



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
Palm Sunday Worship
March 24, 2024 9:30am

**REMEMBER, YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. AS YOU ENTER,
PLEASE SIT QUIETLY, PRAY, AND READ THROUGH YOUR
WORSHIP FOLDER TO 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.

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

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

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 and Opening Sentences

Psalm 118:19, 22, 26, 29

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.
- P** Open to me the gates of righteousness,
C that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
- P** The stone that the builders rejected **C** has become the cornerstone.
- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! **C** We bless you from the house of the Lord.
- P** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; **C** for His steadfast love endures forever!

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

***REFRAIN: All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.***

You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. **REFRAIN**

The company of angels is praising You on high,
And we with all creation in chorus make reply. **REFRAIN**

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before You we present. **REFRAIN**

To You before Your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **REFRAIN**

As You received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of every blessing, our good and gracious King. **REFRAIN**

Confession and Absolution

P Today is the beginning of Holy Week. During it we shall recall how our Savior gave His life so that our sins may all be forgiven, and heaven opened to us.

C **Even during worship, our minds wander to other concerns.**

P These concerns are already known to God. Give them into His loving hands for resolution, but turn your hearts and minds to focus on our Lord's step-by-step determination to free us from every sin. Confident of the forgiveness He won through His glorious death and resurrection, let us then admit our sinful condition to Him and to one another.

C **I confess to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in my thinking, speaking, and acting. I am mired in sin and incapable of saving myself. Heavenly Father, for Jesus' sake and because of His sacrifice for us fallen creatures, we beg You to forgive, strengthen, and turn us to Your will so that we may follow our Savior in loving service to You and to one another.**

P As a called and ordained servant of Christ, who gave Himself over to death that we might have eternal life, and by His authority, I 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, Your Son, Jesus, is the King of righteousness and salvation, yet on this day He rode into Jerusalem humbly on the back of a donkey. Grant that we may behold in the cloak of His humility the glory of His divine majesty; 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.

A Reading from the Prophet *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.

📖 This is the Word of the Lord. 🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:19–29

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

²⁶Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, 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.

²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

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.

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Nicene 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 men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
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.

Verse/Gradual

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a; Philippians 2:8b

P Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood,

C thus securing an eternal redemption.

P Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,

C so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

P He sent redemption to His people;

He has commanded His covenant forever.

C He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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.

C 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:

C “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

C ...“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, **C** “Who is this?”

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

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!

Sermon – “Take Heart. Sing Hosannas, Yes, Even Now.” OUTLINE

1. Hosanna (from the Hebrew “hoshiah nah”), “Save now... or Save, I pray!”
2. The same sun that melts things and also bake clay and make it hard. Depending on the desires of people, God’s truth can soften, or harden hearts.

3. What were the people wanting to be saved from? What do you cry out to God for?
4. The crosses we bear...
 - a. They are not our illnesses, struggles, and problems,
 - b. Our crosses we bear are our responses and attitudes in the midst of our illnesses, struggles and problems.
5. We often look for and pray for the wrong things... like the crowds on that 1st Palm Sunday, and people still miss, forget, or reject Him and His mission to bring His peace.
 - a. "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace!"
 - b. In a few days, on Good Friday, with Jesus' suffering and death, everyone, even the Jesus' followers, saw Him and His mission as a failure.
6. We know the rest of the story that the first Christians did not know then!
 - a. Jesus entered Jerusalem to bring and complete His Father's plan of salvation.
 - b. The only real peace that lasts and brings us everlasting life came when God Himself in Flesh, Holy, without sin, voluntarily suffered and died in our place.
7. When we shout and sing hosanna, and cry out to the Jesus to save us, does it ring just as hollow as all those people then? Do we shout hosanna for the wrong reasons?
8. The cross, His Word preached, taught, and read, and His sacraments are our joy and peace.
 - a. Do we really believe this and practice it? Do you take Jesus at His Word?
 - b. Where Jesus, the Prince of Peace, promises to be, that is where the peace that passes all understanding is!
 - c. Jesus has answered your Hosannas!

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, crucified King.

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, crucified King.

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, crucified King.

MEN – For all who approach Your Table today and throughout the services of this Holy Week, that we may turn away from our sins and cling to Your true body and blood given for our forgiveness, we cry to You for help, saying, **C Hosanna, crucified King.**

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, crucified King.**

P Into Your hands, O Crucified King, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your steadfast love, which endures forever. **C Amen.**

† THE SACRAMENT †

Lift Up Your Hearts

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you

P Lift up your hearts

All Sing

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks

To the Lord our God

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 entered Jerusalem as a humble King on the back of a donkey to shouts of “Hosanna,” and was not ashamed to call all people His brothers and sisters as He conquered our worst enemies: sin, death, and the devil, through His victory on the cross. 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** We give You thanks, almighty God, that the Lord Jesus willingly set His face to go to Jerusalem knowing that there He would suffer and die for us and for our salvation. Thank You for His obedience unto death, even death on a cross. We rejoice that His sacrificial death is now continually proclaimed among us by this meal of bread and wine in which we mysteriously receive His true body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Therefore to Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit be all glory, laud, and honor, now and ever unto the ages of ages.
- C Amen.**

Words of Our Lord

- 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."
- P** 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

- 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:

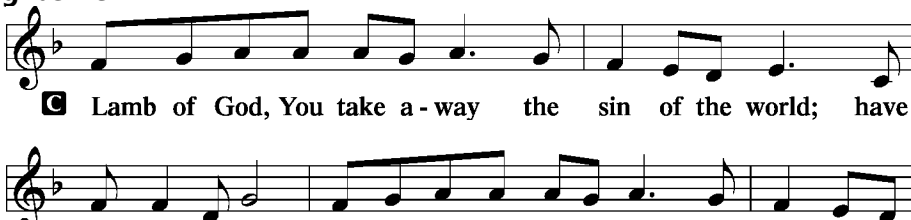
Lord's Prayer

- 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 Peace of the Lord

- P** The peace of the ✠ Lord be with you always. **C Amen.**

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

O Come to The Altar (sung by Miss Esther Kaufmann)

Are you hurting and broken within
 Overwhelmed
 by the weight of your sin
 Jesus is calling
 Have you come
 to the end of yourself
 Do you thirst
 for a drink from the well
 Jesus is calling

Leave behind
 your regrets and mistakes
 Come today
 there's no reason to wait
 Jesus is calling
 Bring your sorrows
 and trade them for joy
 From the ashes a new life is born
 Jesus is calling

***CHORUS: O come to the altar
 The Father's arms are open wide
 Forgiveness was bought with
 The precious blood of Jesus Christ***

BRIDGE: Oh what a Savior
 Isn't he wonderful
 Sing alleluia Christ is risen
 Bow down before him
 For he is Lord of all
 Sing alleluia Christ is risen

CHORUS

END: Bear your cross
 as you wait for the crown
 Tell the world
 of the treasure you've found

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Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart,
 Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word,
 I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord;
 Thou my great Fa-ther, I Thy true son,
 Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou on-ly, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Post-Communion Canticle of Simeon

C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this gift of Your Son's true body and blood. We ask that You would use it to strengthen us for our Holy Week observance, that we may follow Jesus all our days, delighting in His love, sharing it with others, and be brought at last to the fullness of joy that awaits us in Your presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise

***CHORUS: Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever***

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise

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