

PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION April 5, 2020

GATHERING

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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

People: Hosanna to the Son of David.

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People: Hosanna in the highest!

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11

BLESSING OF PALMS

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: We praise you, O God, that you have saved the world through Jesus Christ.

Today he entered Jerusalem in triumph and was called Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches we carry be signs of Christ's victory. Give us strength to follow him in the way of suffering love. Help us to die and rise with Christ every day as we surrender our lives to you and offer our lives to serve your reign; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 sing.**

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

3. The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayers 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

WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC **“Ride On, King Jesus”** **Traditional Spiritual**

GOSPEL **The Passion of our Lord According to Matthew** **Matthew 26:1-27:66**

Presented by readers with congregation reading the part of “People”

(Script appears on Zoom screen or can be accessed at FILC home page)

In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God’s will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.

HYMN OF THE DAY **“Christ, the Life of all the Living”** **ELW 339**

1. Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Christ, yourself for me once giving
to the darkest depths of woe:
through your suffering, death, and merit
life eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
dearest Jesus, unto you.

2. You have suffered great affliction
and have borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion,
fully to atone for me;

for your chose to be tormented
that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
dearest Jesus, unto you.

3. Then, for all that bought my pardon,
for the sorrows deep and sore,
for the anguish in the garden,
I will thank you evermore;
thank you for the groaning, sighing,
for the bleeding and the dying,
for that last triumphant cry,
praise you evermore on high.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assistant: As we seek in this Lenten time to grow in our faith, let us pray for the church,
the world, and all those in need.

After each petition...

Assistant: Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude...

Pastor: Receive our prayers, O merciful God, and lead us in your way of life.

People: Amen.

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.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May Almighty God, Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you,
now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meet, your road pursue,
with palms and scattered garments strewed.

2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

3. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

5. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die,
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

SENDING

Assistant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.