

Hosanna *to the Son of David!*

MATTHEW 21:9



SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

April 5, 2020

8:45 a.m.

Our mission: By the grace of God we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, we are called to love and serve the community through faithful discipleship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ORDER FOR THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS

P Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

P Behold your king comes to you, O Zion, meek and lowly, sitting upon a donkey.

C Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice.

P Your throne is the throne of God, it endures forever;

C and the scepter of, your kingdom is a righteous scepter.

P You have loved righteousness and hated evil;

C therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

P Hosanna to the Son of David.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING

Those in the congregation raise their branches.

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, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE PROCESSION

P Let us go forth in peace,
C **in the name of the Lord.**

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
C **Hosanna in the highest.**

LESSON

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence*

After each portion of the prayers:

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

The prayers conclude:

P According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE BENEDICTION

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.

DISMISSAL

P By the grace of God we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

C **Led by the Holy Spirit we are called to love and serve the community through faithful discipleship.**

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! (Matthew 21:9, NIV). As we ponder what it would have been like to throw coats and branches in your path as you entered Jerusalem, Lord, help us lay our lives at your feet. Welcome to worship as Holy Week begins. (from the Newsletter newsletter)

YOU ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP WITH US AGAIN SOON

*This week’s **Altar Flowers** are presented to the Glory of God in honor of Lester & Janet Hain’s wedding anniversary by Todd & Sharon Eveler and Derek Myers & Billy Duty.*

*This week’s **Bulletins** are presented to the Glory of God in honor of Zachary Holtzinger’s birthday by John & Sue Holtzinger.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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.
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;
 I 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.
^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
 who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 31:9-16

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Let 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.

GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14—27:66

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or Matthew 27:11-54 [not printed]