

8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 2, 2023
SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
PALM SUNDAY



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE: “All Glory, Laud and Honor” – P. Manz

L. We prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

L. Holy God,

C. we confess to you our faults and failings.

**Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;
we spoil rather than steward your creation;
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;
we choose fear over compassion.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

Amen.

L. 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.

C. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS: Matthew 21:1-11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead 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, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

GATHERING HYMN: "All Glory Laud and Honor"

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All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

L: Let us now renew our faith by speaking together the words of the Apostles' Creed:

APOSTLES' CREED:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

L: With the whole body of Christ, let us pray aloud or silently for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

L: Now let us end our prayers by speaking together the Prayer of the Day as written in the bulletin.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

You may be seated.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Jesus, So Lowly" – Harold Friedell

*Jesus, so lowly, child of the earth: christen me wholly, bring me new birth.
Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; teach me that only Love maketh glad.
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; be this the token Love will not fail.
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free: teach me how glorious death is to be.*

BUILDING THE TABLE

HOLY COMMUNION:

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We trust and teach the “real presence” of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.

The Communion elements were consecrated before today’s service by Pastor Ed Boone.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

L. Let us all pray together the Post Communion Prayer.

C. We give you thanks almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift – in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

BENEDICTION:

L. Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!”

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2	Ride	on,	ride	on	in	maj	-	es	-	ty!	In	low	-	ly
3	Ride	on,	ride	on	in	maj	-	es	-	ty!	The	hosts	of	
4	Ride	on,	ride	on	in	maj	-	es	-	ty!	In	low	-	ly



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DISMISSAL:

L. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!" – R. Hobby

Today's altar flowers are given by Christi Tam in honor of Steve's birthday.