

Sunday of the Passion
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INTRODUCTION

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Hosana. Loud Hosanna

John Carter

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

INVOCATION AND PRAYER

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David.**

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. In your mercy come to our assistance, O God of our Salvation,

C: **that we may enter this Holy Week with joy as we contemplate the mighty acts through which You have given us eternal life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: We praise and thank You for redeeming us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Today we recall that He entered the city of Jerusalem in triumph and was acknowledged as the Son of David and the King of kings by those who scattered their coats and their palm branches in His path. We ask now that You bless

these palm branches and bless us who carry them that they may remind us that Jesus is King and Lord of our lives and that we may follow with full and fervent faith. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OPENING SONG Red hymnal #344 (vs. 1-5) *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 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***

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

**** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together.

C: 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.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a

R:: ⁴The 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. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The 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; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

R:: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

P: 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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red hymnal #264 (vs. 1)

C: **Prepare the royal highway; the King of Kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!**

HOLY GOSPEL: Mathew 26:26-35

P: ²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷Then he took a cup,

and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

³⁰When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd,

and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

³²But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." ³³Peter said to him,

"Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." ³⁴Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." ³⁵Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN Red hymnal #346

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: **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 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Response after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

OFFERING—INVITATION—God's Work Continues

OFFERING SONG Red hymnal #186 *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

C: **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.**

BLESSING

P: Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, + bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #347

Go to Dark Gethsemane

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: "Serving Christ through serving others."**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

There in God's Garden

Arr. Hobby

Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be called in to the church office between the hours of 8 am until noon at 1 (937) 667-3110.

OFFERING: March 29

Total Unified Giving: \$3,425.00

Total Building Fund: \$ 600.00

TREASURER'S REPORT: Month of January 2020 Finances

Unified Giving: \$17,678.50 Expenses: \$18,786.55

Building Fund Giving: \$1,886.41 Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

Building Fund Balance: \$34,690.23

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of January 2020, on the table as you leave the sanctuary. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

Staff

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