Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church

Sunday of the Passion March 24, 2024



The Triumphal Entry
John 12:12-43

Procession of Palms

The congregation stands and faces the processional cross at the entrance to the nave.

Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord

 → Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.
- **P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- **C** Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

- The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
- **C** Glory to You, O Lord.
- 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, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

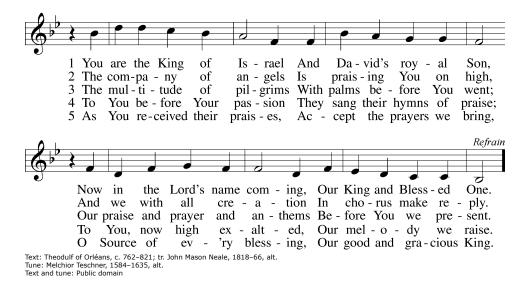
¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, 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.

442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor





When all have arrived at their places, the procession concludes with the following:

- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C Hosanna in the highest.

A time of silence may be observed to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Sit

Old Testament Reading

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.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of | his own blood,* thus securing an eternal re- | demption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new | covenant,* so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal in- | heritance. He sent redemption to his | people;* he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.

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.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel John 12:20–43

- The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
- **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

40"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them."

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

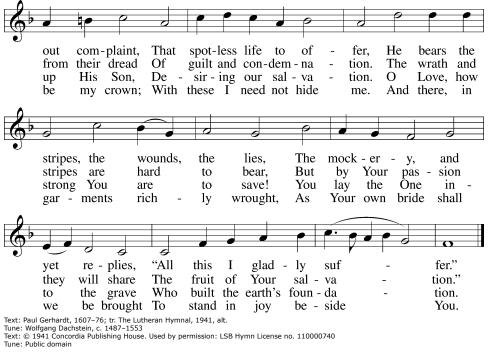
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven 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.

Sit

438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth





Sermon

Stand

Offertory



LSB 192



Sit

Offering

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Adult and Youth Choirs

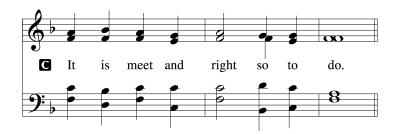
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Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament



LSB 194



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer

P Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,

LSB 196

LSB 195

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,

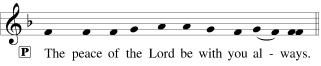


The Words of Our Lord LSB 197

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."

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."

Pax Domini LSB 197





Agnus Dei LSB 198





Sit

Distribution



- 5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken By the sick who are distressed. By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- Agony and bitter labor Were the cost of God's high favor; Do not come if you suppose You need not Him who died and rose.
- Christ says: "Come, all you that labor, And receive My grace and favor: Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill.
- "For what purpose was My dying If not for your justifying? And what use this precious food If you yourself were pure and good?"
- If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses, You will be your Savior's guest, Be at His banquet truly blest.
- 10 Let this food your faith so nourish That its fruit of love may flourish And your neighbor learn from you How much God's wondrous love can do.

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441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



God,

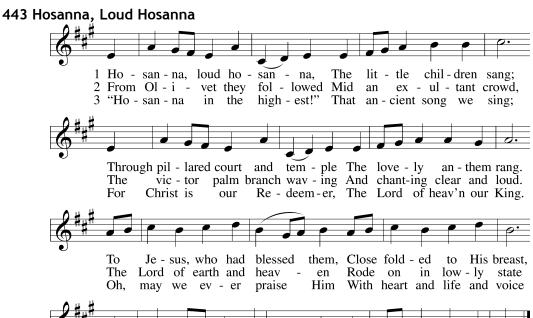
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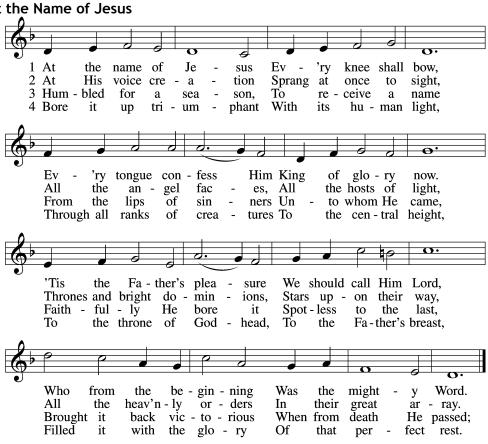




chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim-plest and the best. Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid-ding wait. And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re-joice!

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512 At the Name of Jesus



In your hearts enthrone Him; There let Him subdue All that is not holy, All that is not true:

Crown Him as your captain

In temptation's hour; Let His will enfold you In its light and pow'r.

- 6 Christians, this Lord Jesus
 Shall return again
 In His Father's glory,
 With His angel train;
 For all wreaths of empire
 Meet upon His brow,
 And our hearts confess Him
 King of glory now.
- △ 7 Glory then to Jesus,
 Who, the Prince of light,
 To a world in darkness
 Brought the gift of sight;
 Praise to God the Father;
 In the Spirit's love
 Praise we all together
 Him who reigns above.

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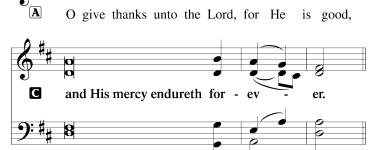
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Nunc Dimittis LSB 199



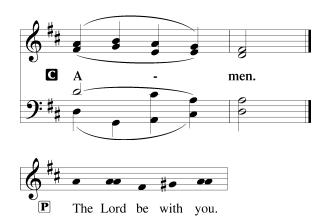


Thanksgiving LSB 200



A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty G

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

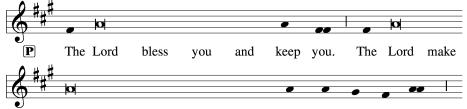




Benedicamus LSB 202



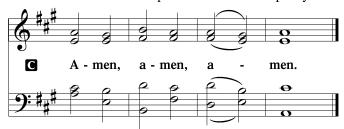
Benediction LSB 202



His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet





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