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Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional 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'***

9:00 - Traditional

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

Palm Sunday

Divine Service One (pp 151ff)

Prelude

Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

Opening Song

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" LSB 443

Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving
And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heav'n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!

Invocation

LSB 151

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

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

Confession and Forgiveness

- L** 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.**
- L** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination

- L** Most merciful God,
- C** **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.**
- 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. 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

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

C The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

L Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C We bless you from the house of the Lord.

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy (*Sung*)

LSB 152

L In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

L 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.

L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us
pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray together...

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.

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; for his steadfast love endures forever.

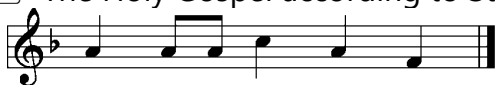
A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 12:12-19

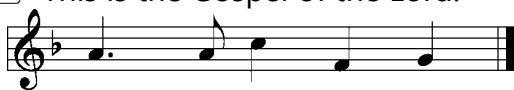
L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

G 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.

Children's Message

Message Song ““No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet” *LSB 444*

No tramp of soldiers’ marching feet With banners and with drums,
No sound of music’s martial beat: “The King of glory comes!”

To greet what pomp of kingly pride

No bells in triumph ring,

No city gates swing open wide:

“Behold, behold your King!”

And yet He comes. The children cheer; With palms His path is strown.

With ev’ry step the cross draws near: The King of glory’s throne.

Astride a colt He passes by

As loud hosannas ring,

Or else the very stones would cry

“Behold, behold your King!”

What fading flow’rs His road adorn; The palms, how soon laid down!

No bloom or leaf but only thorn The King of glory’s crown.

The soldiers mock, the rabble cries,

The streets with tumult ring,

As Pilate to the mob replies,

“Behold, behold your King!”

Now He who bore for mortals’ sake The cross and all its pains

And chose a servant’s form to take, The King of glory reigns.

Hosanna to the Savior’s name

Till heaven’s rafters ring,

And all the ransomed host proclaim
"Behold, behold your King!"

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Message

"A Moment that Changes Everything"

Offering

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Offering Song - Sung

LSB 159

- ☐** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- ☐** 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

LSB 166

- ☐** 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.



☐ A - men.

Closing Song

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" LSB 442

ref All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,

To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and Blessèd One. **Refrain**

The company of angels Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply. **Refrain**

The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present. **Refrain**

To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. **Refrain**

As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King. **Refrain**

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