

AS WE GATHER

The words of the prophet Zechariah echo throughout this special day: "Behold your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9). On this day, we remember how Jesus Christ, the King of all creation, came down the Mount of Olives riding "a colt, the foal of a donkey." On this day of celebration and of sorrow, we have reason to rejoice in the salvation our humble King brought for us to and through Jerusalem and to the cross on Calvary's hill. The people there called out *Hosanna!*—which means "save us now!" And Jesus fulfilled their—and our—heart-felt request.

**Gathering Music Ride On, Jesus, Ride
Trumpet Tune (Stanley)**

Procession of Palms (Sunday School Children) Hosanna Loud Hosanna LSB 443



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

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Sunday School Reading

Welcome & Invocation

Pastor Aaron Boerst

Word of the Day

John 12:12–19

(The triumphal entry of Jesus)

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

¹³So 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!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

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

¹⁶His 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. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him

when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Opening Song All Glory, Laud, and Honor LSB 442 vs 1, 4

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is marked 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re - deem - er, King,'. The second staff continues with: 'To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.' The third staff contains the lyrics: '1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son, 4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;'. The fourth staff is also marked 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One. To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.'

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Confession and Forgiveness 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Pastor: Together we confess of our sins to God, our gracious, heavenly Father.

People: Eternal God, we confess that we were born sinful and have continued to sin in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Almighty God, give us Your grace and Spirit that we may be faithful before temptation, that we may be able to stand strong in the face of evil, and against the schemes of the devil. Deliver us from our slavery to sin through the forgiveness You offer, so that we can serve You faithfully all our life, this we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Reader

Carol Wagner

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9

(The Coming King of Jerusalem)

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.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5–11

(Christ poured Himself out in death for His people.)

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

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Song of the Day **Ride On, Ride On in Majesty** **LSB 441 vs 1, 5**



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to
sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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An Excerpt from C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*

Sermon

Silencing Screwtape: *Self*

Pastor Aaron Boerst

Creed - Apostles Creed

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: We pray for the Church as it observes this Holy Week around the world that all people come to see in Christ alone the Redeemer of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for all nations, that conflicts cease and that the kingdom of God come to bless our world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As we anticipate the celebration of Holy Week and Easter, we pray for our families and the people closest to us. Grant that we share with them our faith in Christ and live together as God's holy and thankful people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those with special needs and concerns this day, especially the hospitalized, the grieving, the unemployed, and all those whose special situations are on our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As this holiest week of the Church Year begins, Lord, we remember before You those many faithful Christian people who have been part of our lives and our fellowship in times past, especially those who have departed this life and now are rejoicing in the glory of Your promised heavenly Kingdom. Direct our ways on earth that we may complete this life in faith and may at last sing eternal hosannas together with them and all the company of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, Hear us now on behalf of those in our congregation and all who stand in need:

Local concerns are added by congregational elder here.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Sharing God's Peace

Offering Take, O Take Me As I Am

Chorus: Take O take me as I am
Summon out what I shall be
Set Your seal upon my heart
And live in me

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Presentation of Gifts

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You are the giver of all good things, and Your Word makes clear that every good and perfect gift comes from You. We ask that You accept these gifts back unto Yourself and use them to Your glory. *[Psalm 145:15, James 1:17]*

People: Amen.

+ Holy Communion +

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *[2 Timothy 4:22]*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Words of Our Lord *[Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25]*

Proclamation of Christ

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *[1 Cor. 11:26]*

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. [Revelation 22:20]

Distribution

Jesus Remember Me (Repeated)

LSB 767



Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.



