

ST. JOHN'S AND PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCHES

HOME WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY, THE 6TH SUNDAY IN LENT – APRIL 5, 2020

Due to the precautions involving the spreading of COVID-19, services at our churches have been suspended. In place of these services, you are encouraged to worship at home using this bulletin and the video service for today's date posted on YouTube.com (search "St. John's Lutheran Church Clarkston WA) home.

May the LORD bless your worship at home and our fellowship together.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of David, yet David's Lord, with the people of Jerusalem we also join in singing to You: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" We praise You, dear Redeemer, for Your painful journey to the cross. We are sorry and ashamed that our sins caused Your great suffering, but we truly rejoice that You have redeemed us by Your blood. Keep us steadfast in our faith, humble in our life, and make us finally partakers of Your glory. In Your name we ask this, Amen.*

Opening Hymn 161 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and Temple The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.

2. From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm-branch waving And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of men and angels Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.

3. "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice. Amen.

Reader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Group: Amen.

R: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

All: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

R: Rejoice, dear repentant sinners! Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who was sacrificed to take away the sin of the world. Because of His atoning sacrifice on the cross of Calvary, we are forgiven.

G: The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. Amen.

Prayer

R: Almighty God, by the light of Your truth You would persuade the erring to return to Your righteous ways. Give to all who are admitted into our fellowship in Christ the wisdom and strength to avoid what contradicts Your Word, and follow what agrees with Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit:

G: One God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

R: *In these verses we read the OT prophecy of our Savior's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. With this prophecy comes the promise of PEACE; peace symbolized in the palm branches laid down before our Lord. We read... Zechariah 9:8-12 I will camp around My house Because of the army, Because of him who passes by and him who returns. No more shall an oppressor pass through them, For now I have seen with My eyes. 9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. 10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be 'from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.' 11 "As for you also, Because of the blood of your covenant, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. 12 Return to the stronghold, You prisoners of hope. Even today I declare That I will restore double to you.*

R: God forbid that I should glory:

G: Except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R: In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead:

G: By Him we are redeemed and set at liberty. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

R: God be merciful to us and bless us:

G: And cause His face to shine upon us. Hallelujah!

New Testament Reading

R: *Here we read of Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem. He humbled Himself from here all the way to the cross to serve us as our sins substitute.*

Now He reigns in our hearts as He truly is - the King of Kings! We read...

Matthew 21:1-9 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. 3 "And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." 4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'" 6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. 8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 725 "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"

1. No tramp of soldiers' marching feet with banners and with drums,
No sound of music's martial beat – "The King of glory comes!"
To greet what pomp of kingly pride No bells in triumph ring.
No city gates swing open wide: "Behold, behold your King!"

2. And yet He comes. The children cheer; with palms His path is strown.
With ev'ry step the cross draws near – "The King of glory's throne."
A-stride a cold He passes by As loud hosannas ring,
Or else the very stones would cry "Behold, behold your King!"

3. What fading flow'rs His road adorn; The palms, how soon laid down!
No bloom or leaf but only thorn The King of glory's crown.
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, The streets with tumult ring,
As Pilate to the mob replies, "Behold, behold your King!"

4. Now He who bore for mortals' sake The cross and all its pains
And chose a servant's form to take, The King of glory reigns.
Hosanna to the Savior's name Till heaven's rafters ring,
And all the ransomed host proclaim "Behold, behold your King!"

Sermon

Philippians 2:5-11 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Theme: "GOD'S PATTERN OF HUMBLE SERVICE"

I. Established by Jesus (6-11)

II. Reflected by us (5)

PRAYERS

O God, heavenly Father, we come into Your presence with thanksgiving and joy. You send forth Your Word, and it accomplishes Your purpose.

In this hour devoted to You we thank and praise You that You sent to us the Living Word, Your Son, Jesus Christ. For the joy that was set before Him He endured the cross and despised its shame. Grant that as we look unto Him who died in our place we may, by His example, never tire of well-doing. Give us patience so that we will not complain when we are chastened and corrected, nor despair of Your mercy. Give us the strength to bear up under any cross which You may lay upon us for our good. By Your grace, help us to imitate our Savior in humility and obedience, and lead us to follow in His footsteps to eternal glory.

Our prayers go up to Your throne of grace and mercy in behalf of our homes, our congregations, our nation, and the world in our current pandemic. We ask, that according to Your will, You would provide healing for those who have contracted the virus and that You would soon bring an end to the pandemic. Especially, O Lord, protect the elderly and those who are in particular danger. Guard and defend all our medical personnel who care for the sick. We pray for all our families and friends, and for our fellow believers throughout the CLC and our sister synods overseas.

In these strange and difficult days, let Your love shine through us that we always show selfless genuine care and concern for our neighbor. Govern the nations of the earth, so that people may live everywhere without fear, and in the light of Your saving Gospel. Help us to use our gifts as Your stewards, and for Your glory.

We ask these things in the name of Jesus, who also taught us to pray...

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 Blessing

Reader : The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Group: Amen.

Closing Hymn 162 "Ride On, Ride On, In Majesty"

1. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching Sacrifice.
4. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on His sapphire throne
Expects His own anointed Son.
5. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain.
Then take, O Christ, Thy power and reign. Amen

