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*Palm Sunday*  
*March 24th 2024*

***Welcome in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ!*** We gather today to praise God for all His blessings, and also to receive His love and forgiveness. It is a day when we celebrate God's victory over sin, death, and the devil. Through faith we commit ourselves to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with each other, our community, and the world. God speaks to us today through His Word. Let us praise Him together with our voices and our lives.

**DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE LSB 184**

**P: Pastor**

**C: Congregation (*bold text*)**

**A: Assistant**

**Hymn of Invocation:**  
**LSB# 442**

*Thee sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** 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.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

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

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal

**punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**Introit:**

**Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26**

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!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**Kyrie:LSB 186**

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day:**

**LSB 189**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** 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.

*Sit*

**Old Testament:**  
**Zechariah 9:9-12**

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm:**

**Psalm 118:19-29; antiphon:v.26**

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of | righteousness,\*  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks | to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>**This is the gate | of the LORD;\***  
**the righteous shall enter | through it.**

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have | answered me\*  
and have become my sal- | vation.

<sup>22</sup>**The stone that the builders re- | jected\***  
**has become the | cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's | doing;\*  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>**This is the day that the | LORD has made;\***  
**let us rejoice and be | glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup>Save us, we pray, | O LORD!\*  
O LORD, we pray, give | us success!

<sup>26</sup>**Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\***  
**We bless you from the house | of the LORD.**

<sup>27</sup>The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.\*

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the | altar!  
**28 You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;\***  
**you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.**  
**29 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;\***  
**for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!**  
**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.**

## Epistle:

### Philippians 2:5-11

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

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel:

### John 12:20-43

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>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.

<sup>27</sup>“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. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler

of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup>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?” <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>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. <sup>37</sup>Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, <sup>38</sup>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?”

<sup>39</sup>Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

<sup>40</sup>“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.”

<sup>41</sup>Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. <sup>42</sup>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; <sup>43</sup>for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed:

LSB 192

**C** 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.**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day:  
LSB # 441**

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Offertory:**

**LSB 192**

**☐ 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:**

**Prayer of the Church:**

**LSB 193**

**☐ Lord in your mercy  
☐ Hear our prayer**

**Collect for the Word:**

**LSB 265**

**☐ Blessed Lord, you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning.  
Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by  
the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast  
the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
☐ Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer:**

**LSB 196**

**☐ 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.**

**Salutation:**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**Benedicamus:**

**LSB 202**

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction:**

**LSB 202**

**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.

**C** Amen.

**Hymn to Depart:**

**LSB # 443**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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