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No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

LSB 444



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;
3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;
4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.
on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.
form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
A - stride a colt He pass - es by
The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



No bells in tri-umph ring, No cit - y gates swing
As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y
The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

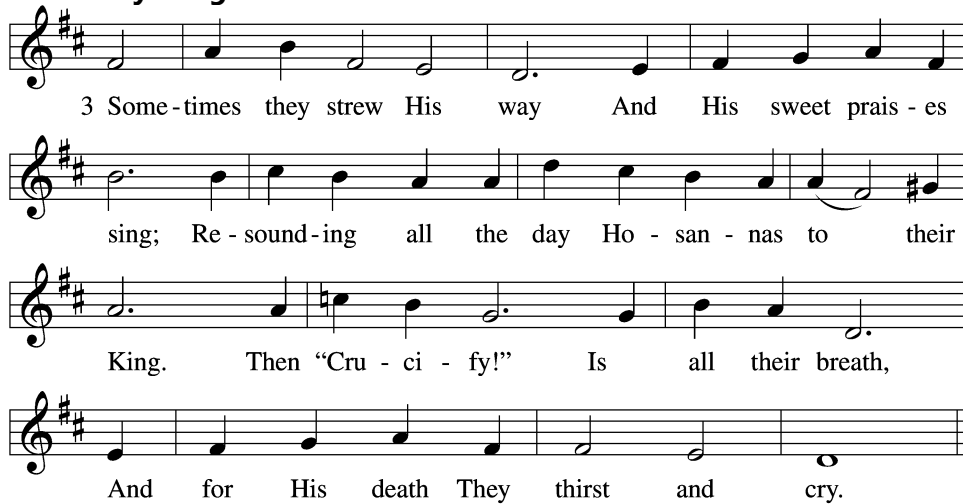
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Announcements

Passion Narrative *Luke 23*

Pastor: Then the whole company of them arose and brought Him before Pilate. And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a king." And Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him, "You have said so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

Hymn **My Song Is Love Unknown vs 3: LSB 430**



3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais-es
sing; Re-sound-ing all the day Ho-san-nas to their
King. Then "Cru-ci-fy!" Is all their breath,
And for His death They thirst and cry.

Pastor: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see Him, because he had heard about Him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by Him. So he questioned Him at some length, but He made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing Him. And Herod with his soldiers treated Him with contempt and mocked Him. Then, arraying Him in splendid clothing, he sent Him back to Pilate. Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining Him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against Him. Neither did Herod, for he sent Him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. I will therefore punish and release Him."

Hymn **My Song Is Love Unknown vs 4: LSB 430**

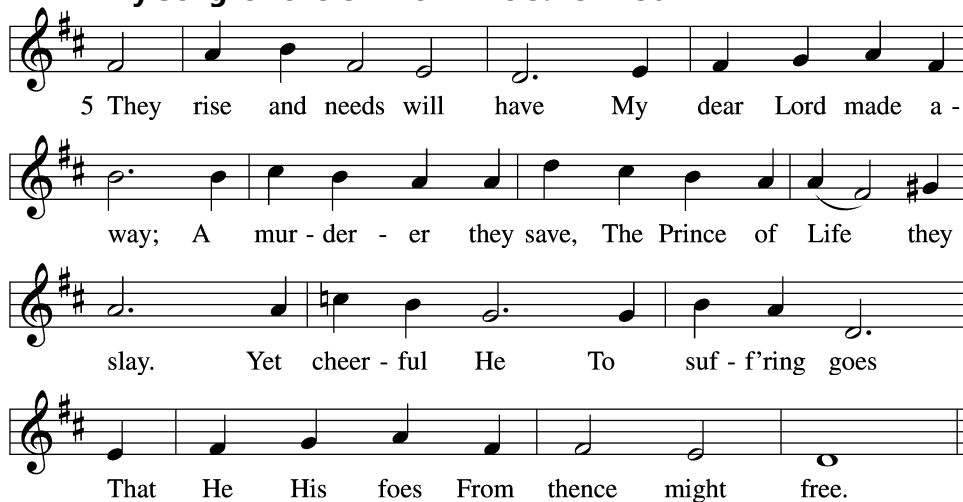


4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their
sight. Sweet in-ju-ries! Yet they at these



Pastor: But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"—a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify Him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found in Him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release Him." But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that He should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

Hymn My Song Is Love Unknown vs 5: LSB 430



Pastor: Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Lord's Prayer [Matthew 6:9–13]

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: 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.

Benediction [Numbers 6:24-26]

Pastor: 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 ☩ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn My Song Is Love Unknown vs 6: LSB 430

6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might
have; In death no friend - ly tomb But what a strang - er
gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb Where - in He lay.

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