

**PALM SUNDAY**  
April 13, 2025  
**THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

**From Palms to Passion: Jesus for You**

**As We Gather**

Today we are brought to the threshold of Holy Week. This was the day the Jewish people chose the Passover Lamb. How quickly things can change in a week! On this Palm Sunday, we see Jesus enter Jerusalem with palms, a symbol of victory, strewn in the road and being waved. Yet it was from that entry that Jesus went to show His true love—His passion—by dying on the cross on Friday. That death showed His love for you. By faith, we believe what Jesus did was for us. Everything about us—our sin, our eternal destination—changed that week because Jesus took the road from palms to passion. Receive what Jesus did for you by faith, knowing your home in heaven was paid for with the King’s ransom—His own blood.

**Prelude**

*Isaiah Vera, piano*

**Opening Proclamation (Psalm 118:24)**

- L "This is the day the Lord has made...  
C **We will rejoice and be glad in it."**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Hymn LSB 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

ref 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 Blessèd One. Refrain
- 2 The company of angels  
Is praising You on high,  
And we with all creation  
In chorus make reply. Refrain

- 3 The multitude of pilgrims  
With palms before You went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before You we present. Refrain
- 4 To You before Your passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To You, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise. Refrain
- 5 As You received their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing,  
Our good and gracious King. Refrain

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## Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

## Opening Sentences

- P Hosanna!
- C **Hosanna to the Son of David!**
- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
- C **Hosanna in the highest!**

## Confession and Absolution

- P We confess before You, Lord, that we have sinned against You.
- C **We have sinned not only against You but one another, with what we have thought, what we have said, and by what we have or have not done.**
- P We unseat You and put ourselves on the throne that belongs only to You.
- C **Our pride in these and all sins deserves Your punishment, yet today we approach Your throne of grace, asking for Your mercy.**

P So I ask you now: are you sincere in this, your confession before God, and promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? If so, answer, “Yes, with the help of God.”

C **Yes, with the help of God.**

P Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday to show His love for you at the cross. At the cross, He showed His passion for you by dying for your sins and paying the price we could not pay. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen! Thank You, Lord, for Your passion for us.**

## Hymn LSB 527 O Savior, Precious Savior

*sts. 1–2*

1 O Savior, precious Savior,  
Whom yet unseen we love;  
O name of might and favor,  
All other names above,  
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,  
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee,  
Our holy Lord and King.

2 O bringer of salvation,  
Who wondrously hast wrought  
Thyself the revelation  
Of love beyond our thought,  
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,  
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee,  
Our gracious Lord and King.

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## Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## Greeting

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

C **Hosanna in the highest!**

P We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope the palms of deliverance of God’s people.

- C **Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!**  
 P Our hearts are filled with expectation as we welcome the coming king.  
 C **Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**  
 P We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.  
 C **Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

### Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray.  
 Lord Jesus Christ, on this day, You entered Jerusalem with pomp and circumstance, yet Your true passion was to be sacrificed for our sins. Help us, we pray, to look past the pomp and circumstance and see Your passion for us; we ask this in Your name, who with the Father and Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord, now and forever.  
 C **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 32:36–39*

- A The Old Testament Reading is from Deuteronomy, chapter 32.

<sup>36</sup> The LORD will vindicate his people  
 and have compassion on his servants,  
 when he sees that their power is gone  
 and there is none remaining, bond or free.  
<sup>37</sup> Then he will say, “Where are their gods,  
 the rock in which they took refuge,  
<sup>38</sup> who ate the fat of their sacrifices  
 and drank the wine of their drink offering?  
 Let them rise up and help you;  
 let them be your protection!  
<sup>39</sup> “See now that I, even I, am he,  
 and there is no god beside me;  
 I kill and I make alive;  
 I wound and I heal;  
 and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.”

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

### Epistle Reading

*Philippians 2:5–11*

- A The Epistle is from Philippians, chapter 2.

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and 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.**

## Choir Anthem

*"This is Jesus"*

## Holy Gospel

*John 12:12–19*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>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!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

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

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So 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.**

## Hymn LSB 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

- 1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple  
The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises,  
The simplest and the best.
  
- 2 From Olivet they followed  
Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving  
And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children  
Should on His bidding wait.
  
- 3 “Hosanna in the highest!”  
That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
The Lord of heav’n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him  
With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence  
Eternally rejoice!

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## Sunday School Presentation

### Meditation (Sermon)

### Offering

### Prayer of the Church

- P Almighty God, King of the universe, we come before You humbly asking that You would hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will.

We bow before You and give unto You our worship and praise.

