Hail the King Who Humbly Came to Save Us!



SHINING MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH Bozeman, MT

Palm Sunday - April 5th 2020

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Lutherans believe that the gospel is not only the good news that Jesus has saves sinners, but also a power God uses to create and strengthen faith in Jesus.

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For 1700 years the Church has celebrated with Hosannas and palm branches this festival that opens Holy Week. The time for Christ's glory had come. He would not, however, gain glory in the manner of other kings. Rather, he would humble himself in great acts of love for us, and then the Father would exalt him to the highest place, because he had fulfilled God's mission to save mankind.

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

M: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PSALM 118*

M: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

C: His love endures forever.

M: Open for me the gates of righteousness;

C: I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

M: This is the gate of the LORD

C: Through which the righteous may enter.

M: O LORD save us;

C: O LORD, grant us success.

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

C: From the house of the LORD we bless you.

M: The LORD is God,

C: And he has made his light shine on us.

M: With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession

C: Up to the horns of the altar.

M: You are my God, and I will give you thanks;

C: You are my God, and I will exalt you.

M: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

C: His love endures forever.

M: Let us go forth in peace,

C: In the name of the Lord.

^{*} Psalm 118 is part of a group of Psalms called the "Hallels" (Psalms 113-118). These Psalms all begin or end with the Hebrew word "Hallelujah" which in English means "Praise the Lord". These Psalms were traditionally sung by the Jews as they celebrated the Passover Feast. Therefore, it is quite possible that this was the last song Jesus and disciples sang together on Maundy Thursday before heading to the Mount of Olives.

During the introduction to the hymn, children are encouraged to march around and then lay their palm branches at the foot of the altar or a specified place at home.



Zechariah 9:9-10

FIRST READING

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! Look! Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation. He is humble and is riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His kingdom will extend from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

HYMN #131 (vv.4-5)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

- All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
 To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
 To you before your passion They sang their hymns of praise;
 To you, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.
- All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
 To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
 As your received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
 O Source of every blessing, Our good and gracious King.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. ⁶Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, ⁷but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Ho-ho-ho-hosanna Ha-ha-hallelujah He-he-he-he saved me And I've got the joy of the Lord

REPEAT

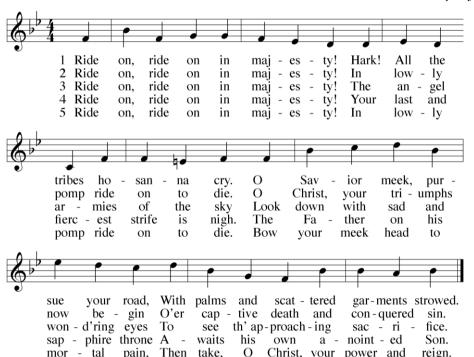


GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' " The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

HYMN OF THE DAY #133

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERING

Our offerings are an expression of thankfulness for what our Savior has done for us, and a way of supporting the spread of the gospel through the Church's work.

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Or you can give electronically by clicking this link that will take you to our <u>secure giving site</u>.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior. Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us.
- C: Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place. Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.
- M: Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us to proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations. Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil.
- C: Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.

- M: Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful. Look with favor on our nation's schools, especially during this difficult time. Be with those who teach and those who learn.
- C: Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

- M: Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming to into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation.
- C: Hear us for your mercy's sake.

THE 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.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

