

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 24, 2024
8:30 am

The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

We welcome all who worship with us today.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

Children are welcome and celebrated!

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship. Stop by to borrow a book, pick up some coloring sheets and crayons or take along a copy of this week’s children’s bulletin.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children may receive the sacrament if they have completed instruction with a pastor.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

Majesty

Josh Loeve

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Celebration with Palms

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death,
cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

Processional Gospel - John 12:12-16 (NIV)

A Reading from John.

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the king of Israel!”

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

**“Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;
see, your king is coming,
seated on a donkey’s colt.”**

At first his disciples did not understand all this.
Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize
that these things had been written about him
and that these things had been done to him.

Blessing of Palms

We wave palm branches in anticipation,
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.
**Setting aside all power, glory and might, he comes:
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.**

Hosanna!
Hosanna!
Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,
so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you;
through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy One, we raise our palm branches and lift our voices to cry, “Hosanna!”

As we enter this Holy Week, turn our hearts toward you,

that we may follow you past the parades

and into the shadows of betrayal, trial, and death.

As we enter this Holy Week, let us worship you with our whole selves.

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

Reading Philippians 2:5-11

Translation: NIV

A reading from Philippians.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hosanna to the holy one.

Hosanna to the humble one.

Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Mark 11:1-11

Translation: NIV

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Tami Reichley

Please stand as you are able.

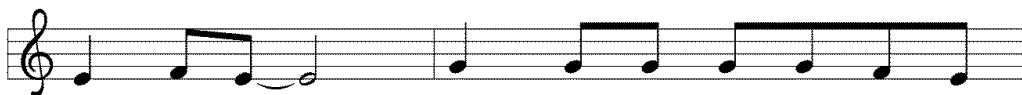
Word in Song

Filled With Excitement

MSB1 Song #422



1 Filled with ex-cite-ment, all the hap-py throng spread cloaks and branch-es on the
2 As in that en-trance to Je - ru - sa-lem, ho - san - nas we will sing to



cit - y streets. There in the dis - tance they be -
Je - sus Christ, to our re - deem - er who still



gin to see, there on a don-key comes the Son of God.
calls to - day, asks us to fol-low with our love and faith.

Refrain



From ev-'ry cor - ner a thou-sand voic-es sing praise to the one who comes



in the name of God. With one great shout of ac - cla - ma - tion loud, tri -



um-phunt song breaks forth: Ho - san - na, ho -



san-na to the king! Ho - san - na, ho - san-na to the king!

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things,
let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

After each petition:

Humble King Jesus,
hear our prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer:

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace,
and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen

Peace

Be the face of love for your neighbor.
Share smiles of compassion and words of peace
as we greet one another this day.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,
"Peace be with you."*

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Response to God's gifts

The assembly responds to the Word of God by gathering an offering for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please place your offering in the offering plates on the tables in the rear of the worship center.

The table is set.

Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lay down your coats and lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the One who comes in God's name.

Let us praise God for the mighty works we have witnessed.

It is right that we praise our God.

Hosanna is our cry, Blessed One.

Your Son comes on a donkey in your name.

As Jesus entered Jerusalem to bear our sorrows and suffer for our sins,
enter our hearts and confront our waywardness today.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be your Son's crucified and risen body.

Send your Spirit upon this bread that it may be living bread,

and on this wine that it may be the cup of salvation,

that together they be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ came in triumph, **only to be rejected by us;**
Christ died in sorrow, **only to be raised by you;**
Christ will come again, **only to bring us to you.**

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Invitation to the table

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
Come to Christ, broken for you.
Amen

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of communion

The body of Christ given for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.

Communion Solo

Run to the Father

Maher, Carnes, Jackson

Communion Song

Lamb of God

ELW Song #336



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after communion

Let us pray.

At this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. Now as we enter this holiest of weeks, the crowd has thinned out, it is eerily quiet. The air has shifted, the palms have been trampled, the sky is gray; the joy has disappeared, the voices of victory are silent; the celebration for the arrival of our long awaited Hope is waning; the road ahead is long, but we are able! We place our lives in your hands, because you are still good, and your goodness never ends.

Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Go now and walk with Jesus towards Jerusalem.

Listen to his words,

be with him on his journey.

Let his story linger in your heart and in your life

and let him welcome you.

And may God, the Maker the Son and the Holy Spirit bless you

this day and all your days.

Amen

Sending Song *Please see next page.*

Dismissal

We tell your story; we follow in your footsteps.

Lead us into Holy Week.

We walk towards the city; we wait in the garden.

Lead us onto holy ground.

We journey towards death; we hope for resurrection.

Lead us into holy joy.



- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
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- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Use your credit or debit card at the Giving Kiosk;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
- Establish automatic contributions to the church using your bank's bill pay service.

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