



# PALM SUNDAY

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### WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to our church family today as we celebrate the presence of the risen Jesus Christ in our lives and in our world. We pray that you will experience God—Father, Son, Holy Spirit—as you worship with us.

**Enjoy the music conveniently printed in the back of this bulletin so you can follow along at home! Have your Bible ready to follow along with the scripture.**



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# Gathering

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

## PRELUDE

*“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*  
David Paxton. Pipe Dusters, Vol. II, MCMLXXXV, Lorenz Pub. Co.

## ACCLAMATION

P: Blessed be the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

## SOLO

*“Ride On, King Jesus”* JULIA DALY  
(incorporating a Traditional Spiritual) Words and Music by Jean Anne Shafferman, arr. by Patti Drennan. ©2004 by Alfred Publishing Co.

## GOSPEL

MARK 11:1-11

P: The holy gospel according to Mark

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and 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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’”

<sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup>Then 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.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

*Let us pray:*

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior 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.**

## OPENING HYMN

*“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”* LAST PAGES  
ELW #344, stanzas 1-4

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray:*

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray. O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

JULIE KLOCK

## Word

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### READINGS

ISAIAH 50:4-9A  
PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*“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

MARK 15

P: The holy gospel according to Mark

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” <sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

### RESPONSE

*“Ah, holy Jesus” stanza 1  
ELW #349*

*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.*

<sup>6</sup>Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. <sup>8</sup>So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. <sup>9</sup>Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” <sup>10</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. <sup>12</sup>Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do [m] with the man you call the King of the Jews?” <sup>13</sup>They shouted back, “Crucify him!” <sup>14</sup>Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

**RESPONSE***“Ah, holy Jesus” stanza 2*  
ELW #349

*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.*

<sup>16</sup>Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>19</sup>They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. <sup>21</sup>They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. <sup>22</sup>Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

**RESPONSE***“Ah, holy Jesus” stanza 3*  
ELW #349

*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.*

<sup>25</sup>It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!” <sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

**RESPONSE***“Ah, holy Jesus” stanza 4*  
ELW #349

*For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,  
 thy mortal sorrow, and thy life’s oblation;  
 thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
 for my salvation.*

<sup>33</sup>Then When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.” <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

**RESPONSE***“Ah, holy Jesus” stanza 5*  
ELW #349

*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.*

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” LAST PAGES  
ELW #338

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We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,  
 was incarnate of the Holy  
 Spirit and the virgin Mary  
 and became truly human.  
 For our sake he was crucified  
 under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge  
 the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
 who with the Father and the Son  
 is worshiped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for  
 the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*Meal*

PEACE AND OFFERING

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

## BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” LAST PAGES  
ELW #347

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”  
Wilbur Held. A Suite of Passion Hymn Settings, Concordia Pub. 97-4843

stanzas 1-4

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*to Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

## Prayer Ministry:

Please contact the church office to submit names of people to be included in our Sunday prayers.  
We will include people in the prayers for 3 weeks unless a resubmission is made.

*Today we pray especially for:*

**Sebastian** (friend of Richard), **Paula** (daughter of Judy), **Scott, Larry** (brother of Sandra), **Betty, Tami, Cindy, Ian** (grandson of Joan), **Tasha, Jennifer** (daughter-in-law of Sheila), and **Karen** (cousin of Carmen and Char).

*If you would like a visit from Pastor David, please contact the Church Office at 645-8252.*

Last names are withheld for on-line privacy. Remember, God always knows who you are praying for!

## Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869  
Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

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## Thank you worship leaders:

Organist: Richard Collman

Reader: Mary Bleckwehl

Songleader: Julia Daly

Livestream: Terra Wierson

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**About worship today:** 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.

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## Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!  
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.  
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

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