

WATER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 2023 | 8 AM

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL $\, \div \,$ SEEK THE THIRSTY $\, \div \,$ TEACH THE WORD

t Welcome! t

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"Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD" (Psalm 118:19). Palm Sunday is the "gate" of Holy Week. As we gather for worship, let us walk through this gate with Jesus, our King, remembering His suffering for our salvation, and receiving again the gifts of God that inspire in us our thanks and praise.

Today in our worship service, we also welcome Benjamin Robert Teichelman through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. The Word of God teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever, but the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

ት Preparation ቱ

INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

GREETING

- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
- C Hosanna to the Son of David!





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

COLLECT

- 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.



CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

1 Thess. 5:23

P Lord Jesus, on this day when we remember Your entry into Jerusalem as King and Savior, we walk with You to Your cross, where Your righteousness is given to all who believe. Search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

- P With humble hearts, let us pray together.
- C Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray. You reign over all things and yet humbled Yourself for our salvation. We confess that our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is the reason why You entered into this world. It is why You passed through the gates of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and why You laid down Your life upon Calvary's cross on Good Friday— to forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God. With hearts that are humble and lives that are grateful, help us to receive Your grace and bow before You in worship, confessing that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.
- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, shows His mercy to us in the sending of His only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords. The One who entered into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was handed over to death upon the cross so that we may be reconciled to the Father and granted His remission, full and free. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +I Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✤ Service of the Word

INTROIT

Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon: Ps. 118:26

- P Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.
- C Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- P Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!
- C Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

HYMN OF PRAISE Prepare the Royal Highway LSB 343 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near! 2 God's peo-ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e ter - nal king! 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom-ised king! 4 His no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove. is ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear! Let Him! Spread gar-ments! Shout and sing! Palm branch-es strew be-fore Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring. His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- C 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. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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.

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



Zechariah 9:9-10

EPISTLE READING

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.

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵"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.' "

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And 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!" ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.



Philippians 2:5-11

APOSTLES' CREED

ALL 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 the life + everlasting. Amen.



Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY (sung)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

✤ Rite of Holy Baptism ✤ (LSB, p. 268) **BAPTISMAL HYMN** Children of the Heavenly Father LSB 725 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa _ ther Safe lv 2 God His own doth tend and nour ish; In His 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev er From the 4 Though He He His giv eth tak eth. God _ or His Nest - ling bird in bos - om gath - er; nor star in courts they flour - ish. ho ly From all e vil things He Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth: His the lov - ing pur - pose Such ref e'er uge giv - en. heav en а was spares them; In His might arms He bears them. У show - eth, And their sor rows all He know - eth. ho - ly. sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

We rejoice in welcoming Benjamin Robert Teichelman through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Benjamin is the son of Sam & Victoria Teichelman. Sponsors are Paul & Janine Teichelman.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LSB, p. 192-93



✤ Service of the Sacrament ✤

PREFACE

- 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, Lord, our God, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son, the long hoped-for Messiah, to bring us salvation. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as the guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. With angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
- P Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
- C Hosanna in the highest.
- P Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
- C Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, who in giving Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to come among us, bringing His salvation, has fulfilled the vision of the prophets and the hopes of Your people. We thank You for calling us in this time and place and for inviting us to Your holy Table. Joined together in the name of our Lord and in the communion of saints, we pray You to send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C Our Father who art in heaven...

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2 Timothy 4:22

Colossians 3:1

Psalm 136

LSB, p. 195

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

AGNUS DEI (sung)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION ~ Welcome to the Lord's table. (An usher will direct you.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Firmly hold with faith unshaken
That this food is to be taken
By the sick who are distressed,
By hearts that long for peace and rest.



LSB, p. 198

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John 20:19

- Agony and bitter labor
 Were the cost of God's high favor;
 Do not come if you suppose
 You need not Him who died and rose.
- Christ says: "Come, all you that labor, And receive My grace and favor: Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill.
- 8 "For what purpose was My dying If not for your justifying? And what use this precious food If you yourself were pure and good?"
- 9 If your heart this truth professes
 And your mouth your sin confesses,
 You will be your Savior's guest,
 Be at His banquet truly blest.
- Let this food your faith so nourish
 That its fruit of love may flourish
 And your neighbor learn from you
 How much God's wondrous love can do.

NUNC DIMITTIS (sung)

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P O God the Father, who in love and mercy sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. Strengthen us in the certainty of our Savior's saving work that we may live securely as those who by grace have been declared righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Almighty Father, Bless the Word

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Numbers 6:24-26



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