



PALM SUNDAY

“ACCORDING TO PLAN”

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8AM & 9:30AM SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021 IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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FOCUS Sunday, “the eighth day of the week,” is celebrated by Christians as the first day of the eternal life into which they were baptized. Today, the beginning of the great and Holy Week of Lent, we begin with the note of great joy as the crowds receive Jesus entering Jerusalem. This will be the last time He comes to the holy city. Later this week, we will follow Him to the judgment hall, the cross of suffering, and the fearful tomb of death. The penitential season of Lent concludes with the three holy days, the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Let us follow our Lord and allow Him to take our sins upon Himself that we may receive His new life in the forgiveness of our sins and the joy of the resurrection.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

arr. Kinyon

Adult Handbell Choir

RINGING of the BELLS

WELCOME

✠ Congregation stands and faces the processional cross at the entrance to the nave. ✠

GREETING

L The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

L Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

OPENING SENTENCES

John 12; Psalm 118:19, 22, 26, 29

L After Jesus showed His power in raising Lazarus from the dead, the people took palm branches and went out to meet him shouting:

- C** “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!”
- L** Open to me the gates of righteousness,
- C** that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- L** The stone that the builders rejected
- C** has become the cornerstone.
- L** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!
- C** We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- L** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
- C** for His steadfast love endures forever!
- L** Hosanna!
- C** “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!”

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

LSB 442

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem-er, King,
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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Confession and Absolution

L Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later cried “Crucify him,” we are unfaithful people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus’ last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior—praise God—we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, we now confess our sins to God.

C **O Lord, You are our teacher and our master. You set the example of servanthood for us by humbling Yourself to become human and submitting to a terrible death on a cross. I come to You in prayer confessing my own sin, my own brokenness, and my own need for You. In my pride, I have considered myself better than others. Today I ask You to forgive my sins. Transform me today and help me to be humble. Instill in me a desire to serve both You and others. Have mercy on me, O Lord. Amen.**

L Almighty God in his mercy has given his only Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the grace of God to all of you; and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

HYMN of RESPONSE “Hosanna in the Highest”

(tune: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” LSB 443)

Ho - san - na in the high - est! Our Sa - vior King we praise;

Who gave His life, a sac - ri - fice, to Je - sus songs we raise.

He comes a hum - ble ser - vant, with glo - ry from a - bove;

His maj - es - ty is mer - cy, His splen - dor is His love.

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PRAYER of the DAY

L 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.

C Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING “Hosanna/I’ve Got the Joy”

Childcare Butterfly Room—Video on Screens

Service of the Word

OLD TESTAMENT *(The coming King of Zion)* Zechariah 9:9-12

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.¹⁰ 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.¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING “We Sing Hosanna”

2nd & 3rd Grades—Video on Screens

EPISTLE *(Every knee should bow at the name of Jesus)* Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

arr. Kinyon

Adult Handbell Choir

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-9

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

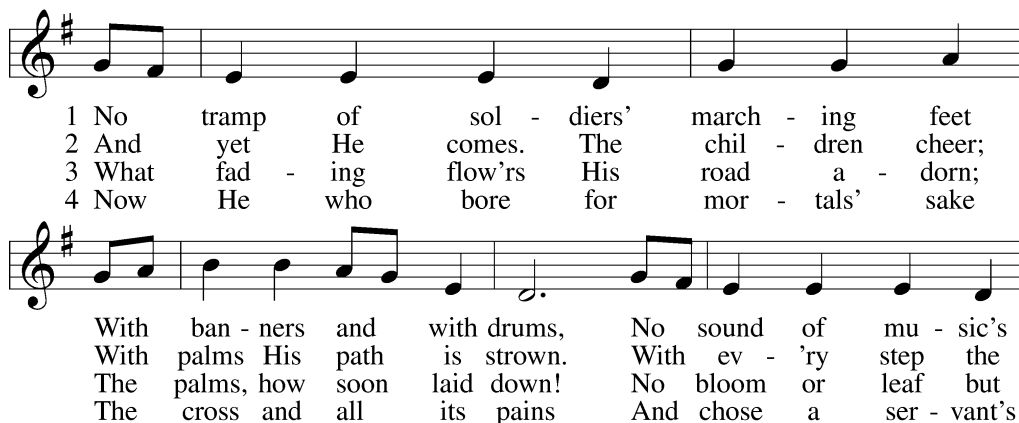
L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

