

Palm Sunday  
March 24, 2024

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  
Invocation

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The Law of Christ:

Matt. 5:46-48

Pastor: Our blessed Lord Jesus summarized the moral law of God by saying:

**Congregation: If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.**

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

**Lord, our desires are so often foremost in our thinking. Not having put to death all of the aspects of our old nature, we confess that we regularly commit idolatry. Anger that does not conform to your righteousness, because it stems from our heart demands, is a daily occurrence. You would be just in condemning us both for sins committed and the sin of our nature inherited from Adam.**

**We thank you that there is glorious forgiveness in your Son the Lord Jesus. Thank you for his suffering and death for us. Thank you for his active obedience imputed to us. Renew us so that our lives will reflect the great grace we have received from you, and may we grant similar grace to others as well, through Christ our only Savior. Amen**

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**Congregation: We give praise to God who is faithful and just. Who has forgiven our sins and cleansed us of unrighteousness.**

Pastor: How pure has the blood of Christ made you?

**Congregation: Although our sins were like crimson, they are as white as wool (Isa 1:18).**

**All: Praise and glory be to God the Father, Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit the Lord.**

Pastor: Titus 2:13-14

The Savior Jesus Christ gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

**Congregation: Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for coming into this world to redeem us from sin and lawlessness; purify us more and more and increase our zeal to walk in Your law and do good works by the power of your Holy Spirit and faith in You. Amen.**

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: Apostles Creed

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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.

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: John 10:1-21

Psalter: Ps 118      This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

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Epistle: Phil 2:19-30

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you.

**For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare.**

For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

**But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel.**

I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me,

**and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.**

I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill.

**Indeed he was ill, near to death.**

But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

**I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious.**

So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men,

**for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.**

Sermon: Rejoice Greatly      Zech 9:9

Lord's Supper

Bread: Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

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Cup: 'Tis finished' The Messiah Dies

'Tis finished! The Messiah dies.  
Cut off for sins, but not His own  
Accomplished is the sacrifice,  
The great redeeming work is done.  
'Tis finished! all the debt is paid:  
Justice divine is satisfied;  
The grand and full atonement made;  
God for a guilty world hath died.

The veil is rent in Christ alone:  
The living way to Heaven is seen,  
The middle wall is broken down,  
And all mankind may enter in.  
The types and figures are fulfilled;  
Exacted is the legal pain:  
The precious promises are sealed.  
The spotless Lamb of God is slain.

The reign of sin and death is o'er,  
And all may live from sin set free,-  
Satan hath lost his mortal power.  
'Tis swallowed up in victory.  
Saved from the legal curse I am,  
My Savior hangs on yonder tree'  
See there the meek, expiring Lamb'  
'Tis finished! He expires for me.

Accepted in the Well-beloved.  
And clothed in righteousness divine.  
I see the bar to heaven removed:  
And all Thy merits, Lord. are mine.  
Death, hell. and sin are now subdued:  
All grace is now to sinners given.  
And lo, I plead the atoning blood,  
And in Thy right I claim Thy Heaven'

Offering:  
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

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