



Palm Sunday

The Sunday of the Passion

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness given to us. If you would like to learn more about our church, please speak with our pastor or one of our members after the service.

- **Bathrooms** are located in the fellowship hall. A changing table is located in the women's bathroom.

WORSHIP THEME

Lent began with an almost equal focus on the sinner and the Savior. But increasingly and now in Holy Week the focus is on Christ. The readings for today want us to understand once and for all who it really is who has come to save us, so that with all confidence we may do as the Prayer for the Day suggests, follow him from Holy Week to Easter, from earth to heaven.

Our King willingly comes to set us free by His Passion! With joy we meet him. With palms we praise him. We join the procession to honor and welcome the Conqueror over death and hell as he proceeds to the battlefield. Zechariah foresaw this (Traditional First Lesson — Zechariah 9:9,10). The joy is great for we know the cross leads to Easter. This is more than reenactment. We presently accompany this Victor as he enters his house today to give us this victory. After the procession, we are confronted with his cries from the cross (Introit) and we hear of his Passion (Gospel). This does not surprise us, but rather is the very reason we carry palms: Our victory, of which palms are symbolic, is won by his cross! Today also sets the stage for Holy Week. It's not a week of mourning, but there are notes of joy and victory throughout, a realization that Christ's sacred Passion was the path to Easter glory (Second Lesson). We will not understand this week unless we keep this in mind. That is true even today as we hear of His death, but receive him alive in the Supper.

Palm Sunday – Service of the Word

Those desiring to participate in the procession may gather in the fellowship hall. The Procession with Palms begins in the rear of the church. Pastor will conduct the beginning of the service from the doorway.

Please stand.

M: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: For the five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him in faith. United with him in Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

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

C: Hosanna in the highest!

M: Let us pray.

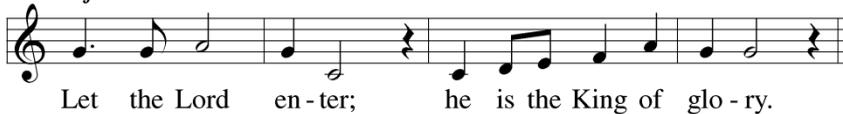
God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem before his passion and was welcomed as king by those who shouted, "Hosanna", and spread their cloaks and palm branches in his path. Accept our words of praise and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King who entered Jerusalem to save us; even your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

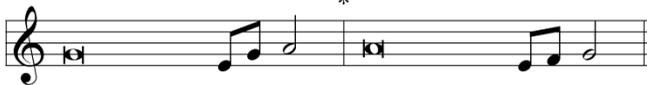
PSALM

Psalm 24 | CW pg. 73

Refrain



Psalm tone



The earth is the LORD's and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it:
for he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the waters.
Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

Refrain

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty – he is the King of glory.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

THE GOSPEL

John 12:12-19

Jesus riding a donkey is prophesied by Zechariah.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor | CW 131



1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
 2 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
 3 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
 4 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
 5 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho -
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san - nas ring. You are the King of Is - rael
 san - nas ring. The com - pa - ny of an - gels
 san - nas ring. The peo - ple of the He - brews
 san - nas ring. To you be - fore your pas - sion
 san - nas ring. As you re - ceived their prais - es,



And Da - vid's roy - al Son, Now in the
 Is prais - ing you on high, And we with
 With palms be - fore you went; Our praise and
 They sang their hymns of praise; To you, now
 Ac - cept the prayers we bring, O Source of



Lord's name com - ing, Our King and bless - ed one.
 all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
 prayer and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
 high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
 ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” was written by Theodulf (c. A.D. 762-821), who served as a poet in the court of Charlemagne. He penned this hymn from a cell in a monastery called Saint-Aubin, having been stripped of his titles and land by Louis the Pious.

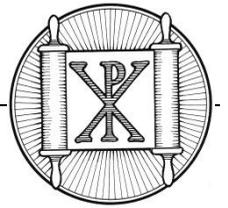
Though he lost all access to earthly emperors and courts, there was, however, a greater emperor by far, to whom he could appeal and from whom earthly rulers could never deny him access.

