

# Palm Sunday

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# Palm Sunday Gathering Rite

**Today's order of worship is the "Common Service" on page 15 in the front section of** Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal. *The following rite will replace the opening portion of the service. After the Gathering Rite, the service continues with the section entitled, "The Word."*

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**At the presiding minister's invitation, please stand and face the processional group in the back of the church.**

## INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

M: **Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.**

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

## PSALM 118 *(Selected Verses)*

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: His love endures forever.

M: Open for me the gates of righteousness;

C: I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

M: This is the gate of the Lord

C: Through which the righteous may enter.

M: O Lord, save us;

C: O Lord, grant us success.

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: From the house of the Lord we bless you.

M: The Lord is God,

C: And he has made his light shine on us.

M: With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession

C: Up to the horns of the altar.

M: You are my God, and I will give you thanks;

C: You are my God, and I will exalt you.

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: His love endures forever.

#### PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted **"Hosanna" and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our praise, and listen to our prayers** as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us go forth in peace,

C: In the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN      All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Christian Worship #131*

*Please turn to hymn #131 in Christian Worship. This hymn will be sung as the processional group enters the sanctuary from either the outside (weather permitting) or the lower level of the building.*

*After the hymn is concluded:*

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray:

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED



<sup>5</sup> Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be used for His own advantage. <sup>7</sup> Instead He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave, taking on the likeness of men. And when He had come as a man in His external form, <sup>8</sup> He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> For this reason God 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 will bow—of those who are 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.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (*John 12:23 cf. NIV*)

## STAND

## GOSPEL

*Luke 19:28-40 (HCSB)*



**C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!**

<sup>28</sup> When He had said these things, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As He approached Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, He sent two of the disciples <sup>30</sup> and said, **"Go into the village** ahead of you. As you enter it, you will find a young donkey tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> **If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say this: 'The Lord needs it.'"**

<sup>32</sup> So those who were sent left and found it just as He had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the young donkey, its owners said to them, **"Why are you untying the donkey?"**

<sup>34</sup> **"The Lord needs it," they said.** <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their robes on the donkey, they helped Jesus get on it. <sup>36</sup> As He was going along, they were spreading their robes on the road. <sup>37</sup> Now He came near the path down the Mount of Olives, and the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles they had seen:

<sup>38</sup> The King who comes in the name of the Lord is the blessed One. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees from the crowd told Him, **"Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."**

<sup>40</sup> He answered, **"I tell you, if they were to keep silent, the stones would cry out!"**

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

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C: 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.  
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,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian 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.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY — #133—*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

SERMON (*sermon text Zechariah 9:9,10*)

*"What Kind of Kingdom?"*

STAND

C: 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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

M: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.  
*Silent prayer.*

M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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.

## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



**C: And al - so with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.



**C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

*(The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord’s Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. For this reason, we ask that only members of Bethany or other WELS or ELS congregations partake in this special meal.)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #311—Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

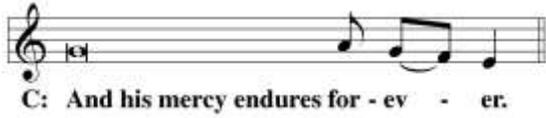
STAND

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

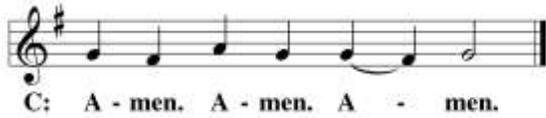
M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



M: We give thanks , almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



HYMN—#130—*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*



# News And Notes

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## WELCOME!

Welcome to worship! We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us today. Guests, if there is anything we can do to make your worship more meaningful, please do not hesitate to ask us. Pastor, the ushers, and all members of our Bethany family stand ready to serve you. May the Lord bless your worship!

## THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

A special "thank you" to those who served their Lord by serving us this morning, our violinists, our pianist, and our ushers. Thank you for edifying and beautifying our worship with your service.

## JOIN US FOR CAKE AFTER WORSHIP

After worship today, all are invited to gather in the lower level of Bethany to enjoy some cake in honor of the recent birthdays of Mary Jane ("MJ") Beckwith and Mackenzie Griepentrog.

## *Holy Week Worship & Fellowship Schedule*

*Thursday, March 24th, 7:00 PM — Maundy Thursday Worship (communion)*

*Friday, March 25th, 7:00 PM — Good Friday Worship*

*Sunday, March 27th, 7:30 AM — Easter Early Worship (communion)*

*Sunday, March 27th, beginning ~ 8:30 AM — Easter Breakfast*

*Sunday, March 27th, 10:30 AM — Easter Late Worship*

## **LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP OF THE WORD AT BETHANY**

\*\*In last Sunday's worship, 51 people were fed and strengthened by the Word of God.

\*\*On Tuesday evening, 12 people participated in our midweek Bible study

\*\*On Wednesday evening, 14 had the opportunity to hear God's Word in our midweek Lenten worship.

## Our Walk For God

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THIS WEEK AT BETHANY...

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
21	22 <i>7:00p Bible Study</i>	23	24 <i>7:00p Maundy Thursday Service Ushers: Team E(F)</i>	25 <i>7:00p Good Friday Service Ushers: Team D</i>	26 <i>Cleaner: D. Stadler Family  Happy Birthday Patricia Slabe!</i>	27 <i>EASTER SUNDAY 7:30a Sunrise Service 8:30a Breakfast 10:30a Worship Easter Egg Hunt After worship Happy Birthday Christopher Varisco!</i>

*Serving next Sunday: Altar: Kluender; Greeter (late): Fronk; Ushers (Early): Team C (H); Ushers (Late) Team B*