

# Palm Sunday

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## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We gather in the Narthex with palms and hymnals.*

**P** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

## MARK 11:1-11

**L** A reading from Mark: <sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and 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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and

others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

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

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup>Then 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.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*We raise our branches.*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P** We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** **in the name of the Lord.**

*We process into the church, singing:*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** [ELW#344 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"](#)

**P** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** **Hosanna in the highest.**

**P** Let us pray. Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**PSALM 31:9-15**

**L** <sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**C** <sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

**L** <sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,  
a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

**C** <sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

**L** <sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

**C** <sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.**

**L** <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

**C** <sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

**ANTHEM:** ["Were You There with When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"](#)

*Words by Spiritual Isaac Watts (1707) and Lowell Mason (1824)  
Arranged by Stephen DeCesare.*

*Offered by Debbie and Brad Bondhus, and Ed Hawkins.*

### **MARK 14:3-9**

**L** A reading from Mark: <sup>3</sup>While [Jesus] was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. <sup>4</sup>But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. <sup>9</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** [ELW#800 "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart"](#)

**SERMON:** [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 truly 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 dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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

Offering\*: ([On-Line giving Link](#))

*The Offering is received and is presented at the altar.*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

- L Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

- L Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L Bring wholeness to those who are in any need. We pray for Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, Rebecca Brennan, Michelle Drayson, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Bob Hardy, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, Jack Smith, MaKenzie Snyder, the Spiegler family, Chuck Trautwein, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack.
- C **Your mercy is great.**

**L** Give energy and joy to our worship leaders. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**L** Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**L** Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** **Amen**

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

**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**

**P** 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**

**SENDING HYMN:** [ELW#346 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"](#)

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God**

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### Announcements

- TODAY!! - Palm Sunday, 3/24 at 4 pm – Concert  
The Christian Choir of Howard County presents **“Who Is This King?”**  
4 pm Retreat and Conference Center at Bon Secours  
1525 Marriotsville Road, Marriottsville, MD 21104
- Holy Week Service, Thursday, 3/28/2024, 7 pm
- Easter Sunrise Service, Broadway Pier, 3/31/2024 6:45 am
- Easter Service, 3/31/2024, 9:30 am



### Upcoming Narrative Lectionary Texts

|          |           |                             |
|----------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| March 28 | Holy Week | Mark 14:22-42, 15:16-39     |
| March 31 | Easter    | Mark 16:1-8                 |
| April 7  | 2 Easter  | Acts 1:1-14                 |
| April 14 | 3 Easter  | Acts 3:1-10                 |
| April 21 | 4 Easter  | Acts 17:1-9 1 Thess. 1:1-10 |
| April 28 | 5 Easter  | Acts 18:1-4 1 Cor 1:10-18   |



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| May 5  | 6 Easter  | 1 Cor 13:1-13             |
| May 12 | 7 Easter  | 1 Cor 15:1-26, 51-57      |
| May 19 | Pentecost | Acts 2:1-4; 1 Cor 12:1-13 |

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