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Mark 11:9, NRSV



Crown Him King! For He is King Over All!"

April 2, 2023 Festival of Palm Sunday

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am Christian Education: 11:00 am

James N. Proeber, Pastor Wisconsin Synod

OUR REDEEMER

To all our Worshippers

Today, those who have previously confessed their oneness of

faith in Christ will have the opportunity to gather at the Lord's Communion Table. If you have not communed with our con-gregation before, we want you to know that we are eager to help you establish communing fellowship with us through the declaration of your faith. Our pastor will be happy to speak with you about the necessary preparations for receiving the Lord's Body and Blood. We would like to encourage you in this, so that we can welcome you



to share the blessings of our Lord's true body and blood in a future service.

For Parents with Small Children

There are children's activity folders available in the basket by the front door. Please pick one up, if needed. There are restrooms and a video monitor in the fellowship hall. As you leave the church, go through the double doors.

The Order of Worship

(We will follow the Service of Word and Sacrament as it is printed on page 26 in the front section of the Hymnal)

The Invocation

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

C: And also with you.

The Confession of Sins

P: Jesus rode into Jerusalem to offer himself as the sacrifice God required to take away the sin of the world. As our obedient Savior, he carried our guilt and endured our punishment. Because he was faithful in all things, God invites us to come into his presence with humble and penitent hearts. He also assures us he will have mercy on us. Therefore, let us acknowledge our guilt and confess our sin to the Lord.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

Lord have Mercy

P: Jesus lived for us. Jesus died for us. Jesus rose again for us. Because of his great compassion, we know God the Father will hear and answer us for our good. With this confidence, we pray:

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer — cy.

P: For the well-being of your holy church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise; hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

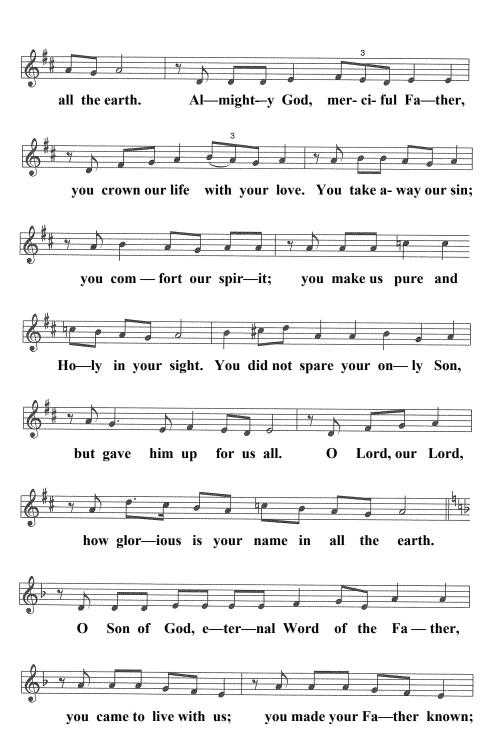
P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise;



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glor-ious is your name in





you washed us from our sins in your own blood.

You are the



King of glo-ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glor—ious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: O dearest Jesus, on Palm Sunday you entered Jerusalem as the King of Glory. Yet, your God-appointed purpose was to establish peace through forgiveness and reconciliation. Although the crowds first welcomed you and were ready to follow you, they later rejected you. Keep us from turning away from you as many did. Keep us faithful throughout our life. Most of all, keep the true meaning and purpose of your coming before our eyes. Then, make it the sure foundation of our faith. In your blessed name we ask this, because you are our Savior and the only true God, who lives and rules with the Father and the Spirit—throughout endless ages.



The Lessons from God's Word "Rejoice! The King of Glory has Come!"

Old Testament

Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion!

Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!
Look! Your King is coming to you.
He is righteous and brings salvation.
He is humble and is riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem.
The battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations.
His kingdom will extend from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

Verse of Praise

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. ² Let Israel say now: Yes, his mercy endures forever. ³ Let the house of Aaron say now: Yes, his mercy endures forever. ⁴ Let those who fear the LORD say now: Yes, his mercy endures forever. ⁶ The LORD is with me. I will not be afraid. What can people do to me?

¹⁴ My strength and song is the LORD, and he has become salvation for me. ¹⁵ Loud shouts of victory are heard in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD has done a mighty deed! ¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is lifted high! The right hand of the LORD has done a mighty deed!"

Handbells

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

Arranged by Jason Krug

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Epistle *Philippians 2:5-11*

⁵Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. ⁶Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, ⁷but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of

death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Verse of the Day

P: ¹⁷I will not die. No, I will live, and I will proclaim the works of the LORD. ¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness. I will enter them. I will give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰ This is the gate to the LORD. The righteous enter it. ²¹I will give you thanks, because you answered me, and you have become salvation for me.

Song of Praise

"Rise On, Ride On in Majesty" *Christian Worship 133 st. 1-2, 5*

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue your road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Rise on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Rise on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²telling them, "Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Lord needs

them,' and he will send them at once."

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

⁶The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest!

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds were saying, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

P: This is the Word of our God!



