## Palm Sunday

## ~ April 13, 2025 ~ Faith & First

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

P: Lent is a season of transformation. The cross calls us to die to selfish ways and rise to new life in Christ. Yet, we are resistant to change. Let us go before God and confess the ways we fail to live as Easter people.

P: Transforming God, we confess that we often turn away from you and turn toward behaviors that yield brokenness in our lives. We let our emotions get the best of us. We ignore the cries of the poor. We waste our resources to acquire unnecessary things. Forgive us, God. Teach us compassion and self-sacrifice. May our words and deeds be manna to those who hunger for justice and mercy. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

L: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ +, I declare that your sins are forgiven.
Amen.

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**Gathering Hymn *“All Glory, Laud and Honor”*** LBW #108 ELW #344

*(During the singing of “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

*please come forward for your palms.)*

***Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
 to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.***

Vs. 1 You are the king of Israel and David’s royal Son,
 now in the Lord’s name coming, the King and Blessed One. ***[Refrain]***

Vs. 2 The company of angels is praising you on high;
 creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. ***[Refrain]***

Vs. 3 The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
 our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. ***[Refrain]***

Vs. 4 To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. ***[Refrain]***

Vs. 5 Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
 great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. ***[Refrain]***

## Prayer of the Day Celebrate Insert

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.

 **Greeting** LBW pg. 57 ELW pg. 138

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

***C: And also with you.***

**Kyrie** LBW pg. 58 ELW pg. 138

 P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

 ***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

 ***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

 ***C: Lord, have mercy.***

 P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

 ***C: Amen.***

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## First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a Celebrate Insert

*This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.*

## 4 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. 5 The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. 6 I 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. 7 The 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. 9 It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

**Psalm 31:9-16** Celebrate Insert

9Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

11I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot. Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit.**

13For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

14**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.**

15My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love." Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit.**

**Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11**

*Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.*

5Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but 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. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

 **Gospel Acclamation**  LBW pg. 63 ELW pg. 142

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and

merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in

steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

**Gospel: Luke 19:28-40** Celebrate Insert

After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" 32So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34They said, "The Lord needs it." 35Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 37As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, 38saying,

 "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

39Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." 40He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day *“Ah, Holy Jesus”*** LBW #123 ELW #349

Vs. 1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that we to

 judge thee have in hate pretended? By foes derided,

 by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

Vs. 2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my

 treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus,

 I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

Vs. 3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave hath

 sinned, and the Son hath suffered; for our atonement,

 while we nothing heeded, God interceded.

Vs. 4 For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation, thy mortal

 sorrow, and thy life's oblation; thy death of anguish

 and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

Vs. 5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do

 adore thee, and will ever pray thee; think on thy pity

 and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

**Apostles’ Creed** LBW pg. 65ELW pg. 105

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 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 People**

 **“*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying***” WOV #775 ELW #752

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world and all those in need.

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Make your creation a living witness to Christ’s passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering especially

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Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

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Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

**Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

***C: And also with you.***

**Offering *“We Give Thee but Thine Own” vs. 1*** LBW #401ELW #686

We give thee but thine own, what e’er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone a trust, O Lord from thee.

**Offering Prayer**

Let us pray, God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus, Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Great Thanksgiving** LBW pg. 68ELW pg. 145

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 our thanks and praise.***

**Words of Institution**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

***C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

**Lord’s Prayer** LBW pg. 71ELW pg. 145

P: Let us pray as Jesus has taught us.

***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.***

**Communion**

**Post Communion Blessing**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

**Blessing**

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord’s face shine on us with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon us with favor and + give you peace.

**Sending Hymn *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory***” LBW #104 ELW #324

Vs.1 In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring

 o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of

 sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

Vs. 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes de-

 ceive, and fears annoy, never shall the

 cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

Vs. 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming light and

 love upon my way, from the cross the

 radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Vs. 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the

 cross are sanctified; peace is there that

 knows no measure,joys that through all time abide.

**Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

***C: Thanks be to God!***

**Postlude**