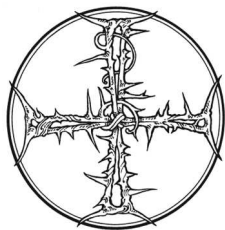


A Prayer Upon Entering Church

Almighty ever living God, you have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled your will by becoming man and giving His life on the cross. Help us to bear witness to you by following His example of suffering that we too might one day share in His resurrection. Amen.



Palm Sunday

Palmarum + March 24, 2024 + 9:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. As is often mentioned on Palm Sunday, Jesus is a king unlike any other king this world has known or ever will know. His entrance into Jerusalem highlights this very thing: A king riding on a donkey. This not only fulfills ancient biblical prophecy (Zechariah 9) but all the more highlights the stark reality of this king who is the King of kings (Revelation 19) yet doesn't appear to be a king at all! Palm Sunday invites us to reflect and meditate on this King, a paradox of grandeur and humility, of disgrace and glory.

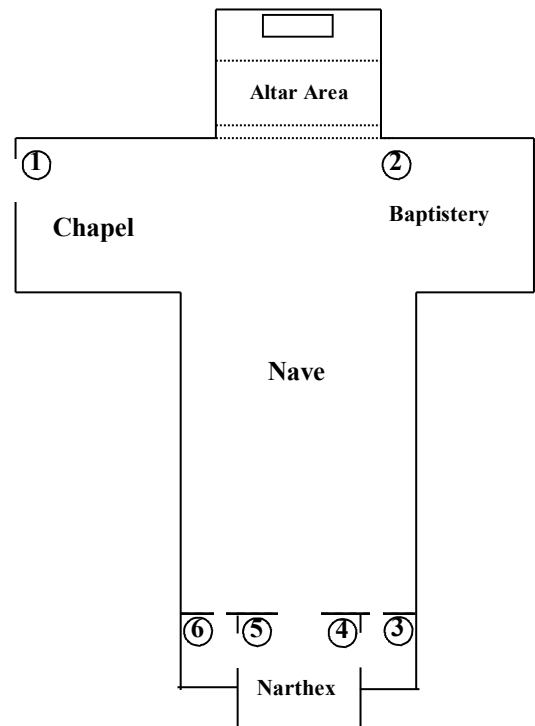
Sharing God's Blessings Today

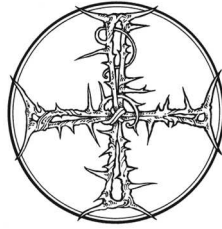
- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Thomas & Marge Nienow in thanksgiving for Zion's Radio Broadcasts.
- Flowers do not adorn the chancel during the Lenten season.
- The sponsor charts for 2024 Radio Broadcasts, Flowers and Bulletins are available for you to sign up. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry.

To Share Your Offering

Offerings are received in Zion's wooden offering boxes built into the walls of the church. Please see the map, where the boxes are labeled by number (1-6) or ask an usher for assistance.

This returns us to an older and beautiful tradition of the Lutheran church in which offerings are not collected during worship so as to focus more intently on God's gifts and offerings to us.





PRELUDE

Partita on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" ... Michael Burkhardt

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand and face the baptism font.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS and PROCESSION

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

P: Let us pray . . . Mercifully guide us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." 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, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" The disciples went and did as

*Fair and eloquent flowers
have the children strewn
before the King: The
donkey was garlanded
with them, the path was
filled with them; they
scattered praises like
flowers, their songs of joy
like lilies. Now too at
this festival does the
crowd of children scatter
for you, Lord, praises like
blossoms. Blessed is He
who was acclaimed by
your children.*

*~Ephraem,
306-373
A.D.*

And even though we are told that he has now ascended above the highest heavens – the proof, surely, of his power and godhead – his love for man will never rest until he has raised our earth-bound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with his own in heaven.

~ Andrew, bishop of Crete, born 650 A.D., in a sermon for Palm Sunday

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!”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

All raise their palm branches.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great deeds of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail Jesus Christ as our Lord and King, and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Please face the altar as the procession walks around the congregation, recalling the entry of our Lord to Jerusalem.

Refrain

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 Is 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 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
 And we with all cre - a - tion 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.
 O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

INTROIT

L: But you, O Lord, do not | be far off!*

O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!

