



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023 9:30am

YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. PLEASE SIT QUIETLY AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP.



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ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe: that Christ's body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above, are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the "individual" and "common" cups of wine. (Note: White Non-Alcoholic Wine is in the center of the tray.)

OFFERING – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of **Online Giving** by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS – Welcome and thank you for coming. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Pastor will send you a welcome card. Please indicate that you "desire" a call for any further contact.

Large Print Bulletins – Available from an usher.

Listening Assistance Devices – Available at the Sound Booth.

Parent Room – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby ("Narthex")

For Children – Children's Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

As We Gather – Both palms and passion are integral themes this day. Jesus comes into Jerusalem not for the crowds, but for the cross. He comes to suffer in our place and die our death that we might have life in Him. You cannot have the palms without the passion. We therefore join our voices in welcome to our King who comes humble and mounted on a donkey. Palms and hosannas will become suffering and death on the cross, where the only hope in life is born. Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Preservice Music by *Jennifer Kirk*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Hosanna

I see the King of glory
Coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, The whole earth shakes
I see His love and mercy
Washing over all our sin
The people sing, The people sing

***CHORUS: Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest***

I see a generation
Rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, With selfless faith
I see a near revival
Stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees, We're on our knees **CHORUS**

BRIDGE: Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity **CHORUS**

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*Congregation **please stand** and face the processional cross at the rear of the sanctuary.*

Invocation

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C** **Hosanna to the Son of David.**
- P** Brothers and sisters in Christ: During these weeks of Lent we have been preparing for this week, the events of our Lord's death and resurrection. The great and wondrous paschal mystery now lies before us as we enter with Christ with palms and hosannas before He confronts the cross. Everything in Lent points to this week. As we commemorate how our Lord entered to the welcome of palms and hosannas, we also remember His death that gives us life and His resurrection through which we dwell with Him for all eternity.

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.**

Holy Gospel

John 12:12-19

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter. **C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**
- P** ¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.
¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out,
- C** **"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"**

P 4And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

15“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

16His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified (*after Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead*), then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. 17The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. 18The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. 19So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining 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.

Congregation continues facing the processional cross until it is put in place in the chancel.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor



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,



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.

Confession and Absolution

P Blessed Lord, who always comes among Your people for good,

C we confess to You that we are born sinful and both by nature and choice have turned away from You. We have enthroned self-interest and pride as our kings, and they have ruled us as tyrants. We have failed to acknowledge Your rightful lordship in our lives and in society.

Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and by the power of the Holy Spirit turn our hearts this day to worship and follow Jesus, the one true King.

P Our King Jesus has won your freedom. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Old Testament *Zechariah 9:9–12*

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle *Philippians 2:5–11*

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

“What A Beautiful Name”

1. You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

CHORUS 1: What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

2. You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

CHORUS 2: What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

BRIDGE 1: Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

BRIDGE 2: You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

CHORUS 3: What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

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Verse *Phil. 2:8b*

Alleluia. He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel *Matthew 21:1–9, Luke 19:38–42, Matthew 21:10–11*

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-first chapter, and Luke the nineteenth chapter.

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

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front 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, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting:

G **"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"**

Luke 19:38–42

G **..."Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

P ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

⁴¹When [Jesus] drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes."

Matthew 21:10

¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, **G** **"Who is this?"**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Palm Sunday Sermon *by Pastor Rennie*

Offering – ONLINE GIVING available at www.RisenChrist.info – Whether you are a visitor or a member, please turn in a Worship Card so we may know whom the Lord has served with His Word.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For ourselves and all the baptized who gather around the Word and Sacraments this Holy Week, that we may receive grace to follow You through Your Passion, we cry to You for help, saying,

G **Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

MEN – For the rulers of the world each appointed by the one true King, that they may defend the powerless and rule wisely so that we and all people may live in peace, we cry to You for help, saying,

G **Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

WOMEN – For the sick and all who suffer any weakness of body or soul, that the forgiveness and freedom You have won for them may sustain them in their affliction, we cry to You for help, saying,

C Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

MEN – For all who come to worship today and throughout the services of this Holy Week, that we may turn away from our sins and cling to Your Word and Sacraments given for our forgiveness, we cry to You for help, saying,

C Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

WOMEN – For all who continue to follow You along the pilgrim path, that we may be brought at last to Your nearer presence with the great company of all the saints who have died with faith in You and now rest from their labors, we cry to You for help, saying,

C Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**C 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.

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore.
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O blessed heavenly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, may see You face to face.

Benediction

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