



# Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021



## Triumphal Entry

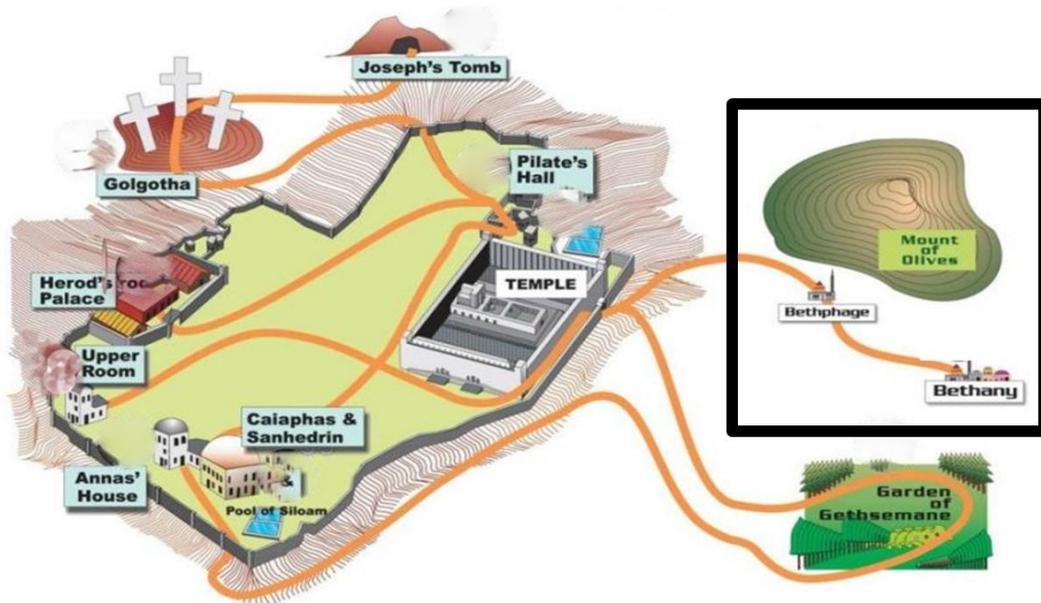
*While the people prepared to celebrate the past, Jesus wept for what he could see was still coming.*

---

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

---

### Jesus' Holy Week Journey



### Prelude

"Heralding's"

*You are invited to light a candle in your sacred space  
as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

### Announcements

# Call to Worship

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!!  
We journeyed to Jerusalem and now join the crowd  
in laying down our cloaks before Jesus.  
Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!!

## Opening Song

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Red ELW 344

*Refrain*

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

**You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain***

**The company of angels are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *Refrain***

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

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

## Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

God of mercy,

**Jesus was faithful even in the face of death, yet we so often fail you in day to day living. Our commitment is shaky, our promises are unreliable, and our actions are questionable. We quit when discipleship becomes difficult and complain that we don't get enough credit. Forgive us our neglect of your mission and our lukewarm devotion and wake us up to the urgency of your gospel.**

God is gracious and pardons all our shortcomings. May the giver of life forgive us our sins and restore us to the joy of discipleship and service, for the sake of Jesus our faithful Lord. **Amen.**

# Prayer of Day

Faithful God, Your son entered Jerusalem knowing the trials which awaited him. May we follow faithfully through this week of sorrows, knowing that your promised redemption awaits us, through Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

---

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song*

---

*While the people prepared to celebrate the liberation in their past at Passover,  
Jesus wept for the bondage and turmoil he could see still coming.*

## Invitation to the Word

Red ELW 359 vs. 1

**Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love we thus are bound.**

## Scripture Reading

Luke 19:29-44

**Narrator:** When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying,

**Jesus:** 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. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this, "The Lord needs it."

**Narrator:** So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them,

**Owner:** Why are you untying the colt?

**Narrator:** They said,

**Disciple:** The Lord needs it.

**Narrator:** Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As 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, saying,

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

**Narrator:** Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,

**Pharisee:** Teacher, order your disciples to stop.

**Narrator:** He answered,

**Jesus:** I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.

**Narrator:** As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying,

**Jesus:** If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Message

## Special Music

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

## Apostles' 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

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:  
when I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:  
come and listen to me.

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

You come into town to the cheering of crowds, but their cries will soon turn against you. Forgive us our fickle faith that falters when it's not convenient or popular, and give us strength to follow despite fear.

*Prayer petitions response*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Other petitions offered.*

You hear all your children's prayers and gather the lost into your loving arms. Teach us to put our trust in you, and in our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## 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.**

## Sharing God's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

---

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

---

## Blessing

As we enter these Holy days, our excitement grows and Jesus weeps. May Christ's face bless you with invitation to pause, reflect and follow. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

# Song

## *Prepare the Royal Highway*

Red ELW 264

**Prepare the royal highway;  
the King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley  
a level road appear!  
Then greet the King of glory,  
foretold in sacred story:**

*Refrain*

**Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!**

**God's people, see him coming:  
your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain***

**Then fling the gates wide open  
to greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev'ry nation  
its tribute too may bring.  
All lands will bow before him;  
their voices join your singing: *Refrain***

**His is no earthly kingdom;  
it comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
and justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
for kindness so abounding: *Refrain***

# Sending

Go. Follow Jesus and live Christ's love for your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

# Postlude

*"Stay With Me"*





## Participants

- Pastors: Courtney Steitz, Michael TeKrony
- Prelude: Jordan Ortman
- Assisting Minister: Amy Evancheck
- Liturgy leaders: Diane & Kevin Klinkerfues, Gaylene Szaltzer, John Reed, Joan Meister-Bridges, Lindsey Bosak-Simmons, Michael Boehm
- Opening Song: Chancel Choir – directed by Dave Gleason  
Louise Powelson, Ron Skabo, Bryan Bennett, Larry Bradsby, Brenda Gleason, Mike Madsen, Eric Kurtz, Megan Hausmann, Melinda Powelson, Scott Ikenberry, Kevin Klinkerfues, Denise Ikenberry
- Special Music: Hand Bells – directed by Dave Gleason  
Shirley Bradsby, Lisa Grimm, Linda TeKrony, Diane Klinkerfues, Dan Mohrbacher, Amy Evancheck, Mike Madsen, Karen Novess, Martha Mustard, Larry Bradsby, Brenda Gleason
- Sending Song: Diane & Kevin Klinkerfues, Brenda & Dave Gleason, Larry Lagerberg, Karen Novess, Jordan Ortman
- Postlude: Jordan Ortman