

# Palm Sunday



Our Saviour  
Lutheran Church  
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## GATHERING

### **BLESSING THE PALMS**

*People, and especially children, gather by the entrance to the nave,*

*The presiding minister begins (repeated one or more times):*

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

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.**

*The assisting minister addresses the assembly.*

Let us go forth in peace,

**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Refrain*

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 Blessed One. *Refrain*
  
- 2 The company of angels  
are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals  
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 Their praises you accepted;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

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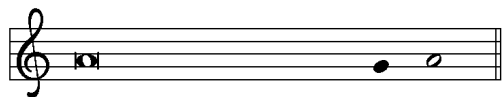
**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

*(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

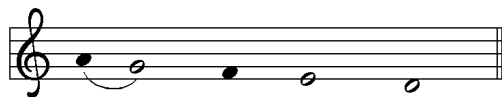
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



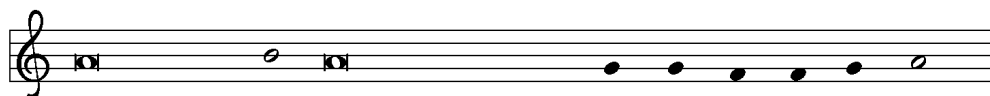
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*The presiding minister offers the Prayer of the Day.*

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **THE FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 50:4-9*

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

*The reading concludes:*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND READING

*Philippians 2:5-11*

A reading from Philippians.

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel*

1 *Canon*



Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

2



Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3



Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

## GOSPEL

*St. Luke 19:28-40*

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

<sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup>They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

<sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying,

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

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup>He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON



- 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*

- 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 may bring.  
All lands will bow before him;  
their voices join your singing: *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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## THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us affirm our baptismal faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*An assisting minister invites the assembly to pray for those in need*

As creation cries Hosanna, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Blessed are you in the midst of your church, O God. Strengthen Elizabeth and Phyllis our bishops, Terri and Michael our pastors, Pastor Toby and the people of Good Shepherd, in Papua New Guinea, as well as those who gather here and everywhere to praise, serve and proclaim you. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you among the nations. Grant to our leaders and all in authority a love of peace and the wisdom to know that prosperity for one nation need not come at the expense of others. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you among the poor. Be the friend of those who need food and shelter, both in Warrenton and throughout the world. Encourage food pantries, homeless shelters, and clothing banks. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you for the promise of healing. Comfort those who have suffered betrayal. those who have no voice or power, those who are forsaken and forgotten, those those in crisis, and those who are ill (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

With thanksgiving, we remember all who have been obedient to your will, and all who have died in faith (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

### PEACE

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.*

### MEAL

#### OFFERING

*As the offering is presented, we stand and sing.*

*(Psalm 51)*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

*The assisting minister offers a prayer.*

Let us pray together. *[A brief silence]*

**Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

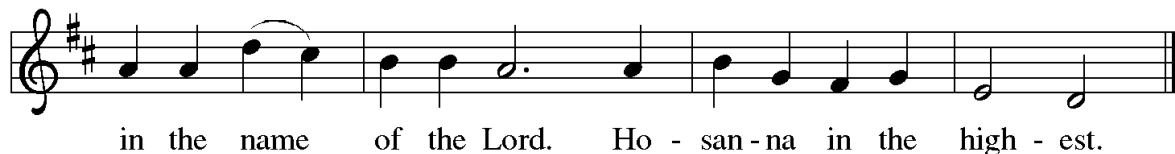
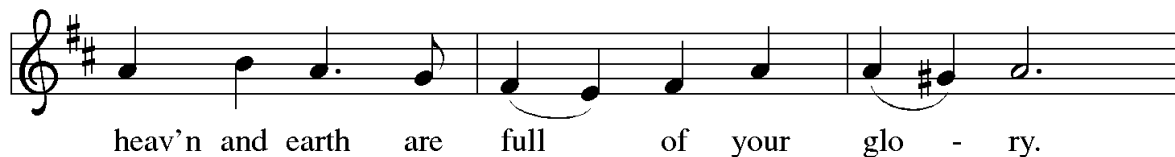
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*The presiding minister offers a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.*

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.  
We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy  
will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave  
thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.*

*Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,  
saying:

*This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.*

*Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and  
the promise of his coming again,

we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are  
able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your  
Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own  
gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled  
with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of  
sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our  
inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*The presiding minister may introduce 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The presiding minister invites the assembly to the table in the words of the Eastern liturgy:*

Holy things for a holy people.

**Jesus Christ is the Holy One.**

*The assembly may be seated.*



## COMMUNION

*We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians are invited to his table. To learn about baptism, speak to a pastor.*

*You may eat the bread and drink from the cup, or dip the bread into the cup and receive both elements together. If you prefer to receive Communion in your pew, notify an usher.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

