

Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025

PRELUDE:

“Allegro Spiritoso”
~Greg Underwood

Jubilate Handbell Choir

WELCOME


PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Lift High the Cross”

LSB 837


Refrain




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Refrain

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

THE ACCOUNT OF PALM SUNDAY: *Luke 19:29-44*

When He came near Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives (as it was called), Jesus sent two of His disciples ahead of Him. He said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you. As you enter, you will find a young donkey tied there. No one has ever sat on it. Untie it, and bring it. If anyone asks you why you are untying it, say that the Lord needs it.”

The men Jesus sent found it as He had told them. While they were untying the young donkey, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the donkey?”

The disciples answered, “The Lord needs it.”

They brought the donkey to Jesus, put their coats on it, and helped Jesus onto it. As He was riding along, people spread their coats on the road. By this time He was coming near the place where the road went down the Mount of Olives. Then the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God for all the miracles they had seen. They shouted joyfully,

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven.”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell Your disciples to be quiet.”

Jesus replied, “I can guarantee that if they are quiet, the stones will cry out.”

When He came closer and saw the city, He began to cry. He said, “If you had only known today what would bring you peace! But now it is hidden, so you cannot see it. The time will come when enemy armies will build a wall to surround you and close you in on every side. They will level you to the ground and kill your people. One stone will not be left on top of another, because you didn’t recognize the time when God came to help you.” – GW®

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: In the name of God the Father, whose presence we now enter.

P: **Hosanna!**

L: In the name of God the Son, who entered Jerusalem as its coming King and our sacrificial Lamb.

P: **Hosanna in the highest!**

L: In the name of God the Spirit, who has entered our hearts moving us to cheer our Lord’s gracious arrival, even as we observe our lives with mournful repentance.

P: **Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes to us in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

“Sing Hosanna”
~John Leavitt

Bethany Choir

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

L: Dear Lord, many times we have known what You have needed from us, yet we were unwilling to give.

P: **We have often questioned You, Lord,**

“What are You doing?”

“Why are You taking?”

“Why have You not?”

“Why have You allowed?”

“Why, Lord, why?”

L: Like the crowd in Jerusalem, we too rejoice at Your arrival.

P: **Yet, we must confess,**
that at times we live as if You were never to arrive.
In our attitudes and our actions,
in our desires and our deeds
we have lived as if You were far off,
uninvolved and unconcerned with us and Your children's behavior.

L: Yet our unworthiness goes much deeper.

P: **We are by nature fallen, unholy and self-absorbed.**
Often finding ourselves using You to justify our will and our wants.
We admit Lord that we deserve to have You come to us in judgment.

L: For the Glory of Your name and the sake of Your love
enter our lives today Lord, triumphant and victorious,
forgiving and merciful.

P: **Bestow on us the blessing of Your work and save us Lord.**

L: Hosanna, the Lord saves and He has saved you!
The Lord comes here today in these words to cheer you,
"For Jesus' sake your sin is forgiven."

P: **Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest!**

L: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

P: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Jesus Paid it All"

Verse 1

And I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

Chorus 1

'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow

Interlude

It's washed away—All my sin and all my shame

Verse 2

Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

Verse 3

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Interlude

Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow...

Chorus 2

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- L:** O Lord, on this day You entered a city that rejoiced over You, only to later reject You.
- P:** **Our faith is often as fickle as Jerusalem's and both praises and curses fall from our lips too.**
- L:** Come to us anew Lord; as You have declared us holy, send us Your Holy Spirit
- P:** **that we might serve and live with the holy purpose of being the means through which many more might greet Your arrival with joy! Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Isaiah 52:13-53:4*

My servant will be successful.
He will be respected, praised, and highly honored.
Many will be shocked by Him.
His appearance will be so disfigured
that He won't look like any other man.
His looks will be so disfigured
that He will hardly look like a human.
He will cleanse many nations with His blood.
Kings will shut their mouths because of Him.
They will see things that they had never been told.
They will understand things that they had never heard.
Who has believed our message?
To whom has the Lord's power been revealed?
He grew up in His presence like a young tree,
like a root out of dry ground.
He had no form or majesty that would make us look at Him.
He had nothing in His appearance that would make us desire Him.

