

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Palm Sunday



WELCOME FAMILIES!

We are glad that you are worshipping with your children and want you to feel welcome.

There is a “**Pray Ground**” for quiet play in the front right of the sanctuary. We ask that families stay with their little ones and try to keep noise to a minimum.

If you or your little one needs “a break” or “louder play”, there is an “**Active Worship**” room on the West side of the sanctuary. You can see and hear the service from this room.

GATHERING



The Holy Spirit gathers us together during this time of worship

Inviting All to Live the Gospel through Faith, Love, and Compassion

Welcome to Family of Christ

You are welcome to participate in worship this morning
the way you feel comfortable.

All Are Welcome, No Exceptions!

Everybody Is Somebody Here

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CELEBRATION WITH PALMS

LEADER: We gather as the first followers of Jesus gathered on this day, laying their garments before him as he entered Jerusalem in triumph. We raise our palm branches and boldly proclaim for the whole world to hear:

LEADER: As Jesus and the disciples entered Jerusalem they cried out Hosanna, God Save us.

FAMILY: (Wave palms.) Hosanna, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

LEADER: Praise to Christ who comes as Messiah and Savior of the world!

FAMILY: (Wave palms.) Hosanna, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

LEADER: We gather as the first followers of Jesus gathered on this day, laying their garments before him as he entered Jerusalem in triumph. We raise our palm branches and boldly proclaim for the whole world to hear:

FAMILY Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

OPENING HYMN

“Soon and Very Soon”

CONFESSION

God of the journey, **Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. As you come to us, you bring healing for our brokenness, peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following you, so we may receive these gifts, and more, from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

FORGIVENESS

Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside anger, God embraces us with love; letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us. This is the good news, my friends: Your sins are forgiven. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

HYMN OF CELEBRATION

“Blessed and Holy”

see insert

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

L: Lord God,

C: As your disciples blessed your coming and spread garments and branches in your way, make us ready to lay at your feet all that we have and are, that we too may bless your coming onto our lives and your world. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

All young and young at heart are invited forward during the Children's time.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

FIRST READING

Psalm 118

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.

Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God; he has given us light;
link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar.

You are my God and I will thank you;
you are my God and I will exalt you.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

L: The Word of our Lord C: **Thanks Be to God**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:29-40

²⁹ When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

L: The Gospel of our Lord C: **Thanks Be to God**

MESSAGE

Pastor Brent Erler

HYMN OF THE DAY

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" vv. 1, 3, 4 ELW #344

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD

God speaks to us through
scripture reading,
preaching, and song.



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THE MEAL

God feeds us with the
forgiveness and presence
of Christ.
All are invited to receive
these gifts of God.
No Exceptions!
Children are welcome to
come forward and receive
communion or a blessing
and Goldfish Crackers.



THE SENDING

We are blessed and
sent out into the world
to share God's Love
with all people.



NOISY OFFERING

The Drawer

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in Your Mercy C: Hear our prayers

HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Lord God, you have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden,
through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us
and your love supporting us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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POSTLUDE

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