



PALM SUNDAY

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSOVER PRAISE PSALM: based on Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

C: Let Israel say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."

L: Let Immanuel say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."

C: God's steadfast love endures forever! Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

C: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

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

C: The LORD is God, and God has given us light.

L: Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

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

ALL: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "All Glory Laud and Honor"

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PROMISELAND KIDS: "Hallu, hallu, hallu, hallelujah!" / CHILDREN'S SERMON

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

GREETING: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a *The servant of the Lord submits to suffering*

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11 *Humbled to the point of death on a cross*

GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40 *Entrance into the final days*

Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Blessed Is He Who Comes"** Carman *KIDS, COME PLAY INSTRUMENTS!*

On a little donkey, two-thousand years ago
Christ rode into Jerusalem, so all the world would know
He was fulfilling prophecy, and every one could sing
And worship the Savior, Messiah, and King
And they sang

chorus

Hosanna, Hosanna

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, Hosanna

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All the people worshipped, the little children laughed
They took the palm leaves from the trees and laid them in His path
Their hearts were overflowing, their spirits came alive
Emanuel the Chosen One has finally arrived
And they sang [*chorus*]

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *L: God, in your mercy, C: receive our prayer.*

David Barloon	Hayden Despenas	Tim Schmidt
Liam Bartleson	Mary Ellis	Jennie Spencer
Taylor Bartleson	Matt Grieff	Joan Swanson
Joan Beebe	Doris Johnson	Lucky Truong
Jan Buffington	Mercedes	Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes
Ivy Mae Callow	Jill (Lewison) Nedved	

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: **“Give Thanks”**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son. [repeat]

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say,
“I am rich,” because of what the Lord has done for us; [repeat]
Give thanks.

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

SENDING SONG: **“Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now”**

Three holy days enfold us now in washing feet and breaking bread,
In cross and font and life renewed: in Christ, God’s first-born from the dead.

The myst’ry hid from ages past is here revealed in word and sign,
For Jesus’ story is our own: new life through death is God’s design.

Christ, lifted high upon the tree, before you ev’ry knee shall bend
And ev’ry tongue in praise proclaim: “You are the Lord of all. Amen.”

BLESSING / DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God.

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