

April 5, 2020 9:00 a.m.

**Palm Sunday Worship with No Communion
Blessing of Children and Families**

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Waseca, MN ELCA



There is a self-serve nursery available downstairs in Fellowship Hall. The amplifier is on so the service can be heard from there. Please feel free to use this space or ask an usher for direction. There are activity bags available in the narthex for children to use during worship. **Large Print music is available in the back of church, or ask an usher for assistance.**

GATHERING

Introduction

The first reading tells us of Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God's final vindication. Our Gospel lesson from Mark commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We find ourselves joining the crowd crying out, "Hosanna!" which means, "save us." On this Palm Sunday, we remember Jesus' offering for the life of the world, and the gift of his life-giving mercy.

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of the Day

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the

communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

C: And also with you!

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

P: Let us pray: O God our comfort, our strength, and our joy, Bless these palms. May they remind us of the simple joys of living. May we remember the excitement that comes with following Christ. May they make us bold and brave to stand up against injustice. May they encourage us in times of grief and pain. We give you thanks for this time of worship to lift our voices to you. Guide our steps through this week to come, as we remember your suffering and death for us, and your glorious resurrection for us. We pray for you to saving grace in our lives, as we say together,

C: "Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!" Amen.

(Please face the front as the procession enters)

Processional Hymn (cranberry) #344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor
(verses 1,3,5)

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 Kind and Blessed One.

Refrain

3. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

Refrain

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

Greeting

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

C Hosanna in the highest!

(please be seated)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the same perspective for our lives.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, 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 should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

R The word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

Gospel Acclamation (cranberry) page142 Return to the Lord

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your
God, who is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful, slow to
an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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P This holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

Processional Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street.



As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then 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.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

Marty

Hymn (cranberry) #666 What Wondrous Love Is This

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul,
for my soul to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?
2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down when
I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my
Soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will
sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and
When from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing God's love for me, and through eternity I'll sing
On, I'll sing on' and through eternity I'll sing on.

Message

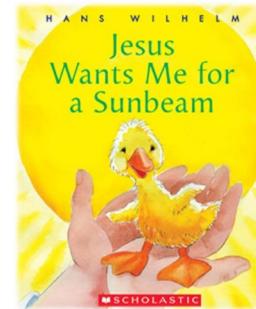
Save us!

Message Song(cranberry)#431 O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us

1. O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our king?
What royal face have you revealed whose praise the church would sin?
Aspiring not to glory's height, to power, wealth, and fame, you
Walked a different lowly way, an other's will your aim.
2. You came, the image of our God, to heal and to for give, '
To shed your blood for sinners' sake that we might rise and live.
To break the law of death you came, the law of love to bring;
A different rule of righteousness, a different kind of king.
3. Though some would make their greatness felt and lord it over all,
You said the first must be the last and service be our call.
O Christ, in work place, church, and home, let none to power cling;
For still, through us, you come to serve, a different kind of king.
4. You chose a humble human form and shunned the world's renown;
You died for us upon a cross with thorns your only crown.
But still, beyond the span of years, our glad hosannas ring,
For now at God's right hand you reign, a different kind of king!

Blessing of Children and Families

*“Jesus wants me for a sunbeam
to shine for Him everyday”*



Sunbeam Sunday
Children

Eleanor Jewison
Keegan Root
Jaida Huber
Bryn Huber
Jamey Hackett
Oliver Schlueter
Colt Sleen

Chloe Knutson
Teagan Cooper
Egann Bell
Ezra Juarez
Silas Hackett
Jillian Huber
Elliot Nelson
Ella Wilson

(Please stand)

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 into hell. 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

P Hear us, O God.

After each petition the congregation responds with the following:

Prayer Response #178 Hear Our Prayers

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole;

Peace to all people, hope for each soul.

God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P We share Christ's peace with each other.

(Please be seated)

Stewardship Minute

P Thank you to St. John Lutheran congregation for consistent support of Waseca Neighborhood Center Food Shelf. We have provided the Food Shelf with 130 pounds of food and \$1310 in monetary giving, as of today. Thank you all!

Offering Invitation

(Please stand)



Offering Prayer

P: Merciful God,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C 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;

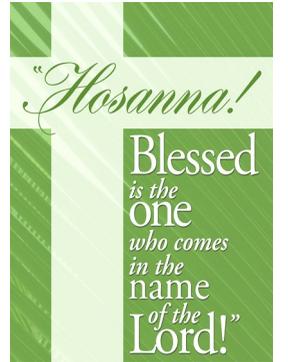
and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen



Blessing

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor

and give you + peace.

C: Amen.

Please stand)

Sending Hymn (cranberry) #634 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* (verses 1,3,5,6)

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

3. Hail him, you heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call
The God incarnated, man divine and crown him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.

5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.

6. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Sending

P: Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

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for offering their time and talents.**