Within four years of the start of his imprisonment, Theodulf died. More than a thousand years later, an English translation of his hymn remains a favorite in the church's Palm Sunday festivities.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 762-821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.
 Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635, alt.

The Service of the Word

Having just received absolution for their sins, believers now gather around the Word of God to find encouragement and peace for their lives on earth.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, you receive us as your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD

Mark 14:1-15:47

The congregation sings verses of "O Dearest Jesus" (CW 117) throughout the reading of the Passion.

1. Jesus anointed and institutes the Lord's Supper
2. Peter's Denial and Gethsemane
3. Jesus arrested and before the Sanhedrin
4. Peter disowns Jesus
5. Jesus before Pilate and the Soldiers mock him
6. The crucifixion and death of Jesus
7. The burial of Jesus



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law have you bro - ken
 2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;
 3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
 4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!
 5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;



That such sharp sen - tence should on you be spo - ken?
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge you;
 It is my sins for which you, Lord, must lan - guish;
 The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;
 The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime have you to make con -
 They give you gall to drink, they still de -
 Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you in -
 The Mas - ter pays the debt his ser - vants
 We for - feit - ed our lives, yet are ac -



fes - sion— What dark trans - gres - sion?
 cry you; They cru - ci - fy you.
 her - it, This I do mer - it.
 owe him, Who would not know him.
 quit - ted— God is com - mit - ted.

6 I'll think upon your mercy without ceasing,
 That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
 To do your will shall be my sole endeavor
 Henceforth forever.

7 And when, dear Lord, before your throne in heaven
 To me the crown of joy at last is given,
 Where sweetest hymns your saints forever raise you,
 I too shall praise you.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-4, 6-7, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 5, alt.

Tune: HERZLIEBSTER JESU (11 11 11 5) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-12

Jesus is the King of kings. He comes on a donkey because all of his enemies have been defeated. He comes proclaiming peace. His kingdom extends rules from the river to the ends of the earth

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
Shout in triumph, Daughter Jerusalem!
Look, your King is coming to you;
he is righteous and victorious,^[a]
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the horse from Jerusalem.
The bow of war will be removed,
and he will proclaim peace to the nations.
His dominion will extend from sea to sea,
from the Euphrates River
to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you,
because of the blood of your covenant,
I will release your prisoners
from the waterless cistern.

¹² Return to a stronghold,
you prisoners who have hope;
today I declare that I will restore double to you.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 31:9-16

The psalmist speaks of the Messiah as one who suffers and is scorned

M: Be gracious to me, LORD,
because I am in distress;
my eyes are worn out from frustration—
my whole being^[a] as well.

**C: Indeed, my life is consumed with grief
and my years with groaning;
my strength has failed
because of my iniquity,^[b]
and my bones waste away.**

M: I am ridiculed by all my adversaries
and even by my neighbors.

I am dreaded by my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street run from me.

**C: I am forgotten: gone from memory
like a dead person—like broken pottery.**

M: I have heard the gossip of many;
terror is on every side.

When they conspired against me,
they plotted to take my life.

**C: But I trust in you, LORD;
I say, “You are my God.”**

M: The course of my life is in your power;
rescue me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.

**C: Make your face shine on your servant;
save me by your faithful love.**

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus is the King of kings who humbled himself to serve. Paul encourages us to follow Jesus' lead by humbly serving others

⁵ Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, existing in the form of God,
did not consider equality with God
as something to be exploited.^[a]

⁷ Instead he emptied himself
by assuming the form of a servant,
taking on the likeness of humanity.

And when he had come as a man,

⁸ he humbled himself by becoming obedient
to the point of death—
even to death on a cross.

⁹ For this reason God highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee will bow—
in heaven and on earth
and under the earth—

¹¹ and every tongue will confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 12:23

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

GOSPEL

Mark 11: 1-10

Humility, arrogance, or both? Jesus certainly is making a statement by riding a donkey. He's claiming to be that the conqueror that Zechariah prophesied. He brings a rule of peace.

11 When they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and told them, "Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here right away.'"

