

St. John's Lutheran Church Red Bud, Illinois
A Festival Order of Worship for Palm Sunday
March 24 & 25, 2018

The Prelude: "All Glory, Laud and Honor" *arr. by Georg F. Kaufmann*

The Ringing of the Bell calls us to sacred worship.

The Invocation: *(please stand if you are able)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

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

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

The Processional Gospel:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 12:12-19 The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Processional Prayer:

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: Let us pray. 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 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. May we now ever hail Him as our Lord and King and follow Him in perfect confidence;

C: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace

C: in the name of our Lord. Amen.

The Processional Hymn: 441 "Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty"

(Children may join the procession carrying palms to the foot of the cross.)

Our Confession and God's Absolution:

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

We share God's peace with one another.

The Introit: *(congregation speaks the bold indented lines)*

Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless You from the house of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O 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 gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!

Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless You from the house of the LORD.

The Collect of the Day:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and everlasting God, You

sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(please be seated)*

Anthem: (8 a.m.) “Hosanna in the Highest” (by David W. Music) *Choir*

Percussionists: Ryan Valleroy, Stephanie Valleroy and Ethan Fritsche

(10:30 a.m.) “Oh, How I Love Jesus” *Preschool students*

The Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. P: This is the Word of our Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. P: This is the Word of our Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The Hymn of Praise: 442 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

The Gospel Reading: *(please stand if you are able)* Mark 15:1-47

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led Him away and delivered Him over to Pilate. ² And Pilate asked Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” And He answered him, “You have said so.” ³ And the chief priests accused Him of many things. ⁴ And Pilate again asked Him, “Have You no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against You.” ⁵ But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶ Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷ And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸ And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹ And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰ For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered Him up. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹² And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³ And they cried out again, “Crucify Him.” ¹⁴ And Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify Him.” ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

¹⁶ And the soldiers led Him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷ And they clothed Him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on Him. ¹⁸ And they began to salute Him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ¹⁹ And they were striking His head with a reed and spitting on Him and kneeling down in homage to Him. ²⁰ And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the purple cloak and put His own clothes on Him. And they led Him out to crucify Him.

²¹ And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry His cross. ²² And they brought Him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³ And they offered Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified Him and divided His garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵ And it was the third hour when they crucified Him. ²⁶ And the inscription of the charge against Him read, “The King of the Jews.” ²⁷ And with Him they crucified two robbers, one on His right and one on His left. ²⁹ And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰ save Yourself, and come down from the cross!” ³¹ So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked Him to one another, saying, “He saved

others; He cannot save Himself. ³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with Him also reviled Him.

³³ And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” ³⁵ And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, He is calling Elijah.” ³⁶ And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down.” ³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed His last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood facing Him, saw that in this way He breathed His last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹ When He was in Galilee, they followed Him and ministered to Him, and there were also many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

⁴² And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that He should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether He was already dead. ⁴⁵ And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. ⁴⁶ And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud and laid Him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where He was laid. P: This is the Gospel of our Lord. C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day: 542 “When I Behold Jesus Christ”

Sermon: “Jesus Suffered to Make Us Holy” Hebrews 13:11-13

For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. 12 So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. 13 Therefore let us go to Him outside the camp and bear the reproach He endured.

(please stand if you are able)

Our Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed (*inside back cover of hymnal*)

The Prayer of the Church:

HEALING AND COMFORT: Bernadine Kruse, Alvin Moeller, Wilma Wagner, Don Winkelmann, C. John Prigge, Edward Luttmann, Page 5 Pearl Luttmann, Arlene Pratt, Darlene Lohman, Jane Donjon; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Elaine Goetting, Rev. Mike and Melanie Maddick, Dwain Schrader, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Donna Sandersfeld, Dan Krebel, Caleb Oakley, Alice Liefer, Jeff Theobald, Robin Steinmann, Gary Vogt, Bobby Wood, Kate Snyder, Jeff Westbrook. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) Army- Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallett, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop, Thomas Lewis

+those who mourn: the family of Paulette Kueker, who died in the Lord Monday

P Lord of all love that is true and pure, we thank You for the gift of holy marriage in which husband and wife live in the love that is the earthly image of the love our Lord and groom, Jesus Christ, has for us, His bride, the Church. We trust that as those who celebrate a wedding anniversary enter a new year of life together lived in Your name and for Your glory, that You would again bless them with peace and prosperity, hope and joy and a shared faith and forgiveness in the name of Your Son Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy. C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, in love for us Your Son became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Teach us to look to You at the time of death so that drawing strength from You, we would receive the comfort of life eternal in our Savior Jesus. We pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones to physical death. We remember Paulette's family, asking that You would bless them with fond memories of her life here with them, of the blessings she received from You and the blessing she was to those around her and encourage them with the gift of the heavenly life that lasts forever which Jesus has won for Your servants who have died in His faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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*P Heavenly Father, give Your protection and guidance to all who serve in our nation's military, in law enforcement and as firefighters and emergency personnel so that every life is protected and so that citizens live under justice in our country and in every nation of the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **C hear our prayer.***

*P Heavenly Father, we ask that You would come to the rescue of all who are sick, injured, facing surgery, or recovering from surgery. We place into Your care and keeping those we name before You Bernadine, Alvin, Wilma, Don, C. John, Edward, Pearl, Arlene, Darlene, Jane, Lori, Elaine, Mike, Melanie, Dwain, Brenda, Derrick, Donna, Dan, Caleb, Alice, Jeff, Robin, Gary, Bobby, Kate, Jeff and those we remember in the silence of our hearts. Help them, heal them, comfort them, and encourage them in the way that You know to be best for each of them. Lord, in Your mercy, **C hear our prayer.***

P Lord of the Church, during this Holy Week, You call Your people from around the world to follow You through Your Passion, death, and resurrection. Bless the service of all those who provide special music during this week, who read Your Holy Scriptures in the assembly, and who proclaim Your suffering, death, and resurrection-- that Your flock would be fed and Your glory revealed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

*P Heavenly Father, on the night before He went to the cross, Your Son gave us the gift of His holy Supper. Show us our sin, give us repentant hearts, and assure us that our King has made Himself a servant for us, so that with confident faith we sing our hosannas to Him who comes to us in the name of the Lord and gratefully receive His body and blood which give us life. Lord, in Your mercy, **C hear our prayer.***

*P Into Your gracious care, heavenly Father, we place ourselves and everyone for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.***

(please be seated) The Offering:

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) "Crown Him With Many Crowns" arr. by J. W. Kosnik

(10:30 a.m.) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Preschool bells

The Liturgy of Holy Communion (please stand if you are able)

*P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.***

*P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.***

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

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

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P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

(Lutheran Service Book, page 208)

The Lord's Prayer: *(prayed in unison)*

The Words of Our Lord and the Pax Domini:

*P: ...The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: Amen.***

Distribution Hymns: *(please be seated)*

*(8 a.m.) Anthem: "The Passion of Jesus" (by A.V. Maurer) **Choir***

437 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

444 "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"

525 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

The Post-Communion Collect: *(please stand if you are able)*

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;

C: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Benediction:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (+), the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

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C: Amen. Hosanna to Jesus Christ, the Son of Man and Son of God! Amen.

The Closing Hymn: 443 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Postlude: “Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna” *arranged by Allan Mahnke*

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