



St. Luke Lutheran Church
Palm Sunday
Pastor Eric Hanson
9:30AM • April 2, 2023

Prelude: *Debbi St. John, Pianist/Organist*

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting *(please stand as you are able)*

L: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son+, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

L: Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Blessing of the Palms *(adapted from the Prayer of St. Francis)*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray, We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread branches along his way. Shouts of "Hosanna," however, changed quickly to shouts of "Crucify him, Crucify him!" Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord not only to a king's throne, but to a savior's cross. In the way of the Cross, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

C: Join us to Jesus' death and resurrection that we might enter life with you. In the name of Jesus who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *"All Glory Laud and Honor" #344 (led by Sunday school children)*

People of all ages are invited to stand & wave palm fronds. Sunday school kids palm process into the sanctuary.

Refrain: All glory, laud, & honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Vs 1: You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. [Refrain]

Vs. 2: The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. [Refrain]

Vs. 3: The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. [Refrain]

Vs. 4: To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. [Refrain]

Vs. 5: Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. [Refrain]

Prayer of the Day: P: Let us pray together,

C: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation: *"You Are Holy"* (stand as you are able)

Vs. 1: I saw the Lord seated on His throne He was clothed in glory exalted high
And the train of His robe filled the temple The angels circled 'round Him and cried

Chorus: You are holy oh so holy. You are holy Lord of all. You are holy oh so holy.
You are holy Lord of all.

Vs. 2: And woe is me for I'm unclean For my eyes have seen the holy King
And He cleansed my lips right before I died And the pillars shook as the angels cried

Gospel Reading - Mark 11:1-11

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" ⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" ¹⁰"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹¹Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

P: Word of God. Word of life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Choir Hymn: *"Dona Nobis Pacem"*

Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Hymn of the Day & Offering: *"Lamb Of God"* (you may be seated)

Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you'd like to sign up for online giving please visit <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. Children's coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.

Vs 1: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy on me.

Vs 2: Lamb of God, I'm asking you to take away my sin.
I confess that I've done wrong, I need your help again.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy on me.

Vs 3: The precious blood of Jesus Christ cleanses me from sin.
The precious blood of Jesus Christ cleanses me from sin.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.

Offertory Response: *"Give Thanks"*

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong".

Let the poor say, "I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us". Give thanks.

Offertory Prayer: P: Let us pray.

C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive first from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Apostles' Creed: (please stand as you are able) I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven & 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 into hell. 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.

The Prayers:

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.* Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for your saints of old who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Named Prayer Requests:

P: On this day we especially pray for Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Larry Reese, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Jen Berg, Marilyn O'Brien, Kellie Peterson, Kay Kurtti, Shawn Frederixon, Eric Anderson, Donald & Marcy Jonas and the family of Harold Lensch.
For whom or what else shall the people of God pray...

Sharing the Peace: P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you C: **And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

The Words of Institution

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.

Meal and Hymns: *(congregation may be seated)*

All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.

Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.

"In Christ Alone"

**Vs 1: In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.**

**What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**Vs 2: In Christ alone who took on flesh fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of Love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
Til on the cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.**

**Vs 3: No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

**Vs. 1: Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**

**Vs. 2: Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God.
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world.**

**Vs. 3: Jesus, way of salvation King of Kings, Lord of Lords.
The Way, the truth, and the life Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend.**

"The King Of Love My Shepherd Is" #502

**Vs 1: The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.**

**Vs 2: Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**

**Vs 3: Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**Vs 4: In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.**

**Vs 5: Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**Vs 6: And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.**

Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of life. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing: *(stand as you are able)*

P: May Christ who entered Jerusalem as king, went to the cross as savior, and rose as Lord, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you + peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: *"Palm Branches Were Waving" (led by Sunday School Children)*

**V1: A donkey carried Jesus to Jerusalem that day, and as He neared the City, he could hear the people say,
"Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to our King, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to our King."**

V2: God, the Father, sent His Son to those who loved & knew that Jesus was the chosen one, He was the King of Jews. Palm branches were waving & fell before His feet. Loud Hosannas to Jesus, echoed in the streets.

**V3: Jesus reached to touch each one, they reached to touch Him too, they knew He was the promised one, He was the King of Jews. Palm branches were waving & fell before His feet.
Loud Hosannas to Jesus, echoed in the streets.**

**V4: The branches of the palm trees were waving in the air, excitement filled the City, with the good news Jesus shared. Palm branches were waving & fell before His feet.
Loud Hosannas to Jesus, echoed in the streets. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to our King,
Hosanna to Jesus, Hosanna to our King.**

Dismissal: P: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude