

Welcome to Worship at  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Osceola, WI  
Lent 6 - Palm Sunday - April 5, 2020

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

**Hymn #8 - *“Come, O Precious Ransom, Come”***

**Come, O precious Ransom, come,  
Only Hope for sinful mortals!  
Come, O Savior of the world!  
Open are to you all portals.  
Come, your beauty let us view;  
Anxiously we wait for you.**

**Enter now my waiting heart,  
Glorious King and Lord most holy.  
Dwell in me and ne'er depart,  
Though I am but poor and lowly.  
Ah, what riches will be mine  
When you are my guest divine!**

**My hosannas and my palms  
Graciously receive, I pray you.  
Evermore, as best I can,  
Savior, I will homage pay you,  
And in faith I will embrace,  
Lord, your merit through your grace.**

**Hail, hosanna, David's Son!  
Help, Lord; hear our supplication!  
Let your kingdom, scepter, crown  
Bring us blessing and salvation  
That forever we may sing  
Hail, hosanna! to our King.**

**Confession of Sins:**

**P:** Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace and forgiveness for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. O Lord, have mercy on us!**

**P:** Upon this your confession, I as a called servant of Christ and His Word announce to you the grace of God, and in the place of and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-10**

Rejoice 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. 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. (EHV)

**Psalm 24:**

**Refrain: Let the Lord enter; he is the King of glory.**

**The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,  
The world, and all who live in it;**

**For he founded it upon the seas  
And established it upon the waters.**

**Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?  
Who may stand in his holy place?**

**He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
He will receive blessing from God his Savior.**

**Refrain: Let the Lord enter; he is the King of glory.**

**Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
That the King of glory may come in.**

**Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.**

**Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,  
That the King of glory may come in.**

**Who is he, this King of glory?  
The LORD Almighty - he is the King of glory.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
And to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Refrain: Let the Lord enter; he is the King of glory.**

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

Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, but 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, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (EHV)

### **Verse of the Day:**

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

### **Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, telling 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. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. The 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! When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, "Who is this?" And the crowds were saying, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." (EHV)

### **The Apostles' Creed:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn #133 - "*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*"**

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

**Ride 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.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see th' approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
Awaits his own anointed Son.**

**Ride 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.**

**The Sermon:      Matthew 21:1-11  
                          "Your King Comes To You"**

Today is **Palm Sunday** - the day on which Jesus triumphantly entered into the city of Jerusalem. On that day He was warmly **welcomed** by the people, and they poured out great **honor** and **praise** on Him. This event also reminds **us** of the **Last Day** - the day on which Jesus will **return** again to this world in all His glory, and **we** will warmly **welcome** Him, as we **follow** Him into the glories of **heaven**. May the Holy Spirit help each of us to fully appreciate the gracious words of our text, as we follow the theme: **Your King Comes To You**.

Some six hundred years before the birth of Jesus, God spoke the words of our text through the prophet **Zechariah**. He told us that the promised **Savior** was coming to His people. The prophecy was a part of our 1st Lesson today, "*Rejoice 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.*" These words clearly tell us that the **Savior** would come to Zion. He would come as a **King**, but **not** as a king who would throw His **weight** around and **oppress** them. Rather, he would come as a **humble** King, bringing **peace** and **love** to His people. No doubt, the people wondered who this king would be. Their only **clue**, was the **sign** that their Savior and King would be riding on a **donkey**, on a **colt**, the foal of a donkey.

Now let's fast-forward to the day we're celebrating today - **Palm Sunday**. It was just a few days before Jesus would be **arrested** and **tortured**, which would lead to His **death** by crucifixion. It was also just one week before Jesus would **rise** from the dead on Easter morning to proclaim His **victory** over death and the devil. On Palm Sunday Jesus specifically acted in a way that would show the people that He is the **fulfillment** of Zechariah's prophecy. He sent two disciples into the city with the following instructions: *"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. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The **Lord** needs them,' and he will **send** them at once."* And that's exactly what **happened**. The disciples brought the donkey and the colt, and placed their cloaks on them. Then Jesus sat on them, and rode into the city of Jerusalem.

Jesus came to the people of Jerusalem as their **King**. He came to **rule** His people for all **eternity**, but He wasn't like all the **other** rulers of that day and age. Jesus didn't have an intimidating **army** accompanying Him - He didn't wear fancy royal **clothes** or a golden **crown**, and He didn't ride on an impressive **war horse**. Instead, Jesus came in great **humility** - riding on a common **pack** animal - a **donkey**. Jesus came as a **gentle** king.

Jesus would **not** be placing a burdensome **yoke** on the shoulders of His people. There would be no **slavery** imposed on them. But rather, Jesus came to **bless** them - providing them with **forgiveness** for their sins, lifting the burden of **guilt** off from their shoulders, and removing the **shame** from their consciences. Jesus would provide them with **freedom** - freedom from the rule of **Satan** - freedom from the power of **death** and **hell** - freedom to live as **God's** sons and daughters, privileged to live their lives ruled by the **love** of Jesus. These are gifts which Jesus would **earn** for them through His perfect **life**, His innocent **suffering**, and His shameful **death** on the cross.

Jesus comes to us **today** in the very same way, as a **humble** and **gentle** king. Jesus made us to be **His people** - people who call on His **name** - people who place our **trust** in Him as our Savior from sin. He **first** came to us at the time of our **baptism**. In baptism, Jesus **came** to us, and established His **kingdom** in our heart. He took **our sins** on Himself, and He gave us **His holiness** in return. Jesus took the **death** we earned and deserved, and He gave us **His life** and **resurrection** in its place. And Jesus **continues** to come to us through the **Gospel** in His **Word** and **Sacrament**. He **pardons** our sins, and with the message of His **love**, He **gently** rules us, and **guides** us **safely** through life in this sin-filled world.