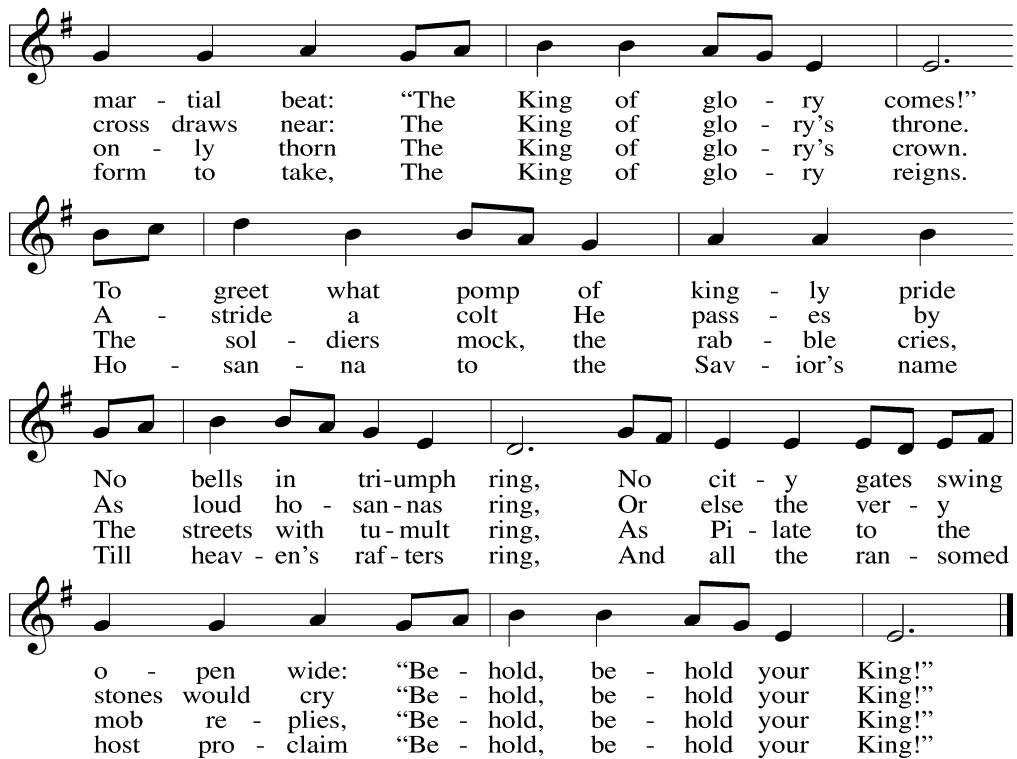
HYMN of the DAY “No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”

LSB 444



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;
3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;
4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake

With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: “The King of glo - ry comes!”
cross draws near: The King of glo - ry’s throne.
on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry’s crown.
form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.

To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
A - stride a colt He pass - es by
The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior’s name

No bells in tri-umph ring, No cit - y gates swing
As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y
The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
Till heav - en’s raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed

o - pen wide: “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”
stones would cry “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”
mob re - plies, “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”
host pro - claim “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”

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SERMON

“According to Plan”

Rev. Zach J. Holdorf

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 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.

PRAYER of the CHURCH

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness with which You bless Your whole creation. Above all, however, we give You thanks that You sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to be our true King, Your Suffering Servant whose death delivers us and all believers from sin, death, and hell. Give us Your grace that we be faithful in our walk and in our hope, love, and worship. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Inspire Your whole Church throughout the world to rightly hear and follow Jesus, our eternal King and Lord, in humble faith with thanksgiving. Give wisdom and grace to all pastors that they give themselves to a living and lively proclamation of Your Law and Gospel through which You work true, saving repentance and faith in many. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Give peace and patience, comfort and healing to all who suffer illness or adversity or who are in sorrow or need, [*especially* . . .]. Deliver all who endure persecution for faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L 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 to us the answer to Your people's prayers of "Hosanna," "save now," in the Passion, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The 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.

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

L 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.**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

LSB 443



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant-ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

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POSTLUDE

"The Royal Banners Forward Go"

arr. Held

PRESIDING MINISTER: *Rev. Zach J. Holdorf, Senior Pastor*

LITURGIST: *Rev. Timothy D. Smith, Associate Pastor*

ORGANIST: *Mr. Matthew Hoehne, Director of Music*

ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR: *Shannon Grosnick, director*

TRUMPET: *Mike Grosnick, Katie Hoehne, Glenn Marquardt*

HORN: *William Hoehne, Katie Hoehne*

PERCUSSION: *Ellie Hoehne, Jodi Hoehne*

ELDERS: *8am—Troy Pagel; 9:30am—Terry Knoll*

ACOLYTES: *8am—Yuliya Goetsch; 9:30am—Paityn Calmes*

TECH: *8am—Sophia Blaser; 9:30am—Leah Dodson*

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WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

8am & 9:30am Sunday

BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday & 11am Sunday

- **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*
- **LARGE PRINT**—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.
- **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**—for ages 3-6 & 7-12 years, are available on the table in the Narthex.
- **NURSERY**—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 9:30am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 9:30am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8th grade School, our Childcare (infant through 13 years), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.
- **ELEVATOR**—is located next to the nursery on the upper level. On the lower level the elevator is located across from Classroom #101, which is past the offices. Use as needed.
- **RESTROOMS**—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.
- **JOINING TRINITY**—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.

VISION STATEMENT:

To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.