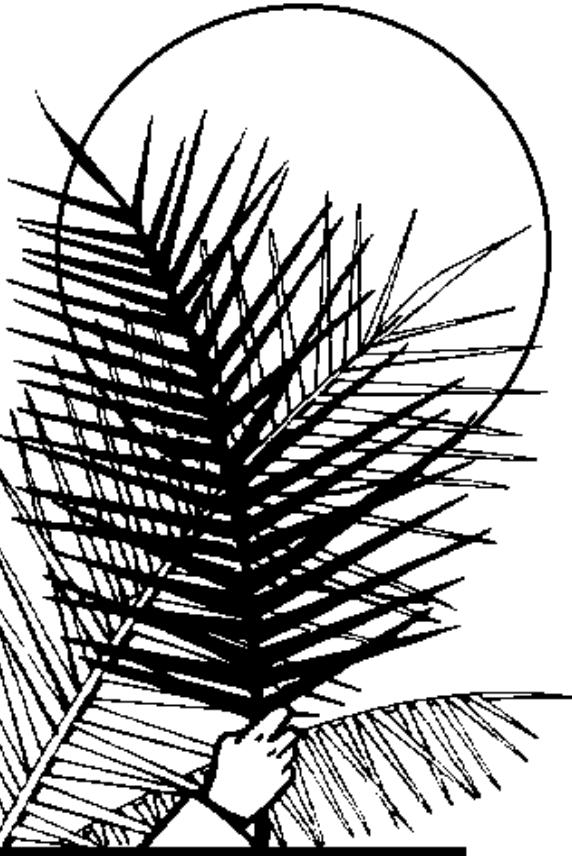


April 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY



Palm Sunday

Welcome

Our worship begins with a blessing of palm crosses as we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Blessing of the Palms

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna, hosanna!

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, Oh Lord, our God! Guide our journey through this Holy Week as we walk together through the drama and mystery of this holy time. May the presence of Jesus touch our spirit, and transform our very lives, In Jesus name we pray.

C: **Amen**

The Processional Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you,

'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' ³⁴They said, 'The Lord needs it.' ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' ⁴⁰He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

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 God thanks and praise.**

P: We praise and thank you, O Lord, for the great acts of love we celebrate this week, all of which proclaim Jesus as Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was welcomed with shouts of joy as the Son of David and the King of kings by those who threw their garments and palm branches in his path.

Members of the congregation lift their palms for the blessing.

P: We ask that you bless these palms and those who bear them. We pray that we, together with all the saints, might always proclaim Jesus as our Lord and King with our own lives, following his example of faithfulness, compassion and loving service to our neighbors. This we ask in the name of the one we honor and praise, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: **Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna, hosanna!**

Hymn of Praise

All Glory Laud and Honor (344), vs 1-4

Prayers, Sharing of Peace

Offering

Announcements

First Reading:

Luke 22:14-23

Holy Communion

Song during Communion

One Bread, One Body (496 vv 1 & 3)

Second Reading:

Luke 22:24-44

Song

Go to Dark Gethsemane (347), vs 1-2

Third Reading:

Luke 22:45-62

Song

Ah, Holy Jesus (ELW 349, vs 1, 3, 5)

Fourth Reading

Song

Luke 22:63-23:34a*Lamb of God (336)***Fifth Reading**

Song

Luke 23:34b-49*Were You There? (353)*

(Altar stripped during last Song)

Closing Prayer and Blessing

P: Almighty and merciful God and Father of Jesus Christ, today we enter Holy Week.

Yet we know that you walk with us and we ask that you help us to see your presence in all that we experience.

Teach us, even now, how to make every day a day of prayer, so that each day of our lives is filled with hope because of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Through Jesus we pray.

C: **Amen.**

P: May our Lord, whose arms were spread on the cross to embrace the whole world, help us this week to take up the cross and follow him.

C: **Amen**

(All depart in silence)