C: **Save me from the mouth of the | lion!***

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!

L: My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

C: **All who see me | mock me;***

they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;

This King is and shall be called sin's devourer and death's strangler, who extirpates sin and knocks death's teeth out: He disembowels the devil and rescues those who believe on Him from sin and death, conducting them to be among the angels where eternal life and blessedness are.

~ Martin Luther, Sermon on Matthew 21:1-9, 1533 A.D.

L: "He trusts in the Lord; let him de- | liver him;*
let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!"

C: **Be not far from me, for trouble | is near,*
and there is | none to help.**

L: But you, O Lord, do not | be far off!*
O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!

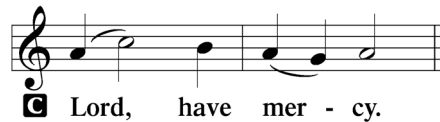
C: **Save me from the mouth of the | lion!***
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



COLLECT

P: Let us pray . . . 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.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Ride on! Ride on!"

... Charles Yannerella

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. MARK

Introduction: "Donkeys and Kings"

Hymn: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" ... LSB #438, st. 1

Part One: Our Lord Is Arrested

Hymn: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" ... LSB #438, st. 2

Part Two: Our Lord Jesus Is Denied, Tried, and Beaten

Behold, here is the beginning of your salvation; you relinquish your works and despair of yourself, because you hear and see that all you do is sin and amounts to nothing, as the Gospel tells you, and you receive your King in faith, cling to Him, implore His grace and find consolation in His mercy alone.

~ Martin Luther, Sermon on Matthew 21:1-9, A.D. 1521

*In Christ you
were tempted,
for Christ re-
ceived his flesh
from your na-
ture, but by his
own power
gained salva-
tion for you.*

*He suffered
death in your
nature, but by
his own power
gained life for
you.*

*He suffered
insults in your
nature, but by
his own power
gained glory for
you.*

*Therefore, he
suffered in your
nature, but by
his own power
gained victory
for you.*

*~ Augustine,
Bishop of
Hippo, 354-
430 A.D., in
a Lenten ser-
mon*

Hymn: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" ... LSB #438, st. 3

Part Three: Our Lord Is Crucified and Dies

Hymn: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" ... LSB #438, st. 4

Conclusion: "The Donkey King"

Please kneel.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all creation according to its needs.

P: . . . let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY

"O God, Before Thee Now I Cry"

... Timothy Frank

Choir:

O God, before Thee now I cry
With songs of contrite pleading.
For Thou in grace wilt not deny
The pardon I am seeking.
Look on me through Thine own dear Son
Who for my sake salvation won,
My debts from me thus freeing

(Psalm 6)

In anger turn not Thou away;

My soul is greatly troubled.
 I wait for Thee both night and day
 In patience I have struggled,
 Deliver now, O Lord, my life,
 O leave me not in death's dread strife,
 For Thou, O Lord, will save me.

So shall Thy answer be assured;
 Thou, O my God, hast heard me.
 Through Christ, Thou hast for me secured
 The right to come before Thee.
 Thy faithful works I shall confess;
 With hymns and praises,
 I will bless Thy mercies never ceasing.

Please stand.

Congregation:

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Please stand.

They mediate on the Passion of Christ aright, who so view Christ that they become terror-stricken in heart at the sight, and their conscience at once sinks in despair. This terror-stricken feeling should spring forth, so that you see the severe wrath and the unchangeable earnestness of God in regards to sin and sinners, in that He was unwilling that His only and dearly beloved Son should set sinners free unless He paid the costly ransom for them.

~ Martin Luther, Sermon on How to Contemplate Christ's Holy Sufferings, A.D. 1519

With [Christ] is the life which death cannot touch, the forgiveness which suffices for all, and the righteousness which we cannot procure for ourselves. All this He grants to every one who believes, for faith signifies that we become so intimately united with Christ that He lives within and gives us a portion in all that He Himself possesses.

~ Bo Giertz, Preaching from the Whole Bible, A.D. 1957

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, who by your tender love gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. May we who now receive his body and blood be filled with the strength to take up our cross and follow him.

