sup>9</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

The gospel of the Lord.

## Praise to you, O Christ.

### MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day

*For All the Faithful Women*

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1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,  
 2 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un - known,  
*Last* All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.  
 in whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,  
 All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.  
 we of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise  
 With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.  
 that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.  
 we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

## 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of mercy, awaken your church to new proclamations of your faithfulness.

By your Spirit, give us bold and joyful words to speak, that we sustain the weary with the message of your redemption. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, quiet the earth where it trembles and shakes. Protect vulnerable ecosystems, threatened habitats, and endangered species. Prosper the work of scientists, engineers, and researchers who find ways to restore creation to health and wholeness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, drive away fear and anger that cause us to turn against one another. Give courage to leaders who seek liberation for the oppressed. Bring peace and hope to those who are in prison and those who face execution. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, send your saving help to all who suffer abuse, insult, discrimination, or contempt. Heal the wounded. Comfort the dying. Bring peace to those suffering chronic or terminal illness. Tend to all who cry out for relief especially those we name in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, we pray for all who will prepare and lead worship in this Holy Week. In all things, show us the ways that you call us to die to self, to live for you, and to give of ourselves for the sake of others. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, when we breathe our last, you raise us to eternal life. With all your witnesses in heaven and on earth, let us boldly confess the name of Jesus Christ, our resurrection and our hope. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

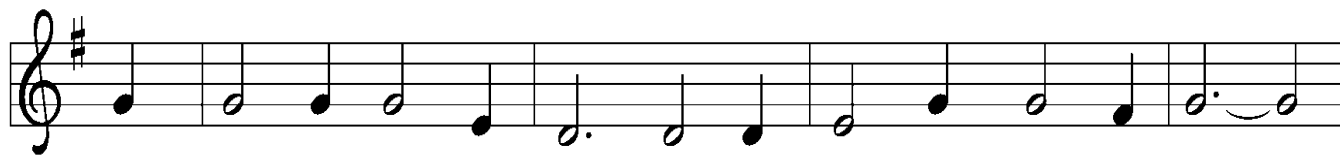
## LORD'S PRAYER

### BLESSING

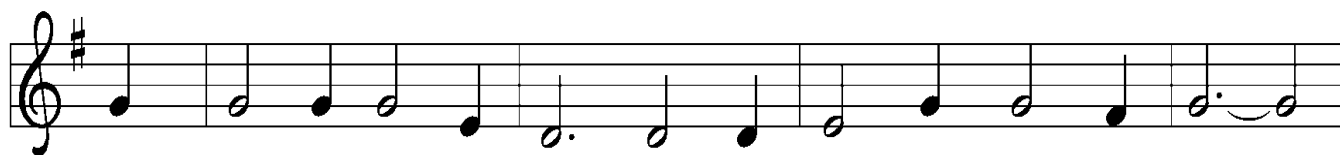
Now is the acceptable time.  
Now is the day of salvation.  
Holy God,  
speaking, spoken, and inspiring,  
✠ bless you, unbind you,  
and send you in love and in peace.

**Amen.**

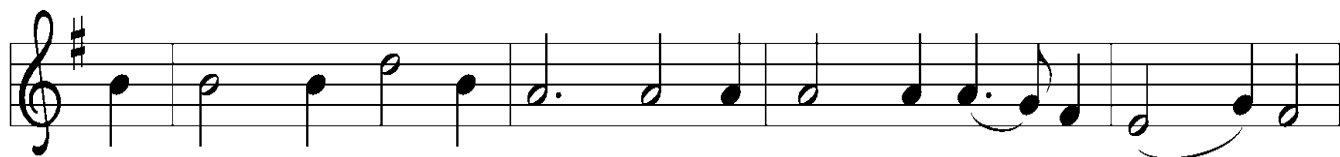




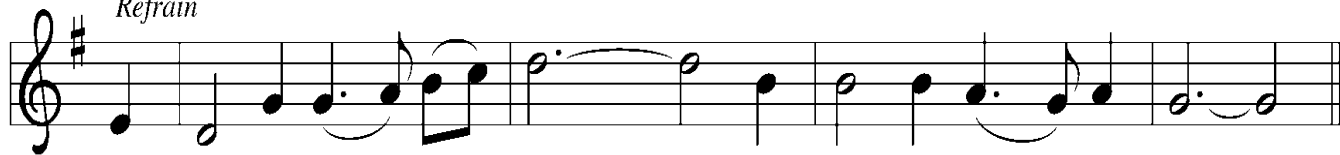
- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*

Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**