



# Palm Sunday

*Hosanna:*

*Blessed is the King...*

*that cometh in*

*the name of the Lord.*

JOHN 12:13

## **WELCOME** (gather in the narthex)

*The congregation gathers in the Narthex prior to the beginning of worship. Please pick up a palm frond and bulletin before we begin the service outside the sanctuary. After the Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem, join the choir in singing the processional hymn as we enter the sanctuary through the center aisle and proceed to your seats by way of the side aisles.*

### **Preparation for Worship**

#### **PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM**

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*Hosanna!* 

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### OPENING SENTENCES (in the Narthex)

Leader: The Lord be with you,

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

### PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

\***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor, Valet Will Ich Dir Geben<sup>2</sup>*

**Refrain:** All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and blessed One. **Refrain**
2. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. **Refrain**
3. To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise: to thee now high exalted our melody we raise. **Refrain**
4. Thou didst accept their praises, accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. **Refrain**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 118

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**People: slow to anger and abounding in love.**

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, sure of your faithfulness and comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age, we seek your mercy for our imperfect gratitude. We have looked to you for paltry favors, when you have given everything. We have withheld from your people, our neighbors, and from your creation, the care and tending they deserve. Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in Jesus' name (continue with silent confession...) Amen.

### SONG OF CONFESSION HYMN 577

*Lord, Have Mercy, Kyrie Eleison<sup>3</sup>*

*After the cantor sings the verse once, the congregation will sing the verse once.*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Leader:** Listen, so that you may live: the steadfast love of the Lord never fails.

**People:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

### \*PASSING THE PEACE (please use a fist/elbow bump or wave for your greeting)

**Leader:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Please stand, turn to the back wall and wave to our online worshippers, offering them the peace of Christ and then greet each other.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### THE PSALM LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the message, children may follow the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.

### SERMON

*Walking an Alternative Way*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### \*HYMN

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty, Truro<sup>4</sup>*

1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the  
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The host of  
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your 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, your tri - umphs  
an - gels in the sky look down with sad and  
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his  
pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to

sue your road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.

won - dering 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 Christ, your power and reign.



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

## PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 467 (vs. 4)

Give Us Light, Jyothi Dho<sup>5</sup>

*After the cantor sings the verse once, the congregation will sing the verse once.*

Save us now, save us now; save us now, O Lord.

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bill Tanke

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

## OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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*Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates, J. Carter<sup>6</sup>*

## \*DEDICATION HYMN 716 (vs. 1) *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending, Beach Spring<sup>7</sup>*

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of all good gifts, we thank you for showing us how to care for each other. May these gifts lead to great feasting for those who have no banquets set before them. May these gifts build shelters and places of prayer for those who are homeless. May these**

gifts proclaim your desire that all your creation live in peace. Give us grateful hearts, O God, in the name of the one who came to draw all people to himself, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 197

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*, Ellacombe<sup>8</sup>

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*, arr. M. Burkhardt<sup>9</sup>

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### Leaders Today:

Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

The Chancel Choir

Greeters: Troy & Aiden Lepien, Sue Dornfeld, Gary Stephens (Deacon)

Liturgist: Chuck Kamp

AV/Tech: John Tarr



## WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Easter Lily Orders DUE TODAY** - Please return your order form and payment by today.

### **Maundy Thursday Soup Supper This Thursday, March 28 - Items still needed!**

We invite you to enjoy a Soup Supper at 6:30 pm on March 28 as part of the Maundy Thursday worship service in fellowship hall. Volunteers are needed to bring a hearty soup or dessert bars/cookies that evening. There is a signup sheet in the narthex, or please contact Sandra Cole (scole30@gmail.com / 608-733-9193). Thank you!

### **Good Friday Tenebrae - March 29 at 7:00 pm**

In this service of Tenebrae, each dramatized scripture reading from the Gospel of John will be accompanied by one of the chorales, or hymns, from the St. John Passion by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). After each chorale, we will extinguish a candle as the "shadows" slowly envelop the sanctuary. The Yahara String Quartet will join Westminster's Chancel Choir to lead this special service of worship.

### **Easter Day, March 31: Worship - 9:45am - *Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!***

Let us celebrate together! Children will enjoy an egg hunt after the service.

### **Rummage Sale - Volunteer Sign Up is Out!**

The Westminster rummage sale is coming on Saturday, **April 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m!** We will need help setting up Wednesday afternoon, April 3, and all day Thursday and Friday, April 4 and 5, and with clean up 1-3 p.m. on Saturday. Please bring donations the week of the sale. Also, make sure all items are clean, in working order, and in new or gently used condition. We cannot use anything that is soiled or dirty, torn, broken. Questions? Contact Beth at bethswedeen@gmail.com or Sara at rosegirl1991@yahoo.com. Sale profits go to local non-profits, and we donate unsold items at the end of the sale to local groups. We always have a good time, so please sign up in the Narthex today!

### **Directory Sign Up!**

Members and friends of the congregation - sign up for the pictorial directory! Assistance is available in the Narthex after worship today or use the QR code.



### **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...**

**Care List:** Jack Hamann, Gloria Hanson, Hugh Moss, Patrick Mullin, Bucky Pike

**Members & Friends:** Dale & Marian Rohde