He was despised and rejected by people.
He was a man of sorrows, familiar with suffering.
He was despised like one from whom people turn their faces,
and we didn't consider Him to be worth anything.
He certainly has taken upon Himself our suffering
and carried our sorrows,
but we thought that God had wounded Him,
beat Him, and punished Him. — GW®

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| MINISTRY OF MUSIC: | “Lord, I Need You” | Troubadour Choir 8:00 |
| | “Oh, How Good is Christ the Lord” | Trinity Choir 9:30 |

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *Philippians 2:5-11*

Have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Although He was in the form of God and equal with God,
He did not take advantage of this equality.
Instead, He emptied Himself by taking on the form of a servant,
by becoming like other humans,
by having a human appearance.
He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
death on a cross.
This is why God has given Him an exceptional honor—
the name honored above all other names—
so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth,
and in the world below will kneel
and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father.— GW®

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| MINSITRY OF MUSIC: | “Jesus Is A Rock in a Weary Land” | Bethany Choir |
| | <i>~Kyle Johnson</i> | |

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: “Hosanna”

Verse 1

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

Pre-Chorus

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away (Washed away)

Chorus

Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Verse 2

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

Ending

Hosanna...

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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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 Is prais - ing You on high,
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

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Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

NICENE CREED: (* catholic means the universal Christian Church)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy *catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

L: As we journey through this week of our Lord's passion and death,
let us turn to God, the giver of new life.

(A brief silence)

L: Merciful Father, Your Son endured triumphs and terrors in Jerusalem. Give steadfastness to all Your people in this Holy Week,
and give us insight to meditate faithfully
upon the mystery of the Lamb of God
sacrificed for sheep, like us, who love to wander.
Hear us, O God;

P: **Your mercy is great.**

L: Merciful Father, may the gentle rule of Jesus
as the Prince of Peace be known throughout the world.
Hear us, O God;

P: **Your mercy is great.**

L: Merciful Father, may Your grace sustain all who are sick, (especially...). May they know Your healing presence.
Hear us, O God;

P: **Your mercy is great.**

L: Merciful Father, keep us in communion
with those who have gone before us into Your endless joy,
and bless those who rejoice this day, (especially...).
Hear us, O God;

P: **Your mercy is great.**

L: Merciful Father, hear us when we cry to You;
renew us, and uphold us with Your Spirit;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who has taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**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.**

✠ Holy Communion ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To help you prepare for communion we invite you to take a few moments of quiet prayer. For aid there are prayers on the front page of the hymnal for both before and after the reception of communion. Or simply pray, *Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation You invite me to come to You, to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacrament of Your altar. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are **alcohol free**. The wafers on the stand next to the pillar pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are **gluten free**.*

In our 9:30 service, we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" LSB 685

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en

am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,

sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;

Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence

hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,

Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

“No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”

LSB 444



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
 2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;
 4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake

With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
 With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's

mar - tial beat: “The King of glo - ry comes!”
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.

To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
 A - stride a colt He pass - es by
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name

No bells in tri - umph ring, No cit - y gates swing
 As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y
 The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
 Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed

o - pen wide: “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”
 stones would cry “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”
 mob re - plies, “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”
 host pro - claim “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING:

L: As He sat on a donkey Jesus gave the beast of burden,

P: **A new dignity.**

L: As He entered His own city in humility Jesus gave royalty,

P: **A new grace.**

L: As He welcomed the praise of the crowd
Jesus gave those longing for redemption,

P: **A new song.**

L: With them, we give Him our hearts and voices, as we cry:

P: **Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

CLOSING HYMN: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

LSB 443



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The 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!

POSTLUDE:

"Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 736"

~J.S. Bach



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SERVING GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:

Acolyte 8:00...Liam Quitoriano

Acolyte 9:30...Elizabeth Albers

Lector 8:00...Chris Cale

Liturgist 8:00 ...Karl Fink; 9:30...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Director of Music and Worship Arts...Noah Freeman

Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley

Children’s Message...Sam Morgenstern

Crucifer 8:00...Henry Cerulle

Crucifer 9:30...Nickolas Peralta

Lector 9:30...Josette Utke

Preacher...Pastor Kyle Blake

Accompanist...Kevin Bowers

Organist...Robert Bottoms

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MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship Service

Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY Worship Services

Friday, April 18 at 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm

EASTER FESTIVAL Worship Services

Sunday, April 20 at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am



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