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PALM SUNDAY – SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
Sunday – 13 April *AD* 2025

WELCOME! Thank you for worshiping with us today! Visitors, please help us connect with you. Send an e-mail to mike.schleider@mtolivemke.org if you have any requests for prayer or questions about our services.

FOR THOSE DESIRING TO COMMUNE TODAY: We celebrate the Sacrament of our Lord Jesus Christ's true body and true blood. Since reception of the Lord's Supper expresses not only fellowship with the Lord, but also fellowship and agreement with the teaching of this congregation, we follow the Biblical practice of closed communion. Normally, members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who have been instructed in the faith are welcome to partake, however all guests are kindly asked to speak with a pastor before communing at our altar. For children or others who have not been confirmed, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.

Young children and their parents are invited to gather at the entrance of the church for the Palm Sunday procession during the organ prelude. Bring your palms with you. The congregation stands and faces the processional cross for the entrance rite.

Prelude

Choir: Hosanna filio David. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis!

*Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Text: Matthew 21:9; Music: Tomás Luis de Victoria

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.**

Matthew 21:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

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.

At the start of the singing of *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* the Palm Sunday Procession begins down the center aisle of the nave and around the front of the church. Participants return to their pews by way of the side aisles.

442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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 Is 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 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

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.
 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.
 O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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

The cross is veiled in silence. It is common practice that ornate crosses and statuary are veiled as a symbol of austerity and restraint as we approach Holy Week, reminding us of the somberness of this time. This veiling has come to be a symbol of penance and sorrow.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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 ✠

A 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.**



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!



We bless You from the house of the LORD.

Choir: Refrain

C Refrain

Choir: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C Refrain

Choir: Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

C Refrain



A 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.**

The Gospel reading can be found on page 834 and following in the pew Bibles.

Gospel Acclamation

Choir: He was brought as a Lamb to the slaughter, He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth. He was delivered up to death, that He might quicken His people. At Salem also is His tabernacle, and His dwelling place in Zion. He was delivered up to death, that He might quicken His people.

Text: Liturgical Text: Music: Healey Willan

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

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

P *Matthew 27:11-54*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

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.

Prayer of the Church

P Lord in Your mercy:

C hear our prayer.

Offering & Anthem

Morning Glory, Starlit Sky

*Morning glory, starlit sky, soaring music, scholar's truth,
flight of swallows, autumn leaves, memory's treasure, grace of youth:*

*Open are the gifts of God, gifts of love to mind and sense;
hidden is love's agony, love's endeavor, love's expense.*

*Love that gives, gives ever more, gives with zeal, with eager hands,
spares not, keeps not, all outpours, ventures all its all expends.*

*Drained is love in making full, bound in setting others free,
poor in making many rich, weak in giving power to be.*

*Therefore he who shows us God helpless hangs upon the tree;
and the nails and crown of thorns tell of what God's love must be.*

*Here is God: no monarch he, throned in easy state to reign;
here is God, whose arms of love aching, spent, the world sustain.*

Text: W. H. Vanstone: Music: Barry Rose

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

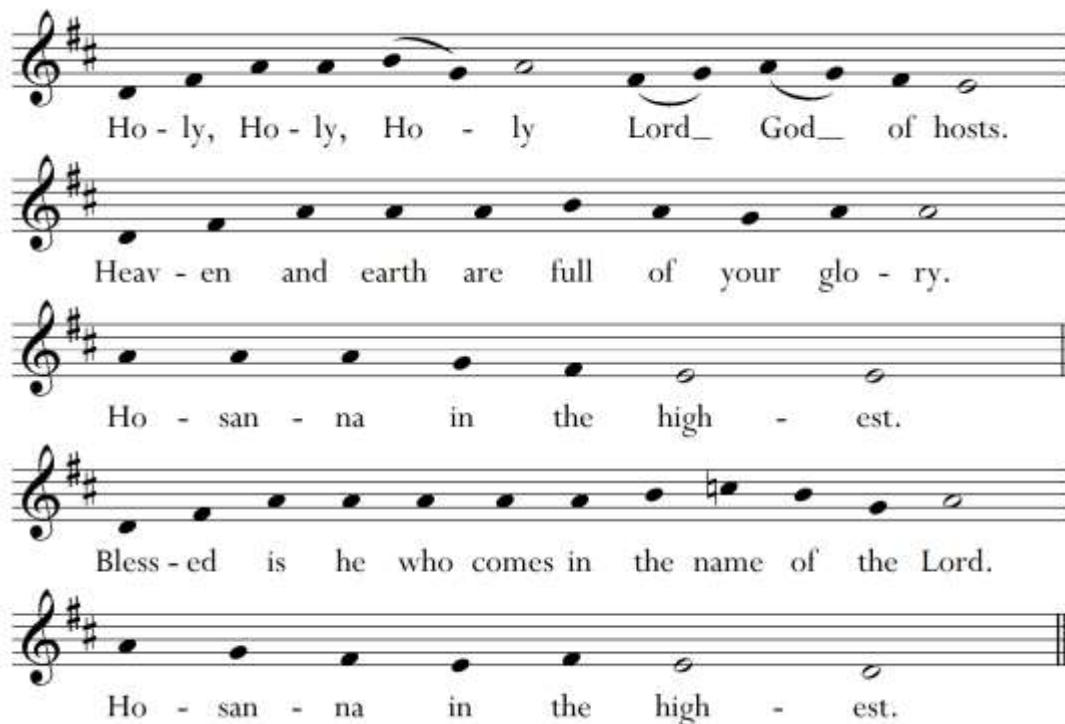
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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 accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the

cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord_ God_ of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us.

To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:



Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as
it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly
bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -
to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -
ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

P 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.”

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff is accompanied by the text of the prayer. The first three staves are identical, and the fourth staff concludes the phrase with a double bar line.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,

grant us peace.

441 Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty

Choir: Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi, quia per tuam sanctam crucem redemisti mundum. Domine, miserere nobis.

We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You, because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world. Lord, have mercy on us.

Text: Anitphon for the Feast of the Holy Cross; Music: Orlande de Lassus

443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

A Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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

C Amen.

444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

Postlude



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✠ Holy Week Services ✠

Maundy Thursday

4/17/2025

12:15 p.m. – Divine Service

6:30 p.m. – Divine Service & Stripping of the Altar †

Good Friday

4/18/2025

6:30 p.m. – Good Friday Service †

Holy Saturday

4/19/2025

4:00 p.m. – Holy Saturday Vespers

*The focus of this service is on Holy Saturday; it is not an anticipation of Easter Sunday.**

Easter Sunday

4/20/2025

9:30 a.m. – Divine Service †

† - denotes livestreamed services

** While we normally anticipate the Sunday service with the same focus at our Saturday service, this coming week on Holy Saturday we will have a Vespers service focusing on the propers appointed for this day: Daniel 6:1-27, 1 Peter 3:17-22, and Matthew 27:57-66. Please plan to join us on Easter Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for the feast of Easter.*