Jesus is our **gentle** King, and He comes to us with outstretched arms saying, “*Come to me all you who are **weary and burdened**, and I will give you **rest**.*” Jesus **sympathizes** with our weaknesses, sheds **tears** over our troubles, and **comforts** us with His words of **love** and **mercy**. And yet, there are many people in our world today who have **no interest** in Jesus and His kind of rule. They don’t want to be **associated** with a leader who rides on a **donkey**. They **scoff** a king who is **gentle**, and want one instead who is **tough** - one who offers them **riches, fame, and success**. They want to associate with the **movers** and **shakers** of this world. They have no use for gifts like **forgiveness** and **mercy**, because they aren’t **troubled** by their sins, and they think they’re **invincible**.

But where do **we** fit in? When we continue to **repeat** our sinful behavior, and **give in** to the sinful desires of our flesh, we’re just like the **world**, and we show **no desire** to have Jesus as our king. When we speak **harshly** to one another, and refuse to carry each other’s **burdens**, we’re just like the **world**, and we **turn away** from Jesus as our king. When we don’t come to Jesus with our **worries** and **fears**, but instead keep them to **ourselves**, we’re just like the **world**, and we **dishonor** Jesus as our king. When we consider **worship** and hearing and studying God’s **Word** to be of little **importance**, we’re just like the **world**, and we send the message that we don’t want **Jesus** to be our king.

When we feel our **sins**, and shudder at their **evil** - when we feel the Scripture’s blunt decree, “*The wages of sin is **death***” - when we see all the **misery** that sin has brought to our lives, our relationships, and our world - and when we realize how **short** our lifetimes are and that we will soon face **judgment** - then we need to hear God’s Word: “*Look! Your **King is coming** to you. He is **righteous and brings salvation**.*” This is the Savior we **need** - God’s Son, Jesus Christ.

Don’t **worry** about how Jesus looks on the **outside**. Don’t be put off by the lowly forms of **Baptism** and the **Lord’s Supper** which He uses to **come** to us. **Welcome** Jesus and His message of salvation just like the people of Jerusalem did. We read, “*A very large crowd spread their outer **clothing** on the road. Others were cutting **branches** from the **trees** and spreading **them** out on the road. The 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!***” Open your heart, and welcome Jesus with **joy** and **praise**. Greet Him each and every day. **Praise** Him with your hosannas. And **pray** for ongoing **success** and **blessing** on His rule - in our **world**, as well as in our **lives** - as Jesus blesses us with His **grace**, His **righteousness**, and His **peace** through the Holy Spirit.

You and I are **servants** of Jesus - a **gentle** king, and being one of His **servants** is better than being a CEO in the kingdom of this world, because Jesus **loves** His servants, and He **blesses** us with His undeserved **love**, and with **victory** over this **world** and all its **hardships**. Jesus gives His people **peace** - peace that this **world** can't give. Jesus gives His people **joy** - joy that no sorrow can **erase**. And Jesus gives His people **life** - life with Him in **heaven** - life which has **no end**.

**Your King Comes To You.** May the Holy Spirit lead us to **treasure** these words, and to understand how **blessed** we are to have Jesus as our Savior. And may the Good News go out into all the world, that in **Jesus** we have a **Savior** from sin. Amen.

The peace of God which surpasses all understanding will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### **Prayers:**

Lord Jesus Christ, our gracious and glorious King, on that first Palm Sunday You came in **triumph** to Jerusalem with people shouting their **hosannas** and little children singing Your **praise**. But You did **not** come to reign over an **earthly** kingdom. You came in **peace** as the **Prince** of Peace, to lay down Your **life** on the cross of Calvary for the sins of the **world**. Through the sacrifice You made, God and sinners are **reconciled**. Savior and King, accept our humble **thanks** for giving the kingdom of **heaven** to us sinners.

O Lamb of God who came to **suffer** and **die**, come now as **King** into our hearts, to **reign**. Come to **stay**. Rule us with Your **grace**, **forgiving** all our sins. With Your **love**, **change** our lives so that we no longer serve **sin**, but rather serve **righteousness**. Cleanse our hearts with the purifying fire of Your **Word**. Give us faith to **trust** You, courage to **confess** You, strength to bear our **crosses**, and zeal to **follow** You all the days of our lives. Fill us with **compassion** for all those sinners who because of unbelief are still traveling the broad road to **damnation**. May we feel compelled to **witness** Your saving name at every opportunity, and to join with the other congregations in our Synod to send **missionaries** to the far corners of the earth, to preach the **Gospel** to **every** creature.

Fill us with Your **Holy Spirit**, that we may always **confess** and never **deny** Your holy name - glorifying You **constantly** with holy living. Hear us, blessed Jesus, our Redeemer and King. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**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.**

**Hymn # 131 - *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"***

**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.**

**All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The company of angels  
Is praising you on high,  
And we with all creation  
In chorus make reply.**

**All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before you went;**

**Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before you we present.**

**All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
To you before your passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To you, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.**

**All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
As you received their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing,  
Our good and gracious King.**

P: Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your Word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit! As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**The Blessing:**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

**Hymn #239 - "Glory Be to God the Father"**

**Glory be to God the Father,  
Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit,  
Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory while eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to him who loved us,  
Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to him who bought us,  
Made us kings with him to reign!  
Glory, glory to the Lamb that once was slain!**

**Glory to the King of angels,  
Glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations;  
Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!  
Glory, glory to the King of glory sing!**

**Glory, blessing, praise eternal!  
Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!  
Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!**