

Divine Service - Palm Sunday

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...” (Heb. 12:28)

Opening Hymn: 443 ss 1-3

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

2 From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd, The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.

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

Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

Call to Confession

PASTOR: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

CONG..... But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We kneel for Confession

PASTOR: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

CONG..... Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left

undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

PASTOR: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

We rise for The Introit of the Day

Ps. 24:7-10; antiphon: Ps. 118:26

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Choir: “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”

The Kyrie

PASTOR: In peace let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: For the peace from above and for our salvation

let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.

CONG..... *Amen.*

PASTOR: **Collect of the Day.**

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Psalm 118

Gradual

PASTOR: Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Choir: "Lift Up Your Heads" Handel

Verse

PASTOR: He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

CONG: Hallelujah!

Holy Gospel: John 12:12-19

The Sermon Hymn: 442 ss. 1-5

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son, Now in the Lord's name coming, O King and Blessed One. *Refrain.*

2 The company of angels Is praising You on high, And we with all creation In chorus make reply. *Refrain.*

3 The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went; Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present. *Refrain.*

4 To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise; To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. *Refrain.*

5 As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring, O Source of every blessing, Our good and gracious King. *Refrain.*

The Sermon: Calvary's Climb Confronts Us With . . . A Story To Tell" Psalm 21:19-28

The Post-Sermon Hymn: 441 ss. 1-5

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry. O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.

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.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes To see the

approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty! The last and fiercest strife is night. The Father on His sapphire throne Awaits 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 God, Thy pow'r and reign.

The Apostles' Creed (We Confess Together)

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 SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY. FROM THENCE HE WILL 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.

The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer

The Benediction

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

CONG: *Amen.*