Palm Sunday - The Triumphal Entry

As We Wait, Let Us Prepare

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" cried the crowds. Four days later, they were screaming, "Crucify! Crucify Him!" What people we are. For us the Lord came to give Himself? Indeed, He did. So great is the love of the Lord, that while we were yet His enemies He gave Himself up to death for us...



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Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Proclamation

- 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!

Collect for the Day

- P Let us pray. ♦♦♦ Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John 12:12-19

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

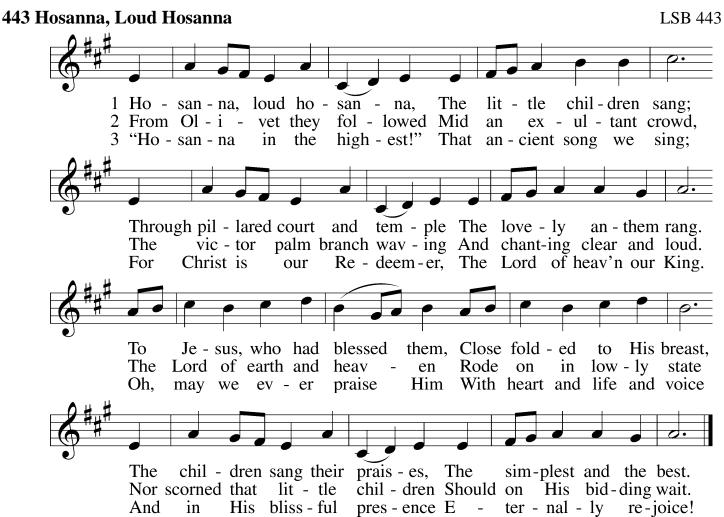
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ!

Confession and Absolution

- **P** Save us, we pray, O Lord!
- C O Lord, we pray, give us success!
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that

we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- "You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!" Almighty God in His mercy has given His Only-Begotten Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and at His command, I therefore forgive you all your sins: in the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen!



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- ³⁶ The LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free.
- ³⁷Then he will say, "Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge,
- ³⁸who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering?

Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection!

39"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me;
I kill and I make alive;
I wound and I heal;
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

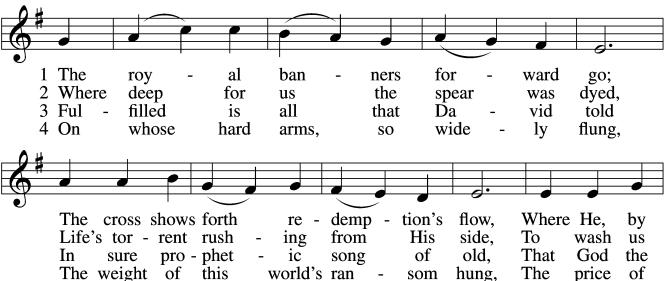
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

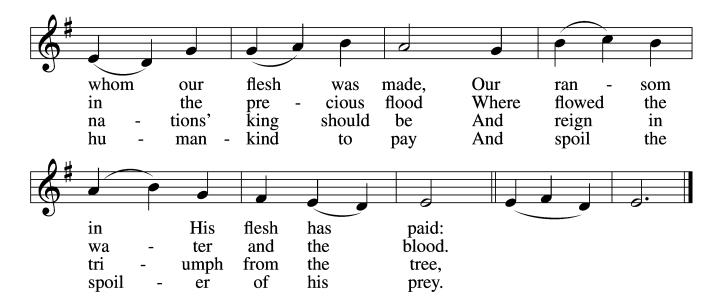
and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

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O tree of beauty, tree most fair,
Ordained those holy limbs to bear:
Gone is thy shame, each crimsoned bough
Proclaims the King of Glory now.

△ 6 To Thee, eternal Three in One, Let homage meet by all be done; As by the cross Thou dost restore, So guide and keep us evermore. Amen.

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Sermon - Save Us!

