

# PALM SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION



MARCH 24, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM

**ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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+ *Congregation Please Stand*

***PRELUDE - Jesus, Name All Names Above***

**David N. Johnson**

**+GATHERING**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

**+BLESSING OF PALMS**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.**

Let us go forth in peace,

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

**+OPENING HYMN - "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

**ELW 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  
are 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.**

**+PRAYER OF THE DAY**

As we now enter into the contemplation of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray. Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



**FIRST READING - Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the  
beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING - 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

**+GOSPEL - Mark 11:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup>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.

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

***A VISIT FROM PAUL***

**Pastor Brian**

***SERMON***

**Pastor Brian**



**+HYMN OF THE DAY - "My Song Is Love Unknown"**

**ELW 343**

- 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.
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
themselves displease, and 'gainst him  
rise;  
themselves displease, and 'gainst him  
rise.

**+APOSTLES' CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 into hell. 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.**

**+PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**+SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**MUSIC OFFERING - Partita on WINCHESTER NEW: Meditation & Aria**

**B. Neswick**

**+OFFERTORY - "Take My Life, That I May Be"**

**ELW 685**

4 Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

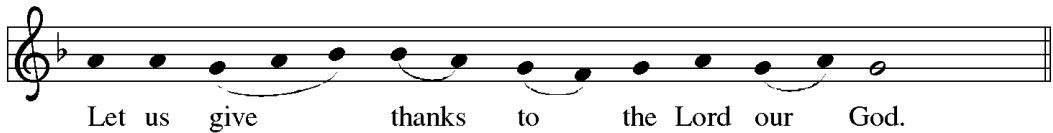
5 Take my will and make it thine,  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

**+ OFFERING PRAYER**

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

**Amen.**

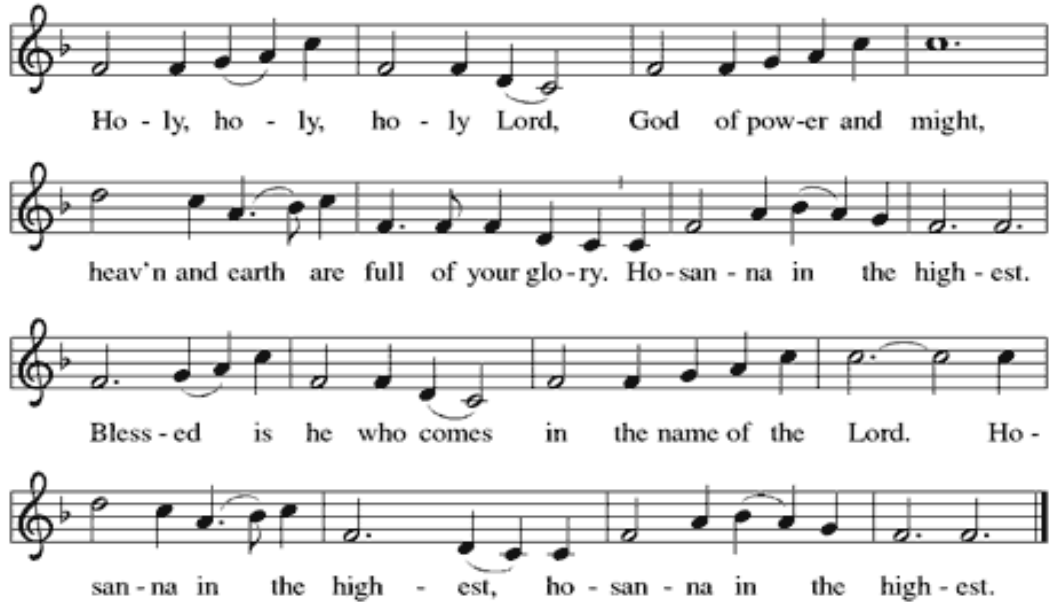
**+ DIALOGUE**



**+PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, unending hymn:

**+SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san-na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**+THE 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.**

**+FRACTION**

This is the body of Christ. This is the blood of Christ.

**Reveal yourself to us, O God in the breaking of the bread as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**



## LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION

*"Beneath the Cross Of Jesus"*

ELW 338

### TABLE BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

**Amen.**

### +PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

### +BLESSING

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

**+CLOSING HYMN - "Go to Dark Gethsemane"**

**ELW 347**

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,  
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
your Redeemer's conflict see.  
Watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away;  
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,  
view the Lord of life arraigned;  
oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
learn from him to bear the cross.
- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
there, adoring at his feet,  
mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear him cry;  
learn from Jesus Christ to die.

***POSTLUDE - Fanfare and March on "St. Theodulph"***

**John Dixon**



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