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Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

*The Holy Spirit
calls us together
as the people of
God.*

GATHERING

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip's Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

PRELUDE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

by Jennette Threlfall

WELCOME

OPENING

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
We praise you, O God,
for redeeming the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city in triumph
and was proclaimed messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.
Bless these branches and those who carry them.
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,
so that, joined to his death and resurrection,
we enter into life with you;
through the same Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,



one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Glory Laud and Honour" (verses 1 and 5)

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honour
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

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*

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

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

WORD

*God speaks to us
in scripture
reading,
preaching, and
song*

GOSPEL

Mark 11: 1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,



"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

BIBLE BUNCH

How to make a Palm Cross

"Shout Hosanna!"

by Rob Evans ("The Donut Man")

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Hosanna"

by Carl Tuttle

Chorus:

Hosanna, hosanna,

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, hosanna,

Hosanna in the highest!

- 1) Lord, we lift Your name,
With hearts full of praise,
Be exalted, O Lord my God,
Hosanna in the highest.
- 2) Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings.
Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings.
(chorus)
- 3) Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the King of kings.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the King of kings.
(chorus)

MEAL

*God feeds us with
the presence of
Jesus Christ.*

THE CREED

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

On this Palm Sunday, we pray for the world for each other,
responding to each petition with words "save us in your love".

We pray for the churches around the world,
that people everywhere can feel your presence and love,
for St. Philips Church Council members,
for Chris, band, bells, and choir members for making music,
for Neighbourhood Table volunteers delivering food,
that they all have energy for their tasks;
and we thank you for Dave who is providing technology for our online services.
Holy God,
save us in your love.

We pray for the earth, our home planet, that it would be saved from pollution;
for endangered animals, that they and their habitats be protected;
and for scientists, that their knowledge of earth will guide our choices.
Creating God,
save us in your love.

We pray for peace throughout the whole world;
for an end to terrorism and violence; for people in Boulder, Colorado
and everyone affected by gun violence,
for all elected leaders, that they serve the common good.
Mighty God,
save us in your love.

We pray for the countries that are hardest hit by the coronavirus;
for those who are sick and afraid and for their families;
for medical personnel and hospitals.
Compassionate God,
save us in your love.

We also pray for ourselves, for our friends, and for our families.
Keep us safe and teach us to love and respect one another.





Loving God,
save us in your love.

We thank you for the support of our community of faith;
and we thank you for our loved ones, who taught us about you and showed us
your love, and are now resting in you.
Help us to trust your promise that we will see them again at the end of time.
Eternal God,
save us in your love.

Into your hands, loving God, we leave all for whom we pray, trusting in your
mercy,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Hosanna in the Highest", by Robert Lau (ASCAP)

OFFERING

COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*God blesses us and
sends us in
mission to the
world.*

HYMN

ELW 660

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

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1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

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POSTLUDE

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HOLY WEEK

Please journey with us through Holy Week which starts with this Palm Sunday service. Our Holy Week journey will include:

- ❖ Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7:30pm – livestreamed on Zoom
- ❖ Good Friday, April 2
- ❖ Easter Sunday, April 4

Watch your email for links to each one. Blessings to you on this journey to the cross and resurrection.

PASS THE OFFERING PLATE PLEASE

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Add your name to the readers list for worship services: contact Pastor Tuula.
- Participate in the Virtual Worship: play an instrument or sing, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Or something else? Please contact Pastor Tuula.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am
- 50+ connecting in new ways in 2021! Watch for the next event. Contact Doris Pascoe for details.