

Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024

Prelude

Blessed is the One

Blessed is the one who comes in the name,
Who comes in the name of the Lord,
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Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.
Amen.

O Holy One,

We confess that we have wandered far from you. We have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor.

Amen.

The Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

Pave the Way with Branches

Jesus is coming, pave the way with branches!
Jesus is coming, Hosanna! (Repeat)

Refrain:

Hosanna, Jesus is coming!
Hosanna to the Prince of Peace!

Courage is coming, pave the way with branches...
Kindness is coming, pave the way with branches...

Invocation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Kyrie

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word, it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving power, create in us new hearts!

Hymn of Praise

Hosanna in the Highest

Hosanna... Hosanna... Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna... Hosanna... Hosanna in the highest!

Refrain:

Lord we lift up your name, with hearts full of praise,
Be exalted oh Lord my God, Hosanna in the highest!

Glory... Glory... Glory to the King of Kings!
Glory... Glory... Glory to the King of Kings! (*Refrain*)

Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, you brought your son Jesus into Jerusalem to show people the radical grace of your love. Show us this grace, and give us eyes to see your goodness. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Reading

Mark 11:1-11, 14:3-9

Triumphal Entry

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples 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. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" 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. While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Message

Hymn of the Day

Prepare the Royal Highway

Prepare the royal highway, the King of kings is near!
Let every hill and valley, a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story,

Chorus:

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!

God's people, see him coming, your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! *(Chorus)*

His is no earthly kingdom, it comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding, for kindness so abounding, *(Chorus)*

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, and 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,
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.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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Offertory Response

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Closing Prayer

**Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously.
Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, shelter us with your mercy, and teach us the
wisdom that comes only through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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.**

Benediction

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light, God's truth, and God's love, now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn***O Savior, Precious Savior***

O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love,
O name of might and favor, all other names above.
We worship thee, we bless thee, to thee alone we sing,
We praise thee, and confess thee, our holy Lord and King.

O bringer of salvation, who wondrously has wrought,
Thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought.
We worship thee, we bless thee, to thee alone we sing,
We praise thee, and confess thee, our gracious Lord and King.

O grant the consummation of this our song above,
In endless adoration and everlasting love.
Then shall we praise and bless thee where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess thee, our Savior and our King.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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In Our Prayers this Week:

*Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four weeks
unless a longer duration is requested through the church office.*

Jim Morrow, Stella Halvorson, Leon Fritzke, Dick Erickson,
Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson), Patty Youmans (friend of Kevin & Mary Beck)

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Rick Mann, whose memorial service was held at Trinity this past week. May God grant you peace and comfort.