- C **We worship You not because we love You, but You loved us first and gave the King's ransom to pay our sin's debt. Thank You, Jesus, for loving us so much.**
- P We thank You for the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives both to bring us to faith and keep us in the faith.
- C **Continue to open the eyes of our hearts and those around us, that we might see Your entry with palms for what it really was—Your passion to save us.**
- P As we near the day of Your return, we see a world in turmoil.
- C **Help us, Prince of Peace, amid all the chaos, to keep our eyes fixed on You.**
- P You are a benevolent King, known to grant requests.
- C **While You walked this earth, You granted the requests of the blind, the lame, the deaf, and even the widow at Nain, who did not ask You for anything, and You raised her son back to life.**
- P We lift up those who are sick and those who are suffering, [*including . . .*].
- C **Be with them, ease their pain, and bring relief from sicknesses through doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles to accomplish Your will in their lives.**
- P You tell us in Your Word to remember those in authority. We lift up those who hold seats of power.
- C **For rulers in all places, high and low, north, south, east, and west, we ask that Your Spirit would guide them and Satan's power be thwarted in all places.**
- P For Your church in all places, that the Gospel would be powerfully proclaimed this week, and the Holy Spirit stir faith in the hearts of many,
- C **use us according to Your will, that others may see the life of Jesus in us.**
- P Before Your throne, almighty King, we lift these and all petitions of our hearts, trusting You will answer all according to Your will.
- C **We pray in the name of Jesus, who with the Father and Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

- C **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.

## SACRAMENT

### Preface

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### Proper Preface

- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came into Jerusalem with palms waving, not to be a king, but to pay the King's ransom through His passion and by His blood redeem all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.**



**Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

### **Pax Domini**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei**

*LSB 180*

- C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## **Distribution Hymns**

### **Distribution Hymn LSB 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy**

- 1 Lamb of God, pure and holy,  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us,  
Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!
- 2 Lamb of God, pure and holy,  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us,  
Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!
- 3 Lamb of God, pure and holy,  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us,  
Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

## Distribution Hymn LSB 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

- 1 Jesus, I will ponder now  
On Your holy passion;  
With Your Spirit me endow  
For such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith  
May the image cherish  
Of Your suffering, pain, and death  
That I may not perish.
  
- 2 Make me see Your great distress,  
Anguish, and affliction,  
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness  
And Your crucifixion;  
Make me see how scourge and rod,  
Spear and nails did wound You,  
How for them You died, O God,  
Who with thorns had crowned You.
  
- 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone  
Make me see Your passion,  
But its cause to me make known  
And its termination.  
Ah! I also and my sin  
Wrought Your deep affliction;  
This indeed the cause has been  
Of Your crucifixion.
  
- 4 Grant that I Your passion view  
With repentant grieving.  
Let me not bring shame to You  
By unholy living.  
How could I refuse to shun  
Ev'ry sinful pleasure  
Since for me God's only Son  
Suffered without measure?
  
- 5 If my sins give me alarm  
And my conscience grieve me,  
Let Your cross my fear disarm;  
Peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won  
By Your holy passion.

If for me He slays His Son,  
God must have compassion!

- 6 Graciously my faith renew;  
Help me bear my crosses,  
Learning humbleness from You,  
Peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give You love for love!  
Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heav'n above  
Sing Your praise forever.

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### Distribution Hymn LSB 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
Awaits His own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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### Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P Let us pray.  
We thank You, our gracious Father, King of the universe, for

You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Through Your palms and passion and blood shed on Calvary, continue to do the sanctifying work through Your Holy Spirit by keeping us in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of our King and Lamb in His kingdom that has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### A Litany as Holy Week Begins

P On this Palm Sunday, we have celebrate. We have cheered you on as our champion and hailed you as our hero.

C **Forgive us tomorrow when our enthusiasm wanes.**

P Today we have entrusted you to rescue us from our pitiful circumstances, from the depths and brokenness of our sin.

C **Forgive us on Tuesday when we decide we can take care of ourselves.**

P Today we have made you the centerpiece of our worship and lives.

C **Forgive us on Wednesday when we forget to remember who you are, when we prioritize other things and other people.**

P Today we have called out to you loudly by name, in our prayers and in our praise.

C **Forgive us on Thursday when we, like the disciples, pretend that we've never met you.**

P Today we have stared at you with the star struck eyes of bold followers.

C **Forgive us on Friday when we avert our eyes because it's too painful to see you on the cross.**

P Today we have expressed our unsuppressed hopefulness in the future you have in store for us.

C **Forgive us on Saturday when we believe all is lost, when doubt overwhelms us, when despair clouds our faith.**

P Today we have been boldly certain of the earthly ways you will bless and redeem us.

C **Restore us on Sunday when we are startled and awed, forgiven and freed by your rising.**

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:23–26*

- P Your King cares for you! Receive His blessing through the words of the Aaronic benediction, by which He said, “Thus you shall bless the people.” Receive that benediction, your King’s blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

- C **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn LSB 343 Prepare the Royal Highway

- 1 Prepare the royal highway;  
The King of kings is near!  
Let ev’ry hill and valley  
A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of Glory  
Foretold in sacred story: Refrain
- ref Hosanna to the Lord,  
For He fulfills God’s Word!
- 2 God’s people, see Him coming:  
Your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before Him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God’s promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain
- 3 Then fling the gates wide open  
To greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev’ry nation  
Its tribute too should bring.  
All lands, bow down before Him!  
All nations, now adore Him! Refrain
- 4 His is no earthly kingdom;  
It comes from heav’n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
For kindness so abounding: Refrain

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