

8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, March 24th

arr. Dale Wood

## Organ

## **WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE**

### **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.

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 12:12-26 [ESV]

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So 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!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His 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. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, 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.

Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If 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.

R: This is the Gospel of Lord.

C: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

# OPENING HYMN "All Glory Laud and Honor"

## **OPENING LITURGY**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Lord Jesus, on this day when we remember Your entry into Jerusalem as King and Savior, we walk with You to Your cross, where Your righteousness is given to all who believe. Search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

## Moment of Silent Confession

- P: With humble hearts, let us pray together.
- C: Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.
- P: You reign over all things and yet humbled Yourself for our salvation.
- C: We confess that our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is the reason why You entered into this world.
- P: It is why You passed through the gates of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and why You laid down Your life upon Calvary's cross on Good Friday—
- C: to forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.
- P: With hearts that are humble and lives that are grateful, help us to receive Your grace and bow before You in worship,
- C: Confessing that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.
- P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, shows His mercy to us in the sending of His only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords. The One who entered into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was handed over to death upon the cross so that we may be reconciled to the Father and granted His remission, full and free.

We are justified by His grace alone. As a fellow disciple, I share with you that your sins are forgiven, by the power and at the command of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit ignited faith in our hearts and continues to strengthen that faith in our lives as disciples of Jesus. We are called to live a new life in the freedom of His forgiveness, as He continues to make us holy for the Day of Judgement.

- C: Amen.
- P: Hosanna!
- C: Hosanna! Save us, we pray, O LORD!
- P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!
- C: We bless You from the house of the LORD.
- P: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
- C: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- P: This is the gate of the LORD;
- C: the righteous shall enter through it.
- P: I thank You that You have answered me
- C: and have become my salvation.
- P: The stone that the builders rejected
- C: has become the cornerstone.
- P: This is the LORD'S doing;
- C: it is marvelous in our eyes.
- P: This is the day that the LORD has made;
- C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P: The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.
- C: Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
- P: You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;
- C: You are my God; I will extol You.
- P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
- C: for His steadfast love endures forever!
- P: Hosanna!
- C: Hosanna! Save us, we pray, O LORD!

# RESPONSE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

"Little Grey Donkey"

arr. Natalie Sleeth

Children's Choir

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Zechariah 9:9-12 [ESV]

Rejoice 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. I 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. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

# **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Romans 8:31-39 [ESV]

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

**STATEMENT of FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

HYMN "Rejoice, O Zion's Daughter"			
SERMON "THE IDOL OF SAFETY"			
OFFERING			
PRAYERS of the CHURCH			
THE LORD'S PRAYER			
WORDS of INSTITUTION			
THE PEACE P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.			
AGNUS DEI			
DISTRIBUTION MUSIC "O Dearest Jesus"	Organ	arr. John Behnke	
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING			
UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES			
BENEDICTION			
NUNC DIMITTIS			
POSTLUDE "All Glory Laud and Honor"	Organ	arr. Janet Linker	



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