⁴ So they went and found a colt outside in the street, tied by a door. They untied it, ⁵ and some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ They answered them just as Jesus had said; so they let them go.

⁷ They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their clothes on the road, and others spread leafy branches cut from the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted:

Hosanna!

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!**^[b]

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom
of our father David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty | **CW 133**



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his
pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to



sue your road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes To see th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice -
sap - phire throne A - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

SERMON

Mark 11: 1-10

Divine Donkey Duty

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

2 Cor. 6:18

Is. 51:13

1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18

Lk. 1:35

Lk. 1:34; 2:7

Lk. 23:16

Mt. 27:32-61; Mk 15:21-47

Lk. 23:26-56; Jn. 19:16b-42

1 Pet. 3:19

1 Cor. 15:4b

Ac. 2:33-34

Heb. 1:13

Mt. 25:31

2 Tim. 4:1

Mt. 3:16-17

Eph. 5:23

Eph. 4:3-6

Rom. 4:6-8

1 Cor. 15:13-19

1 Th. 4:17

*Upon hearing the Word preached, the congregation unites in one voice to speak a summary of the Christian faith that **all Christians profess.** The creeds signify our allegiance to the Christian faith and unite us with over 2,000 years of Christian history. By repeating the creeds weekly, we equip ourselves for public witness by grounding our confession in the fundamentals of our faith.*

OFFERING

Of all the gifts God gives to us, forgiveness in Jesus Christ is the most precious. No gift we could give back to God for what he did through his Son Jesus Christ could ever balance the debt we owe for what our Lord accomplished for us on the cross. Yet Jesus says the debt we owe has been canceled, that means that we do not give out of obligation but as an act of worship and thanks to God. The offerings of the members of Christ Lutheran are gathered at this time. Guests need not feel obligated to give an offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth.

C: We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior.

M: Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us.

C: Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place. Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.

M: Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations.

C: Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil. Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.

M: Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful.

C: Look with favor on our nation's schools. Be with those who teach and those who learn. Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation. Hear us for your mercy's sake.

C: 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.

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross | CW 125



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



On which the Prince of glo - ry died,
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
Sor - row and love flow min - gled down;
That were a trib - ute far too small;



My rich - est gain I count but loss
All the vain things that charm me most,
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,



And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people.
Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

Numbers 6:22-27

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

*The **blessing** of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So I will put my name on them, and I will bless them."*



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN

No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet / CWS 716



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet With
 2 And yet he comes. The chil - dren cheer; With
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs his road a - dorn; The
 4 Now he who bore for mor - tals' sake The



ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
 palms his path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!" To
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne. A -
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown. The
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns. Ho -



greet what pomp of king - ly pride No
 stride a colt he pass - es by As
 sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries. The
 san - na to the Sav - ior's name Till



bells in tri - umph ring, No ci - ty gates swing
 loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ve - ry
 streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
 heav - en's raft - ers ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 stones would cry, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 host pro - claim, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

“No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet”

is matched to a tune that has both a regal and a marching quality to it, which makes it fitting for Holy Week as we ponder our Lord's kingly procession into Jerusalem without customary regal fanfare. Later this week we will bear the tramping feet of soldiers marching to arrest Jesus and deliver Him to Pontius Pilate.

Each stanza places the words, “Behold, Behold your King,” on quite different lips: the humility of Palm Sunday (st. 1), our Lord's Passion (st. 2,3), and the genuine victory procession of our Lord's Resurrection (st. 4).

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Holy Thursday

More Than Meets the Eye

Mark 14:22-25

Good Friday

God's Eyes

Mark 15:21-39

Easter Vigil

Resting Eyes

Mark 15:40-16:1

Easter

Angel Eyes

Mark 16:1-8



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We preach a message of forgiveness, hope and peace
through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Families and individuals of all ages will find opportunities
both to grow and to serve.

Our mission statement:

Look what Christ is doing!

He binds us together in fellowship

He gathers us in for worship

He builds us up for service

*“Now you are the body of Christ,
and each one of you is a part of it.”
(1 Corinthians 12:27)*