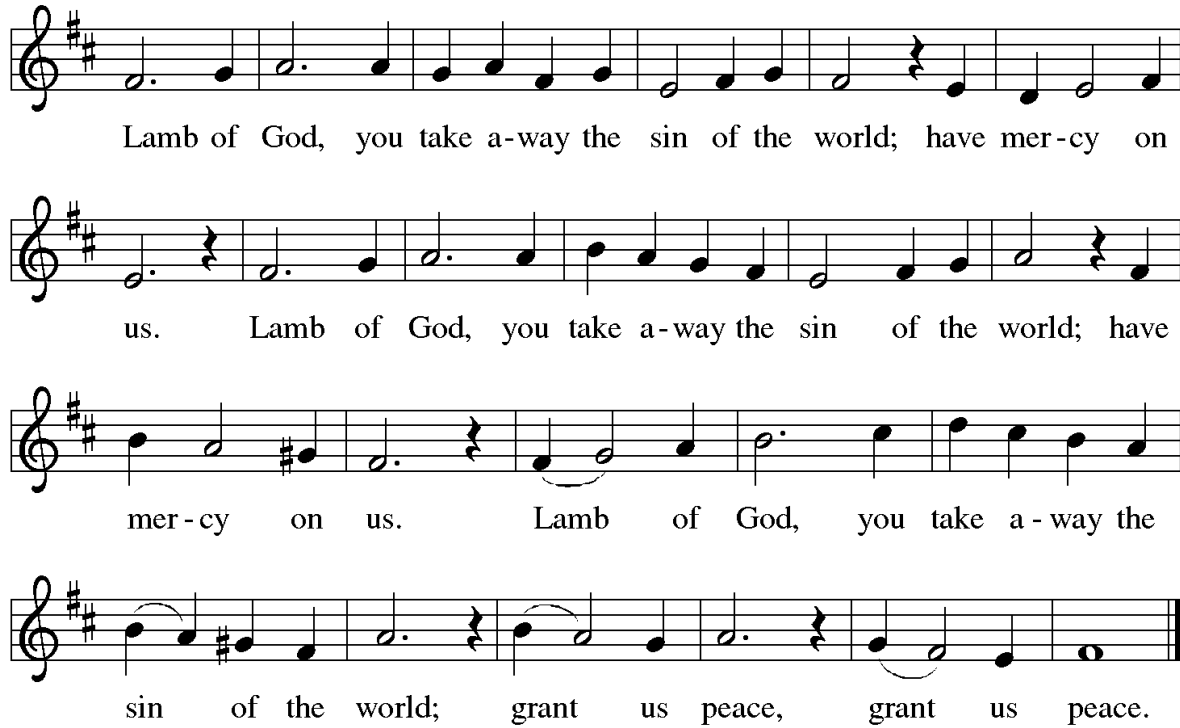
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

**Amen.**

COMMUNION SONG: *Agnus Dei*

(*St. John 1:29*)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**BLESSING**

*After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands. The presiding minister gives a table blessing.*

May the true Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his most precious Blood strengthen you and preserve you unto everlasting life.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The assisting minister offers this or a similar prayer.*

Let us pray. *[A brief pause]*

Lord, you feed us with bread from heaven. May we listen with faith to your only-begotten Son, and become your children in name and in fact.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**BENEDICTION**

*The presiding minister blesses the assembly in the name of the Trinity.*

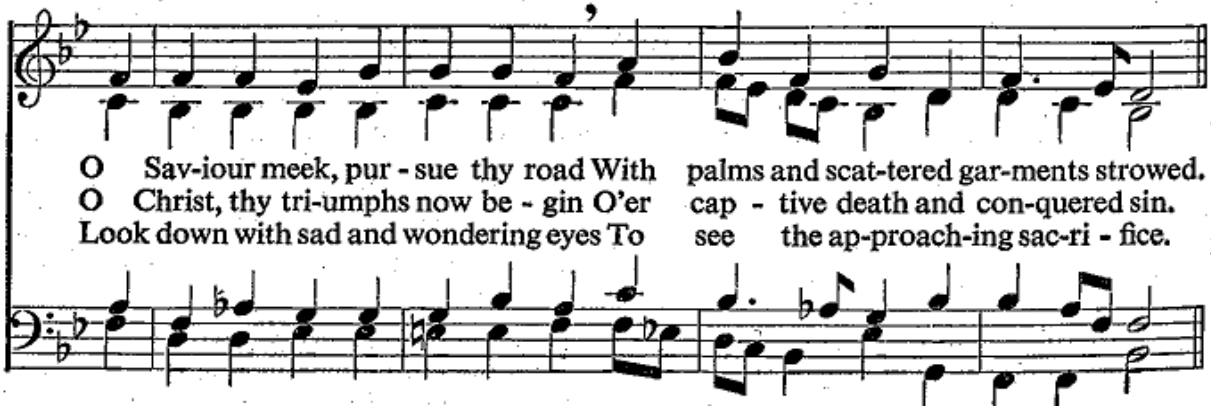
Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



1. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes Ho - san - na cry;  
 2. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die!  
 3. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! The wing - ed squad - rons of the sky



O Sav - iour meek, pur - sue thy road With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 Look down with sad and wondering eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.

**DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

*At Our Saviour Lutheran Church*



**Maundy Thursday** (17 April, 7pm)

*A memorial of the Last Supper*

**Good Friday** (18 April, Noon and 7pm)

*Spoken prayer at noon, and  
the Service of Darkness in the evening*

**The Great Vigil** (19 April, 5:30pm)

*A journey through the history of salvation*



**Easter Sunrise Matins** (20 April, 6:30am)

*As the sun rises in the east, we rejoice in the rising of Christ*

**Easter Fellowship** (21 April, 8:45-10:15 am)

*Including a Children's Egg Hunt, Story & Craft*

**Easter Festival Communion** (21 April, 10:30am)

*Sing out, earth and skies!*