

## Prelude

### GATHERING

#### Greeting

(Pastor) Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

(People) **Hosanna in the highest.**

#### Processional Gospel

**Matthew 21:1-11**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(The Processional Gospel is read)*

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### Blessing of the Palms

*(Please raise and wave your palm branches in the air.)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept.*

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 garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### Procession

Let us go forth in peace,

**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

#### Procession Hymn

**“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

Hymn No. 344

***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, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain ...***

**2) The company of angels is praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals 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) Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. *Refrain ...***

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### Children's Sermon

### Teaching Moment

### Senior Choir Anthem

“Hosanna! Sing a Loud Hosanna!”

*Ric Weiss - Trumpet*

Mark Hayes

*(8:30 am)*

### Prayer of the Day

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

*(Together)* **Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

### The Lesson

### 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.

*(After the reading:)* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Holy Gospel

### Matthew 27:27-54

*(Spoken after the announcement)* **R/Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>30</sup>They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify

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him. <sup>32</sup>As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; <sup>36</sup>then they sat down there and kept watch over him. <sup>37</sup>Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” <sup>38</sup>Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” <sup>41</sup>In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, <sup>42</sup>“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” <sup>44</sup>The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. <sup>45</sup>From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup>And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>47</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” <sup>48</sup>At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” <sup>50</sup>Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. <sup>51</sup>At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>53</sup>After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

*(Spoken after the reading)* **R/ Praise to you O Christ**

## Sermon

Pastor Krista Zimmerman

## Hymn of the Day

“My Song is Love Unknown”

Hymn No. 343

*Tune: Rhosymedre*

Vs. 1-3, 6

## Prayers of Intercession

Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

*(After each petition)* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**Bell Choir**

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Sondra K Tucker

(8:30 am)

**Offering**

**MEAL**

**Great Thanksgiving**

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*(Please raise and wave your palm branches during the singing of “Hosanna.”)*

**Eucharistic Prayer**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again ...**

...be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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*Traditional – Right hand column*

**Invitation**

Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

**Lamb of God**

Hymn No 336

**Distribution**

We invite all baptized Christians and visitors of all denominations, even the youngest, to the table of the Lord. Children who desire a blessing rather than receiving the bread and the wine should stand with folded hands to indicate their preference. Please follow the ushers’ directions to one of several communion stations in the sanctuary. If you need to have the sacrament brought to your pew, please inform an usher. Receive the wine or indicate a preference for grape juice by asking the server or pointing to the center of the tray. *Gluten free wafers available upon request.*

**Distribution Hymn**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Hymn No 324

**Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion**

*(Together)* **Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**Benediction**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Hymn No. 338

**Dismissal**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**



*Today's liturgy begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. Because this story is so central to our faith, we hear Matthew's account of the passion today and John's version on Good Friday. Though Jesus is obedient even unto death on the cross, he is exalted by God. We gather to remember his offering for the life of the world, and to be fed by his life-giving mercy. This holy week will culminate in the celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.*