Offering - We thank the Lord with the Offering

Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the Church of Christ, that her faith would remain fixed upon His death for our salvation, and that His Gospel would be proclaimed and lived out until He comes again in glory, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- For the world, that the Lord would uphold it in His order; for the Church, that she would be defended from all enemies; for our homes, that God would bless parents and children in service toward each other and faith until life's end; and for the government, that God would grant all authorities health and wisdom, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For a mind like Christ Jesus to spurn all worldly equality, that we would humble ourselves here and find His greater portion in the life of the world to come, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all who suffer in this world, that they would not fear but fix their eyes on Jesus as they await the fullness of their salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For worthy reception of Christ's body and blood, that as He once entered Jerusalem to cries of "hosanna," so we may receive Him according to His promises for the forgiveness of our sins and in the unity of a true confession, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people's prayers of "hosanna" in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

The Lord's Most Holy Supper

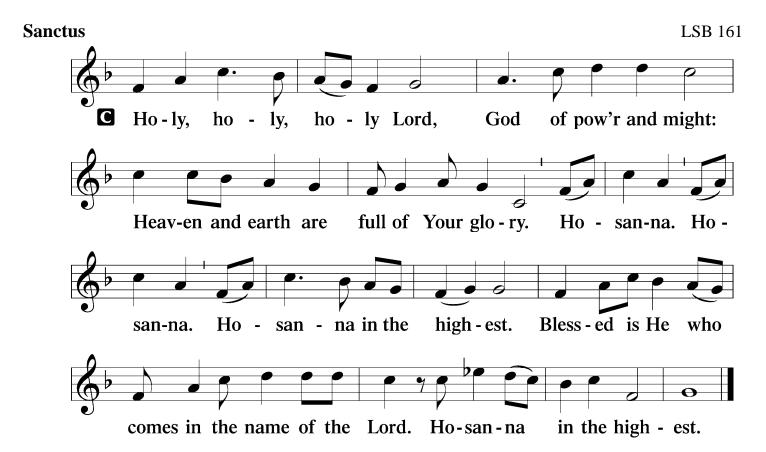
Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you. [2 Timothy 4:22]
- **C** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts [Colossians 3:1]
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Your steadfast love, which endures forever, motivated You to send Your only Son to enter Jerusalem knowing that He would suffer and die for the sin of the world. Through His Passion, death, and resurrection, You give salvation to all who believe in His name. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Blessing of the Lord

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have heard our cry of hosanna, "Lord, save us!" Indeed, through all that Your Son endured and accomplished that first Holy Week, You have saved us from sin, death, and the devil. We thank You for this gift of salvation. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father,

be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

The Words of the Lord

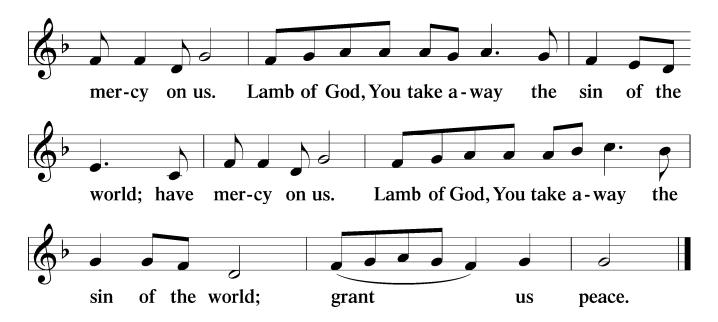
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in My remembrance."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in My remembrance."

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.





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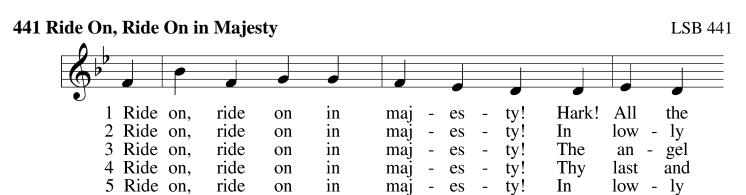
- P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

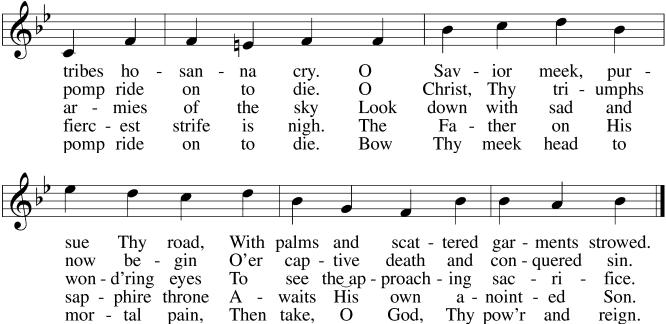
Benediction LSB 166

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.





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