

Palm Sunday
April 5, 2020
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship Mark 11:9-10

"Hosanna! " "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

Hymn: *All Glory Laud and Honor*

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The Law of Christ:

John 13:34-35

Pastor: Jesus our Savior summarized the moral law of God by saying:

Congregation: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Pastor: Beloved we have not done this as we ought; therefore, let us confess our sin:

Corporate Confession of sin:

Lord you are the only Righteous God; you are the one who determines truth, justice, right and good. You have called us to be your disciples, to think your thoughts after you and to reflect your image in the world. But at times we are more like salt that has lost its taste, we can be like broken buckets that hold no water, our reflection of your image is fractured at best.

Holy Father, we confess and bewail our sins, great and small, inward and outward, omission and commission; we are helpless apart from your grace. We acknowledge that there is abundant grace for us in the work and merits of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you for uniting us to him by your Spirit. Renew our wills and our affections that we would love you and the things that you love; thereby being an influence for good, righteousness and justice in the world. All this we ask in the name of and for the sake of Jesus your Son and our Savior and King. Amen.

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Eph 1:7-8

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

Congregation: We give praise to God for although he was angry with us his anger has been turned away and by faith in Christ our sins are forgiven.

Pastor: How far has he separated your sins from you?

Congregation: As far as the East is from the West, and he has replaced them with the righteousness of Christ

All: Praise and glory be to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our only Savior!

Response:

Minister: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. (Ps 92:1)

Congregation: For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts! (Ps 92:4-5)

Hymn: *When His Salvation Bringing*

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Confession of Faith: *Westminster Chapter 2, Article 1*

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Song: Jesus Is King

Jesus is King, let all the earth be glad.
He sits enthroned, He is exalted on high.
Behold your God; behold your God!
He is surrounded with glory.
He is surrounded with glory.

Jesus is King, let all the earth rejoice.
He moves in power, He reigns in majesty.
Behold your God; behold your God!
He is surrounded with glory.
He is surrounded with glory.

As we draw near, we see His glory shine.
We see the pain, yet we see triumph in His eyes.
Behold your God; behold your God!
We are surrounded with glory.
We are surrounded with glory.

Children's song

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
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OT Reading: Zech 9:9-17

Psalter: Ps 118

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

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NT Responsive Reading: Matt 21:4-16

This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them.

They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them.

Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

And 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!"

And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?"

And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?"

And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, "'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?"

Sermon: Love Never Ends 1 Cor 13:4-8

Hymn: *Be Still My Soul*

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Song The Love of God

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell
The guilty pair, bowed down with care
God gave His Son to win
His erring child He reconciled
And pardoned from his sin

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song

Could we with ink the ocean fill
And were the skies of parchment made
Were every stalk on earth a quill
And every man a scribe by trade

To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky

O love of God, how rich and pure!
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The saints' and angels' song

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer

Closing Song: **May the Grace of Christ Our Savior**

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys, which earth cannot afford.

Benediction