



PALM SUNDAY

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Opening Hymn *“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”* p. 441

Invocation, Confession and Absolution p. 151

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For**

the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

+ **INTROIT** + *Psalm 22: 1, 7-8, 11; antiphon Psalm 22: 19, 21*

Pastor: But you, O LORD, do not be far off!

Cong.: O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

Pastor: Save me from the mouth of the lion!

Cong.: You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

Pastor: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Cong.: Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

Pastor: All who see me mock me;

Cong.: they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

Pastor: "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;

Cong.: let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

Pastor: Be not far from me, for trouble is near,

Cong.: and there is none to help.

Pastor: But you, O LORD, do not be far off!

Cong.: O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

Pastor: Save me from the mouth of the lion!

Cong.: You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

Kyrie

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.
C Lord, have mercy.
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let
us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C Amen.

+ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY +

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9: 9-12

⁹ Rejoice 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.

¹⁰ I 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^[a] to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2: 5-11

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 emptied himself, by 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. This is the Word of the LORD.

Cong.: Thanks be to God!

+VERSE+ (sung)

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*Return to the Lord, your God,
For He is gracious and merciful
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love
And abounding in steadfast love.*

+ THE HOLY GOSPEL +

Matthew 27: 11-54

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "*You have said so.*" ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, "*Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?*" ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

The Crowd Chooses Barabbas

¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "*Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?*" ¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "*Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.*" ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor again said to them, "*Which of the two do you want me to release for you?*" And they said, "*Barabbas.*" ²² Pilate said to them, "*Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?*" They all said, "*Let him be crucified!*" ²³ And he said, "*Why? What evil has he done?*" But they shouted all the more, "*Let him be crucified!*"

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, *“I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”* ²⁵ And all the people answered, *“His blood be on us and on our children!”* ²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, *“Hail, King of the Jews!”* ³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

³² As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, *“This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”* ³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, *“You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”* ⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴² *“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”* ⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, *“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”* that is, *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”* ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, *“This man is calling Elijah.”* ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, *“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”* ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and

those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “*Truly this was the Son of God!*”

THE SERMON HYMN: “*My Song Is Love Unknown*”

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SERMON

Nicene Creed

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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

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P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)

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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.**

Collect

P Lord God, we humbly confess to You that we deserve Your fatherly chastisement for our sins; yet we earnestly implore You, for Your name's sake, to spare us in this time of disaster. Restrain all harmful powers and help Your suffering people that Your Word may be declared faithfully and without hindrance and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk in safety and peace according to Your holy commandments; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

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- P 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.
- C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn “On What Has Now Been Sown”

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Organist: Bill Vlasak

LOOKING AHEAD:

Catechism Class: March 31st at 6:15 pm

Holy Week Services: Holy Thursday, April 1st at 5:00 and 7:00 pm.;

Good Friday, April 2nd at 5:00 and 7:00 pm.

Easter Services: Sunday, April 4th at 8:00 and 10:30 pm.