



Christ Lutheran Church

March 28, 2021 ♦ 10am Worship
Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

GATHERING

HANDBELL PRELUDE *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Devine* Anthony Showalter

GATHERING SONG *Hosanna* by Brooke Fraser Ligertwood

I see the king of glory.... coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes
I see his love and mercy.... washing over all our sin
The people sing, the people sing

R Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation.... rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith
I see a new revival.... stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees, we're on our knees

Refrain x 2

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

+RESPONSIVE GREETING

PM Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo, your King comes to you;
He is triumphant and victorious,

Humble and riding on a donkey,
On a colt, the foal of a donkey.

+ INVITATION

+PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL – Mark 11:1-11

AM The Holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethpage 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.

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

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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

The assembly raises their palm branches.

Let us pray. . . **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace, **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The congregation is asked to listen to the cantor, hum, or sing quietly behind your masks

+OPENING HYMN – All Glory, Laud, and Honor

HYMN 344, stanzas. 1,2, &5

Refrain




All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re-deem-er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One,
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

+GREETING

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

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

SERMON

Pastor June Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR PALM SUNDAY

PM Imagine Jesus entering our presence just as he entered Jerusalem some 2,000 years ago. Envision the palm branches, the donkey, the shouts of "hosanna." Understanding who he is and knowing who we are we confess our sin to God who is gracious and merciful.

O God, you know us well.
We are quick to speak of faith, but slow to live it fully.
We shout "hosanna" as Jesus approaches, but we do not want him to come too close -- not close enough to really see.
We know where we fail
Forgive us, O God.

Silent Confession

O God, you know us well.
We are quick to want the blessings of faithfulness;
but we are slow to accept the pain and suffering
of the life you lead us to.
We know where we fail...
Forgive us, O God.

Silent Confession

O God, you know us well.
We are eager to know you in joy
But when you need us most, we scatter, deny, betray, run in fear.
We see your need and we turn away.
We know where we fail...
Forgive us, O God.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PM God is merciful.
God brings light to those in darkness and grace to a guilty world.
Rejoice that the steadfast love of God endures forever.
And in the name of Jesus Christ,
receive the forgiveness that never ends,
and know the love that can never die.
Amen.

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to hear the story of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MARK

Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Silence is kept for reflection and meditation following the reading.

+HYMN – Were You There?

HYMN 353



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WERE YOU THERE. African American spiritual

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+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

Jesus Remember Me

+OFFERING PRAYER

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

+LORD'S PRAYER

PM Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

+INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PM Jesus draws the whole world to himself.
Come to this meal and be fed.

Please remain in your seat for communion.

At this time, please open your communion packet (there is a wafer in the top).

There are separate gluten-free wafers for those who need it.

The packet has grape juice.

Take off your mask briefly to eat and drink.

Put your communion packet back in the baggie for disposal.

+COMMUNION BLESSING

PM The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and reveal to you God's grace.
Amen.

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM Let us pray.
Tender and merciful one,
at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing,
turning our emptiness into joy.
Filled with your abundant grace,
send us now to be ministers of reconciliation,
mending broken hearts, working for justice,
and striving for peace among all people,
in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

SENDING

+BLESSING

PM You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as a holy and beloved people,
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

Come set Your rule and reign // in our hearts again.
Increase in us we pray // Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls

Holy Spirit, come invade us now

We are Your church // We need Your power in us

We seek Your kingdom first // We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives // for You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause.

We are Your church // We pray revive this Earth

CHORUS

Build Your kingdom here // Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand // Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire // Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere // Build Your kingdom here
We pray

Unleash Your kingdom's power // reaching the near and far
No force of Hell can stop // Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church // We are the hope on Earth

CHORUS

+DISMISSAL

AM Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

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