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Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Contemporary Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

May God bless your worship with us today,
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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live, Learn,
Share, and Serve'***

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of
Christian faith in our community, to all
generations, wherever they may be'*

Palm Sunday

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

“King of Kings”

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
'till from Heaven You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes.

To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
from a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Praise the Father, praise the Son. Praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of Glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.

For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.

Praise the Father, praise the Son. Praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of Glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
'till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.

And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint.

By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free,
for the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me.

Praise the Father, praise the Son. Praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of Glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.

Praise forever to the King of Kings.

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”

Praise is rising Eyes are turning to You We turn to You
Hope is stirring Hearts are yearning for You We long for You

'Cause when we see You We find strength to face the day
In Your presence All our fears are washed away, washed away.

Hosanna hosanna You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises

Hosanna hosanna Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of Hearts returning to You We turn to You
In Your Kingdom Broken lives are made new You make us new

'Cause when we see You We find strength to face the day
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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“O Praise The Name”

I cast my mind to Calvary where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands His feet. My Savior on that cursed tree.
His body bound and drenched in tears, they laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone. Messiah still and all alone.

O praise the Name of the Lord our God. O praise His Name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing Your praise. Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

Then on the third at break of dawn, The Son of Heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King.
O praise the Name of the Lord our God. O praise His Name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing Your praise. Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

He shall return in robes of white, The blazing sun shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints, My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

O praise the Name of the Lord our God. O praise His Name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing Your praise. Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God. Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

First Reading

Psalm 118:19-29

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. ²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. ²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; or his steadfast love endures forever!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 12:12-26

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So 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!" ¹⁴ And 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!" ¹⁶ His 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. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The

reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him. ²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

“The Lion And The Lamb”

He's coming on the clouds Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him

Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

So open up the gates Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty
Our God is the Lion The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power And fighting our battles

And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains
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And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
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Message

"Riding Forward"

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

- ☐ Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- ☐ **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.**

Blessing

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.

G Amen.

Sending Song

"Let God Arise"

There's a pageant of triumph in glory,
And as Jesus the King takes His throne,
The shame of the cross is exchanged for a crown,
And heaven applauds the King.
The Son has the Father's approval,
He perfectly followed the plan
To suffer and die for the sins of the world;
He poured out His love for our shame.

Let God arise with shouts of joy,
With songs of praise and trumpet sound.
Let music play and hearts be free; let God arise.

Death could not keep Him in prison;
He burst through the shackles of hell.
He settled the score with the evil one
And heaven applauds the King.
The fullness of Christ is my treasure;
I've cast off the past with its shame.
The pow'r of the Father has raised me to life;
I'm a child, I'm forgiven and free.

Let God arise with shouts of joy,
With songs of praise and trumpet sound.
Let music play and hearts be free; let God arise.

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