

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Order of Service, Rite One (Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary, p. 41)

~Opening Hymn 88, vv. 1, 4 *Come Thou Precious Ransom, Come*

1. *Come, Thou precious Ransom, come,
Only Hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world!
Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see;
Anxiously we wait for Thee.*

4. *Hail, hosanna, David's Son!
Help, Lord; hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown
Bring us blessing and salvation
That forever we may sing:
Hail! Hosanna to our King!*

~Confession of Sin — *Admitting our sinfulness to God* (ELH p. 41, I)

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

~Kyrie Eleison (ELH p. 42)

C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

~Absolution — *God's declaration of forgiveness* (ELH p. 43, II; Matt 11:28, Jn 3:16)

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~Introit Psalm — *Entrance Psalm and verses* (ELH p. 62; Psalm 118:26, Zechariah 9:9-10)

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

**C: We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.
"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your King is coming to you;
He is just and having salvation,
Lowly and riding on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.**

**He shall speak peace to the nations;
His dominion shall be from sea to sea.**

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

All: We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

~Hymn 277, v. 1 *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

*1. All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and Blessed One.*

~Salutation — *The people's blessing for the pastor's work*

(ELH p. 45)

P: The Lord be with you.

All: ♪ And with your spirit.

~Collect — *The congregation's prayer of the day*

(ELH p. 45; p. 147, #2)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, we bless and praise You forever, that You sent Your Son to rule over us poor sinners, who for our transgressions justly deserved to remain in the bondage of sin and Satan, and that in Him You gave us a meek and righteous King, who by His death became our Savior from sin and eternal death. We beseech You so to enlighten, govern and direct us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may ever remain faithful to this righteous King and Savior, and not, after the manner of the world, be offended by His humble form and despised Word, but, firmly believing in Him, obtain eternal salvation; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

~Hymn 277, v. 4 *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

*4. All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring
To Thee before Thy Passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.*

~Epistle Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11 Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

~Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:1-11 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest!

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, “Who is this?” And the crowds were saying, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

~Apostles' Creed — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 46)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

~Chief Hymn 279, v. 1 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

*1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.*

~Sermon Text

Isaiah 50:4-9 The Lord God gave me a tongue like the learned, an instructed tongue, so I know how to sustain the weary with a word.
He wakes me up morning by morning.
He wakes up my ears so that I listen like the learned.
The Lord God opened my ear,
and I myself was not rebellious.
I did not turn back.
I submitted my back to those who beat me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard.
I did not hide my face from disgrace and from spit.
The Lord God will help me,
so I will not be disgraced.
Therefore I have made my face hard like flint.
I know that I will not be put to shame.
The one who will acquit me is near!
Who can accuse me?
Let us take our stand.
Who can pass judgment on me?
Let him approach me.
Look, the Lord God will help me.
Who then can declare me guilty?
Look, all of them will wear out like a garment.
A moth will consume them.

~Sermon Message

"The Arrival of our Qualified Savior"

1. *Why do we believe that He is the Promised Savior of the World?*
2. *Why can we trust Him for the welfare of our immortal soul?*

~Hymn 279, v. 3 Hosanna in the Highest

3. *"Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heav'n, our King.
O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!*

~Prayers & Special Petitions

~Collect of Thanksgiving

(ELH p. 57; p. 153, #51)

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You have sent Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of His great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also, by Your grace alone, be made partakers of His resurrection; through the

same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 49; Mt 6:9-13)

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

~Benedicamus — *Call for blessing*

(ELH p. 84; 2 Cor 13:14)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

~Benediction — *Final blessing for God's people*

(ELH p. 59; Num 6:24-26)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.

~Closing Hymn 280, v. 2, 4, 5 *Ride On, Ride On In Majesty!*

2. *Ride on, ride on, in majesty!*

In lowly pomp ride on to die.

O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin

O'er captive death and conquered sin.

4. *Ride on, ride on, in majesty!*

Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;

The Father on His sapphire throne

Expects His own anointed Son.

5. *Ride on, ride on, in majesty!*

In lowly pomp ride on to die.

Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,

Then take, O Christ, Thy pow'r and reign.

Officiant: Pastor John Petersen

Organist: Cassie Johnson

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$12,377.12 (includes on-line giving)

Fiscal Year To Date Deficit (as of 2/29/20): \$68,787.

Romans 12: 1 Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship.

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Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.
