

REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH



PALM SUNDAY / PASSION OF CHRIST

April 5, 2020

Gathering

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL The Entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11)

NARRATOR: When Jesus drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent ahead two of his disciples, saying, "Go into the village opposite. There you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say, 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them.... And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt, they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and to praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying:

PEOPLE (*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*, ELW 344)

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

- 1) You are the King of Israel and David's royal son;
Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. **(Refrain)**
- 2) The Company of Angels is praising you on high;
Creation and all mortals in chorus make reply **(Refrain)**

NARRATOR: And some of the Pharisees in the multitude cried to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples! They're calling you the Christ. Tell them to shut up!" He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent the very stones themselves would cry out."

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- 4) To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise **(Refrain)**
- 5) Their praises you accepted; Accept the prayers we bring,
Great author of all goodness, oh good and gracious King. **(Refrain)**

NARRATOR: And when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes. O Jerusalem! The days shall come upon you, when your enemies will cast up a bank about you and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you; because you did not know the time of your visitation."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of our Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Sovereign God,,

C: 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.

The Word

FIRST READING (Isaiah 50:4-9a)

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens — awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM 31:9-16 (In Unison)

⁹Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. ¹⁰For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away. ¹¹I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. ¹²I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. ¹³For I hear the whispering of many — terror all around! — as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. ¹⁴But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." ¹⁵My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. ¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

SECOND READING (Philippians 2:5-11)

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 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 should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: Word of God; Word of life

C: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*, TFF 247)

Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord send your Spirit on this place

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

P: ...Hear us, O God,;

C: Your mercy is great

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Sending

BENEDICTION

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring,
✠ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

DISMISSAL

May God's peace be with you 'til we meet again (2x)
'Til we reach that distant shore, and we shed a tear no more,
May God give you strength to endure
'Til we meet again (2x)

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!