C: Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

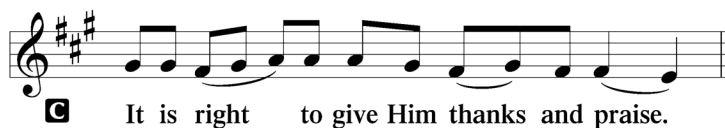
P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



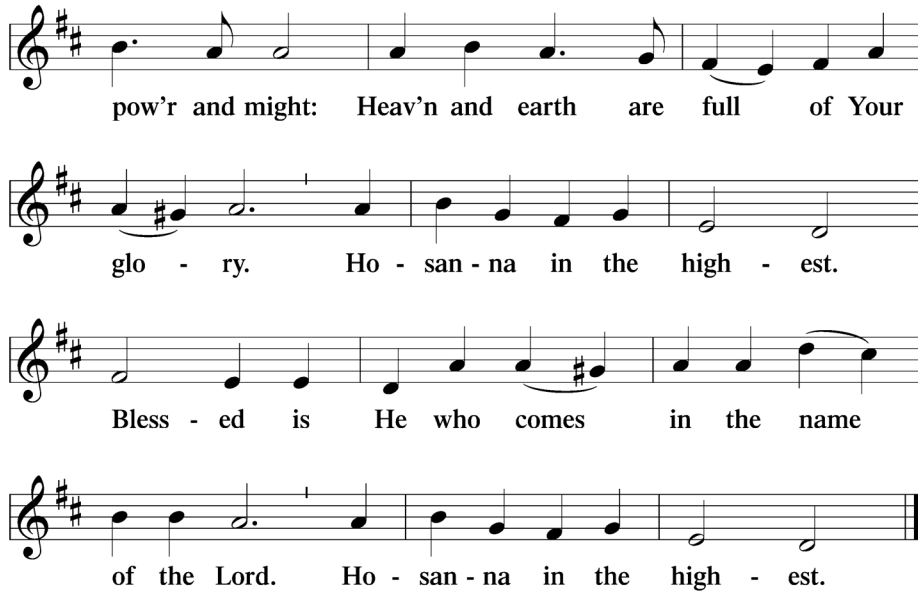
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising you and saying:

SANCTUS ("Holy")





pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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

*Word made
flesh, by word
ordaining
very bread
His flesh to
be; we, in
wine Christ's
blood obtain-
ing, and, if
senses fail to
see, faith
alone will
wake those
straining to
behold the
mystery.*

*~Thomas
Aquinas
1227-1274
A.D.*

kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen

It is not only the martyrs who share in Christ's passion by their glorious courage! The same is true, by faith, of all who are born again in Baptism. That is why we are to celebrate the Lord's sacrifice with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth...

ACCLAMATION

P: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.

Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His Body and Blood forgives our sins, strengthens our

faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- "Lamb of God" ... Kenneth T. Kosche
"Christ, the Life of All the Living" ... LSB #420
"A Lenten Meditation" ... Charles Callahan
"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" ... LSB #437

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

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.



... For the effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we received. As we have died with him, and have been buried and raised to life with him, so we bear him within us, both in body and in spirit, in everything we do.

*~ Leo the Great,
400-461
A.D.,
in an Easter sermon*

**A Prayer
Upon
Leaving**

O God,
your Son
chose the
path which
led to pain
before joy
and the
cross be-
fore glory.
Plant His
cross in our
hearts, so
that in its
power and
love we
may come
at last to
joy and
glory;
through
your Son,
Jesus
Christ our
Lord.
Amen

Please turn toward the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

... John A. Behnke

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

<u>Presiding:</u>	The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde
<u>Preaching:</u>	The Rev. Christopher S. Johnson (Pr. Gjerde to Bethany at 10:30 am)
<u>Organist:</u>	Kantor Irene Beethe
<u>Horn:</u>	Meagan Cihlar
<u>Choir:</u>	The Zion Kantorei
<u>Radio:</u>	Jon Oestreich
<u>Lectors:</u>	Leah Kieffer, Rob Kittel, Jessica Ray
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Piper Kulesa, Wyatt Kulesa, Anja Oestreich
<u>Communion:</u>	Sally Christoffersen, Robert Kittel
<u>Elder:</u>	Scott Schubring
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<u>Altar Guild:</u>	Janet Dettmering, Pam Hoppe

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