

St. John's Lutheran Church Red Bud, Illinois
A Festival Order of Worship for Palm Sunday
April 13 & 14, 2019

The Prelude: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" *arranged by David Maxwell*

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 ¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So 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!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His 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. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. ¹⁹So 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 are invited to 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 our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P 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 and greet 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)**

(8 a.m.) Choral Anthem: “Hosanna” (by John A. Behnke)

Choir

The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 32:36-39

“For the LORD will vindicate His people and have compassion on His servants, when He sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. Then He will say, ‘Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! See now that I, even I, am He, and there is no god beside Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of My hand.’” P: This is the Word of our Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual:

P: Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood

C: thus securing eternal redemption.

P: Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,

C: so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

P: He sent redemption to His people;

C: He has commanded His covenant forever.

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.**

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The Hymn of Praise: 443 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

The Gospel Reading: Luke 23:1-56 (*please stand if you are able*)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then the whole company of them arose and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a king." ³And Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him, "You have said so." ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." ⁵But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see Him, because he had heard about Him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by Him. ⁹So he questioned Him at some length, but He made no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing Him. ¹¹And Herod with his soldiers treated Him with contempt and mocked Him. Then, arraying Him in splendid clothing, he sent Him back to Pilate. ¹²And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining Him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against Him. ¹⁵Neither did Herod, for he sent Him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. ¹⁶I will therefore punish and release Him."

¹⁸But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"— ¹⁹a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. ²⁰Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify Him!" ²²A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found in Him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release Him." ²³But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that He should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

²⁶And as they led Jesus away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷And there followed Him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days Page 4

are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." ⁴³And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed His last. ⁴⁷Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" ⁴⁸And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹And all His acquaintances and the women who had followed Him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid Him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵ The women who had come with Him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how His body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

(please be seated) Hymn of the Day: 442 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

The Festival Sermon: "God Is Gracious and Merciful and Relents from Disaster"

Jonah 4:2 And Jonah prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that You are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster."

The Prayer of the Church (please stand if you are able)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Arlin Winkelman, Helen Winkelman, Eunice Snyder, Dorothy Papenberg, Orville Liefer, Kenneth Koester, C. John Prigge, June Lawrence, Jean Menke, Lisa Kloepper, Don Kueker, Pat Byer, Larry Ebers, Jane Donjon, Pastor Koen, Donna Burgdorf, Bob Turner, Wayne Liefer; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Kate Snyder, Henry Hunter, Keith Dial, Josh Ritter, David Uchtmann, Tina Aubuchon, Harlow Leedle, Tyler Pratt, Sharon Kuhn, Dan Vollmer, Alice Proctor, Brett Montroy, George and Ruth (Schrieber) Hecht. *Help us keep this list current!*

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

*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 asking that You would bless them with fond memories of their loved one's life here and encourage them with the gift of the heavenly life that lasts forever which You now have given to Your servants who have died in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **C hear our prayer.***

*P Heavenly Father, give Your protection and guidance to all who serve in our nation's military so that every life is protected and 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 Arlin, Helen, Eunice, Dorothy, Orville, Kenneth, C. John, June, Jean, Lisa, Don, Pat, Larry, Jane, Pastor Koen, Donna, Bob, Wayne, Lori, Brenda, Derrick, Kate, Henry, Keith, Josh, David, Tina, Harlow, Tyler, Sharon, Dan, Alice, Brett, George, Ruth 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 Heavenly Father, You bless us every day during the years of life You give us. We pray that You would provide favorable weather for those working outside in this week to come. We trust that You will give them the strength and safety they need for service done for Your glory and the good of others. 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: “No Tramp of Soldiers Marching Feet” arranged by Charles Callahan

(10:30 a.m.) The Rite of Confirmation, page 272ff.

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.

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: (LSB, page 208)

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! Page 7

The Lord's Prayer: (prayed in unison)

The Words of Our Lord and Pax Domini:

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My (+) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (+) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

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

Distribution Hymns: (please be seated)

(8 a.m.) Anthem: “My Song Is Love Unknown” (arr. by Donald Busarow) *Choir*

444 “No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”

440 “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

525 “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

619 “Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”

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.

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

The Closing Hymn: 689 “Let Me Be Thine Forever”

The Postlude: “All Glory, Laud and Honor” arranged by Georg Friedrich Kaufmann