DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

5 APRIL 2020

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN: "PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY"  

1 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

Refrain:  
   Hosanna to the Lord,  
   For He fulfills God’s Word!

2 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

3 Then fling the gates wide open  
   To greet your promised king!  
   Your king, yet ev’ry nation  
   Its tribute too should bring.  
   All lands, bow down before Him!  
   All nations, now adore Him! Refrain

4 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

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.
Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Amen.

INTROIT

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O 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 gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

GLORIA PATRI

♫ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

KYRIE

♫ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.
OLD TESTAMENT READING  
ISAIAH 50:4–9A

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

EPISTLE  
PHILIPPIANS 2:5–11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL  
JOHN 12:20–43

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

♫ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does
not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them."

Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

P Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

SERMON HYMN: "ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR"  

LSB 442

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
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

2 The company of angels
   Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
   In chorus make reply. Refrain

3 The multitude of pilgrims
   With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
   Before You we present. Refrain
4 To You before Your passion
   They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
   Our melody we raise. Refrain

5 As You received their praises,
   Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev’ry blessing,
   Our good and gracious King. Refrain

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SERMON: “THINGS AREN’T WHAT THEY SEEM”  
ISAIAH 50:4-9
BY PASTOR JOHN SCHMIDT

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

OFFERTORY

♫ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

OFFERING

I would like to remind those listening that you can mail in your offerings or drop them by the church office. We will have a box available inside the front door.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

HYMN: ♫“RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY”  
LSB 441

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

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
   In lowly pomp ride on to die.
   O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
   O’er captive death and conquered sin.

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

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
   Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
   The Father on His sapphire throne
   Awaits His own anointed Son.
5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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P Collect
♫ Amen

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
♫ Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSED HYMN: “HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA”  
LSB 443

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple  
The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises,  
The simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed  
Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving  
And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children  
Should on His bidding wait.

3 “Hosanna in the highest!”  
That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
The Lord of heav’n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him  
With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence  
Eternally rejoice!

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SILENT PRAYER

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