Hymn of the Day

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" Christian Worship 341

Sermon

Psalm 24:7-10

⁷ Lift up your heads, you gates. Lift yourselves up, you ancient doors, and the King of Glory will come in. ⁸ Who is this King of Glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. ⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates. Lift up, you ancient doors, and the King of Glory will come in. ¹⁰ Who is he, this King of Glory? The LORD of Armies—he is the King of Glory.

Theme

"Crown Him —"

The Confession of Faith

(We will join in the words of the Nicene Creed)

C: 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 fully 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

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is

dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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!

Prayer, Praise and Thanks!

Prayers for the Lord's Blessings

Special Prayers and Requests

The Lord's Prayer: (spoken with the pastor)

C: 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.

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen!

Hymn of Preparation

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" *Christian Worship 402 st. 1-2*

My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;

Oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!

As thou has died for me, oh, may my love to thee

Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al—so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



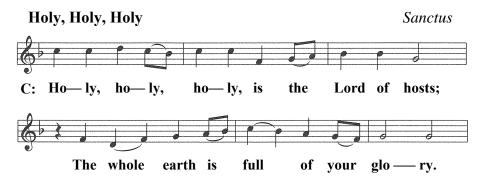
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

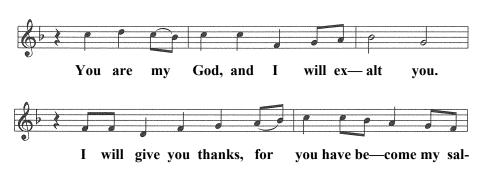
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation, the power, the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks, honor and glory for ever and ever.









The Words of Institution:

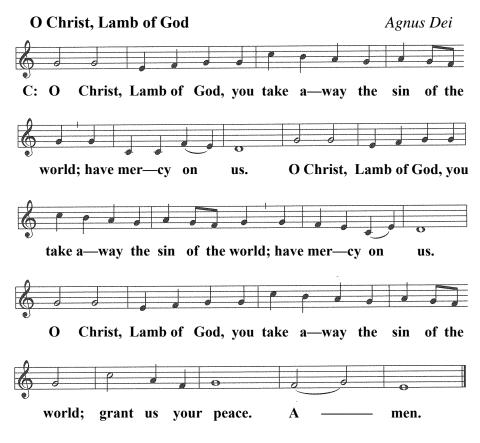
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The Blessing of Peace;

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





The Congregation may be seated for the Distribution

The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament through which Christ our Savior strengthens our faith and forgives our sins. In it we receive His actual body and blood, as we receive the bread and the wine. If you have not communed with us before or if you are not familiar with our procedure, please do not come to the Lord's Table today. We also encourage you to speak with our pastor following the service. He will be happy to share with you the necessary preparations to receive our Savior's body and blood in a future service.

Our request comes out of love for you and concern for your spiritual well-being, so that you can receive the blessing our Lord wants you to receive.

Thanksgiving

Song of Thanksgiving

(Congregation rises and sings)



Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re- news his prom- is- es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu — ia!

Closing Prayer:

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Benediction:

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one

another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



Closing Hymn

"Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna" Christian Worship 130

Silent Prayer

Announcements . . .

Today - Welcome in our Savior's Name! May the blessing of our faithful Savior, and the peace which comes from his loving reign, lead you to follow, worship and praise him as the King of kings and Lord of lords. If you are visiting us this morning, please sign our guest book, and visit us again—soon!

- Everyone is invited to stay after the service to enjoy a cup of coffee and the gift of fellowship in the Lord.
- Christian Education will follow the worship service. We will consider the familiar words from Philippians 2 which proclaim "Jesus had the Right Stuff."

Monday—Handbell practice at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday—Church Council meeting at 7:00 pm. Committee meetings will follow as needed at 8:00 pm.

Thursday—Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 pm. During this service when Jesus offers his "high priestly prayer," we will hear of his love for his disciples and for us. The Lord's Supper will be observed in this service.

Friday—Good Friday Worship at 7:00 pm. The last of Jesus' impassioned prayers proclaims Jesus was faithful "even to death on the cross," and that his Father accepted everything his Son had done for our rescue.

Saturday—Clean: Pettus

Lawn mowing beginning April 9th—L. Schroeder

Sunday, April 9th—In Person Worship and Live-streaming at 9:30 am. Easter Sunday is more than the culmination of our Lent worship, it is the completion of the work Jesus did to secure our rescue. The devil is defeated. Death has been overpowered. The grave holds no terror. All this is ours' because Jesus lives!

• Following the service there will be a brunch.—all are invited!

Thank You

To Al Todd for serving as our pianist and operating Hymnosft; to Jim Everson and Josh Schueler for controlling the audio and video for the live-stream: to Margaret and Jim Brown for placing flowers on the altar—to the glory of God and on the occasion of her birthday, also in memory of her cousin, Gail.

Easter Plans Preparations

Every Easter we enjoy a brunch following the worship service. This year will be no different. Please check the table in the back of the church for what you can bring, and how you can help.

In addition, there is a sheet for the Memory Garden. These are flowers given to the glory of God for all those who died in the Lord and are now enjoying eternal life. Remember to sign your name, as well as the name of those you are remembering.

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