



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Palm Sunday
March 29, 2015

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Greeter	Florence Thrun
Pancake Breakfast	Youth Group

Introduction

Today is the beginning of the greatest story in the Bible, the story of Holy Week. The people who are cheering for Jesus are Israelites, and they are looking for the next great king to help them. They imagine Jesus to be a king who will build an army, kick the Romans out of Jerusalem and save them from their enemies, but that's not where the story goes. Jesus certainly has come to save them, but not from the Romans, and not from any enemy that we can see. Over the course of this next week, Jesus

goes from being the crowd favorite to being the one person that everyone seems to hate. His closest friends turn their backs on him, and the crowds that cheered for Jesus call for his crucifixion, call for Jesus to be killed. The story doesn't go the way they expect.

The **altar flowers** and **worship folders** are given by the Collazo Family in honor of DeLoris Harmon on her 91st birthday.

The **radio broadcast** is given by Linda Rock in honor of Jeff & Linda's 23rd wedding anniversary.

The **radio broadcast** is given by Milt & Ellen Lawrence.

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Jesus, Redeemer of All

Girolamo Cavazzoni

Filled with Excitement

1. Filled with excitement, all the happy throng
Spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.
There in the distance they begin to see,
There on a donkey comes the Son of God.

Refrain

From ev'ry corner a thousand voices sing
Praise to the one who comes in the name of God.
With one great shout of acclamation loud,

Triumphant song breaks forth:
Hosanna! Hosanna to the king!
Hosanna! Hosanna to the king!

2. As in that entrance in Jerusalem,
Hosannas we will sing to Jesus Christ,
To our redeemer who still calls today,
Asks us to follow with our love and faith. *Refrain*

Gospel: **Mark 11:1-11**

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

P Wave your branches high. Jesus is coming!

C Blessed is the one who comes in God's Name!

P Spread your garments on his path.

C Prepare the way for the Savior. Hosanna!

All Glory, Laud and Honor

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 multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went.
Our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. *Refrain*

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

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Invocation

P We gather for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Confession

P Jesus rode into Jerusalem
not as a conquering king but in humility,
the Servant King,
ready to complete the task for which he had
walked this world.

**C Forgive us those times when we have sinned in thought, word
and deed**

**and remind us always that you ask from us
lives dedicated to service,
to you and to our neighbors,
wherever and whoever they might be.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

P Laying aside judgment, God offers us forgiveness;
setting aside anger, God embraces us with love;
letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us.
This is the good news:
God's steadfast love endures forever.

C Thanks be to God.

*1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.*

*Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.*

Music: Dinah Reindorf, b. c. 1927
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Greeting

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

C And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Special Music

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Glen Darst

Fellowship Choir

Jubilation Choir

WORD

Reading: **Philippians 2:5–11**

(Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.)

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

Sermon

Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell

The King of Glory

Refrain

The King of glory comes,
the nation rejoices.
open the gates before him,
lift up your voices.

1. Who is the King of glory;
how shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages. *Refrain*
2. In all of Galilee,
in city or village,
he goes among his people,
curing their illness. *Refrain*
3. Sing then of David's Son,
our Savior and brother;
in all of Galilee
was never any other. *Refrain*
4. He gave his life for us,
the pledge of salvation;
he took upon himself the sins
of the nation. *Refrain*

Text: Willard F. Jabusch; Music: Israeli traditional Text © 1968, 1982 Willard F. Jabusch, admin. OCP Publications

Apostles' Creed

P Let us boldly confess our faith before God.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and
born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

**was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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** (**catholic means universal*)

MEAL

Invitation to the Offering

P Each of us is a fragile miracle,
evidence of God's creative hands,
and amazing grace.
We are proof of God's love.
And so we who are the gifts of creation
now give our gifts to our Creator.

Offering Music

And Can It Be?

Arr. Harold DeCou

Offering Response

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
And uphold me with your free Spirit.

P Like the palms laid long ago in honor of your Son, we present these gifts for your reverent design. We proclaim that your sovereign existence will transform the lives of all who believe in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C Amen

Prayers of the People

The assisting minister will end each prayer petition with:

A Lord, in your mercy,

The congregation will respond with:

C hear our prayer.

The prayers will end with:

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P You gave prophets
the tongues of teachers,
to comfort our weariness
and teach us the way back to you,
but we turned our back on them.
When judgment did not
lead to redemption,
you sent Jesus to reach out in love,
to bring us home to you.

So with those who spread cloaks before you,
and those who are sustained by your love,
we join our voices, singing,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution

P Jesus emptied himself of glory,
to be filled with our broken hopes and hearts.
He chose the path of suffering love,
so that we could run through
the streets of the kingdom
waving branches of joy.
He walked the sin-cold stones
into the tomb which could not hold him,
so we could join our voices together,
'Hosanna! Hosanna! He is risen!'

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Supper

P As we journey through Jerusalem and beyond,
as we struggle with death, loss, and grief
we would ponder that mystery we call faith:

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

The Lord's Prayer

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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**

Communion

- *Our table is open to all who wish to share in the sacrament.*
- *Non-communing children and adults are invited to receive a blessing.*
- *Please kneel if you are able or stand at the communion rail.*
- *Please take a communion cup from the basket located by the end of the front pew. If you would rather have grape juice, a wheat wafer or a gluten-free wafer, please let the communion assistant know.*
- *Place empty cups in the baskets on the side as you return to your pew.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Music

I Bid You Farewell

John Diercks

My Song Is Love Unknown

Arr. Michael Fetzer

Blessing after Communion

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us
and keep us in his grace.

C Amen

SENDING

My Song Is Love Unknown

- 1 My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

- 2 He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend;
who at my need his life did spend!

- 3 Sometimes they strew his way
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Benediction

P Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us now and forever.

C Amen

Sending Forth the People of God

P "Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem."
Our Lord is on a journey,
and the way leads through opposition and misunderstanding.
Jesus invites us to follow him.
This journey leads through the shadows of betrayal,
the night of Gethsemane,
the afternoon darkness of Golgotha.
This journey continues on Maundy Thursday.
Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Lani Smith