



**St. Luke Lutheran Church**  
**Pastor Eric Hanson**  
**8:30AM • March 28, 2021 • Palm Sunday**

*Thank you to Eve Stone for leading our music this morning!*

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**Prelude:** "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" #751 2X

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise! All my hope comes from God;  
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise, God the well-spring of life.

**Greeting:**

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 & 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 are invited to stand & wave palm fronds*) "All Glory Laud & Honor" #344

**Refrain:** All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One.

**V1:** You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and blessed One. [Refrain]

**V2:** The company of angels are praising you on high, creation & all mortals in chorus make reply. [Refrain]

**V3:** The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. [Refrain]

**V4:** To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. [Refrain]

**V5:** Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. [Refrain]

**Kyrie** L: Kyrie eleison      **C: Lord, have mercy.**  
L: Christe eleison      **C: Christ, have mercy.**  
L: Kyrie eleison      **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**Canticle of Praise: "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" #334**

**Verse 3: Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be;  
one with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea, we the river, you the sea.**

**Final: Light of life beyond conceiving, mighty Spirit of our Lord; give new strength to our believing,  
give us faith to live your word, give us faith to live your word.**

**Prayer of the Day: 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.**

**Reading - Philippians 2:5-11:** <sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel Acclamation: "Hosanna in the Highest" 2X (Stand as you are able)**  
**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest**  
**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest**

L: The holy gospel according to....      **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 11:1-11** (*Please stand as you are able*) <sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>11</sup>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.

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

**Children's Message** (*you may be seated*)

**Sermon**      *Pastor Eric Hanson*

**Hymn of the Day: "I Am the Bread of Life" #485**

**V1: "I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger, and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."**

**Refrain: "And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."**

**V2: "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever, you shall live forever." [Refrain]**

**V3: "Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you." [Refrain]**

V4: "I am the resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live for ever."  
[Refrain]

V5: Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who have come into the world. [Refrain]

**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, & 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, & he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Prayers:** (call and response)

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.* In Jesus you came among us as a suffering servant. Give your church humility. Redeem your people from pride and the certainty that we always know your will. Heal us and empower us to confess Christ crucified. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In creation, life springs from death. Redeem your creation awaiting resurrection: restore lost habitats and endangered species. Create new possibilities for areas affected by climate change, grant relief from natural disasters, and nurture new growth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Jesus was handed over to the powers of this world. In all nations, instruct the powerful, that they would not exploit their power but maintain justice. Sustain soldiers, and guide those who command them, that they serve those in greatest need. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Abide with those who are condemned to death. Defend those who are falsely accused. Console and strengthen those who are mocked or bullied. Accompany all who suffer especially; Gabriel Ryan, Jo Buck, Ruth Holm, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, David Roschen, Jim Howard, Naomi Berland, Dean Kirkland, Don & Ella Hadler, Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Brent Hokanson & Karl Thomforde. Hear us, O God.. **Your mercy is great.**

You called followers to tend Jesus' body in death. Sustain hospice workers and funeral directors. Bless this congregation's ministries at times of death: those who plan and lead funerals, those who prepare meals, all who offer support in grief. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You inspired the centurion to confess Jesus as your Son. We praise you for the faith you have given to people of all places and times. Give us also such faith to trust the promises of baptism and, with them, to look for the resurrection of the dead. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**Offering & Doxology:**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, you heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Offertory Prayer:**

P: Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: **Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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

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

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

**Salutation**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Holy Lord, most holy Lord; You alone are worthy of all the praise. Holy Lord, most Holy Lord;  
with all of my heart I sing: Great are You Lord. worthy of praise, holy and true; great are You Lord, most holy Lord.**

## 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; & forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; & lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, & the power, and the glory, forever & ever. Amen.

### Lamb of God

Your only Son, we crucified, we laughed and scorned Him as He died,  
The humble King, we named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.  
Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the Holy Lamb of God,  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

**Communion Prayer:** God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

### Blessing *(please stand as you are able)*

L: 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. **C: Amen.**

### Sending Hymn: *"Palm Branches Are Waving" Children will be leading*

- 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.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude:

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to our King! Loud Hosannas to Jesus, Hosannas to our King!  
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