



*Jesus Is Our Victorious King*

Palm Sunday  
March 24, 2024

# **KING OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH** | *Golden Valley, Minnesota*

Welcome to God's divine service among his saints in his house this morning. If you experience any kind of barrier to worship, please speak with an usher. There is a hearing assistance system available, and there are activity bags and a cry room for small children just beside the front door.

## *Service of Preparation*

### **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*Use this time in quiet preparation for worship by looking ahead at today's Bible readings and hymn texts, and in prayer.*

### **HYMN**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor* | #277: Sunday school v.1-2  
congregation v.3-4

### **INVOCATION**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you both that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and also that we have each sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and actions. Therefore we flee for refuge toward your infinite mercy, pleading for your grace on the basis of the work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, you have 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.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given his only-begotten Son to die for us, and on the basis of his work forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name he gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved.

**C: Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor | #277: v.5*

## *Service of the Word*

*The praises of the crowd on Palm Sunday foreshadowed the victory which Jesus was to win for his people. That's good news for those under the rule of sin, death, and the devil. May we join our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, confident of his everlasting rule and greeting him as our eternal King.*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray: We praise you, O God, for sending your Son to be our victorious King who defeats all our enemies. May we join the Palm Sunday crowd to enthusiastically and publicly cheer Jesus as our King. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 12:1–3

*The road to victory may be long and hard. But Jesus has already finished that road and returns to walk with us.*

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 11:1–11

*Jesus is the one coming in the name of the Lord to win victory and save his people. And at the end of the week he will defeat an enemy greater than any nation.*

<sup>1</sup> As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’ ”

<sup>4</sup> They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, <sup>5</sup> some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” <sup>6</sup> They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. <sup>7</sup> When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup> Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## SERMON

Psalm 118:13–29

*This psalm recalls the Exodus, in which God saved the nation from slavery. The Palm Sunday crowd quoted it because they knew Jesus had come to set them free again.*

<sup>13</sup> I was pushed back and about to fall, but the LORD helped me. <sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: “The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things! <sup>16</sup> The LORD’s right hand is lifted high; the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!” <sup>17</sup> I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. <sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

you have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; <sup>23</sup> the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> The LORD has done it this very day;

let us rejoice today and be glad.

<sup>25</sup> LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. <sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

## HYMN

*Create in Me*

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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right". The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: "spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your". The third staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: "pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.". The fourth staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: "Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,". The fifth staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: "and up - hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.".

# Service of Thanksgiving

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall 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.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## HYMN

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* | #279

## PRAYER

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank you, Lord God the Father, that you have given your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have carried in your sacred body all our sins, and by your blood have wiped out all our betrayals. We thank you, Lord the Holy Spirit, that you have created in our hearts true faith, that we don't trust anything for our salvation except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

O God, grant us your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven on the basis of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Open our eyes by your Holy Spirit, that—in the power of our Redeemer's resurrection—we may day by day put off sin and never abandon the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep us in faith until we see him face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name. 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.

C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C#5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The notes are grouped under the lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' The final note is a whole note.

*Meditate on how Psalm 24 relates to today's theme at home throughout this week.*

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