

# Palm Sunday Divine Service

## Prelude

Saturday: *Valet will ich der geben*, BWV 735—J. S. Bach  
Sunday—Handbells: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*—L. Delancy  
*No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet*—M. Helman

## Welcome and Announcements

### Palm Sunday Gospel

*please stand*

**P** 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.**

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

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

**P** Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; 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** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**P** Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and He sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

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

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

### Processional Hymn

*please remain standing 442*

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessèd One. Refrain

The company of angels Is praising You on high,  
And we with all creation In chorus make reply. Refrain

The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present. Refrain

To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;  
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. Refrain

As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King. Refrain

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

**G** **Hosanna in the highest.**

**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.

**G** **Amen.**

*please be seated*

## Old Testament Reading

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. 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.

As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. 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.**

## Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

[Paul writes:] Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Mark 15:1-47

*The Gospel will be read as a narration. The congregation will speak those sections indicated in bold type. Due to the length of the Gospel, please remain seated.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the fifteenth chapter.

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

Narrator: And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led Him away and delivered Him over to Pilate. And Pilate asked Him.

Pilate: Are You the king of the Jews?

Narrator: And He answered him,

Jesus: You have said so.

Narrator: And the chief priests accused Him of many things. And Pilate again asked Him,

Pilate: Have You no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against You?

Narrator: But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. And he answered them, saying,

Pilate: Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

Narrator: For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priest had delivered Him up. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. And Pilate again said to them,

Pilate: Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

Narrator: And they cried out,

**Congregation: (loudly) Crucify Him!**

Narrator: And Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Why, what evil has He done?

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

**Congregation: (loudly) Crucify Him!**

Narrator: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, He delivered Him up to be crucified. And the soldiers led Him away inside the palace (that is the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed Him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on Him, And they began to salute Him,

**Congregation: Hail, King of the Jews!**

Narrator: And they were striking His head with a reed and spitting on Him and kneeling down in homage to Him. And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the purple cloak and put His own clothes on Him. And they led Him out to crucify Him. And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry His cross. And they brought Him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He did not take it. And they crucified Him and divided His garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified Him. And the inscription of the charge against Him read, "The King of the Jews." And with Him they crucified two robbers, one on His right and one on His left. And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads and saying,

**Congregation: Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!**

Narrator: So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked Him to one another, saying,

**Congregation: He saved others; He cannot save Himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.**

*Out of deep respect and gratitude, please stand for the words that record the death of Christ.*

Narrator: Those who were crucified with Him also reviled Him. And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice.

Jesus: Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

Narrator: which means, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it, said,

Bystander: Behold, He is calling Elijah.

Narrator: And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink, saying,

Bystander: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down.

Narrator: And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed His last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing Him, saw that in this way He breathed His last, he said,

Centurion: Truly this man was the Son of God!

Narrator: There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Jesus, and Salome. When He was in Galilee, they followed Him, and ministered to Him, and there were also many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem. And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised to hear that He should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether He was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. And Joseph bought a linen shroud and laid Him in a tomb that had been cut of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where He was laid.

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

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

## Nicene Creed

*confessed together*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*please be seated*

## Little Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

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Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav'n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

## Hymn of Response

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Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
 O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.  
 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
 O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.  
 Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky  
 Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes To see the approaching sacrifice.  
 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
 The Father on His sapphire throne Awaits His own anointed Son.  
 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
 Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

## Prayers

*please stand**After each petition:***P** Lord, in Your mercy,**C** hear our prayer.

## Service of the Sacrament

**P** The Lord be with you.**C** And also with you.**P** Lift up your hearts.**C** We lift them to the Lord.**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross, that where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name evermore praising You and saying:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

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heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,

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bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

**G** Our Father, who art in heaven...

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ...

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**G** Amen.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*please be seated*

## Distribution

**560** Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.

Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my misspent years;  
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come.

Wash me and take away each stain; Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing, though it be through pain, Christ crucified, I come.

And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me, Christ crucified, I come.

**444** No tramp of soldiers' marching feet With banners and with drums,  
 No sound of music's martial beat: "The King of glory comes!"  
 To greet what pomp of kingly pride No bells in triumph ring,  
 No city gates swing open wide: "Behold, behold your King!"

And yet He comes. The children cheer; With palms His path is strown.  
 With ev'ry step the cross draws near: The King of glory's throne.  
 Astride a colt He passes by As loud hosannas ring,  
 Or else the very stones would cry "Behold, behold your King!"

What fading flow'rs His road adorn; The palms, how soon laid down!  
 No bloom or leaf but only thorn The King of glory's crown.  
 The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, The streets with tumult ring,  
 As Pilate to the mob replies, "Behold, behold your King!"

Now He who bore for mortals' sake The cross and all its pains  
 And chose a servant's form to take, The King of glory reigns.  
 Hosanna to the Savior's name Till heaven's rafters ring,  
 And all the ransomed host proclaim "Behold, behold your King!"

**454 stanzas 1-4**

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; Sing the ending of the fray.  
 Now above the cross, the trophy, Sound the loud triumphant lay;  
 Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer, As a victim won the day.

Tell how, when at length the fullness Of the appointed time was come,  
 He, the Word, was born of woman, Left for us His Father's home,  
 Blazed the path of true obedience, Shone as light amidst the gloom.

Thus, with thirty years accomplished, He went forth from Nazareth,  
 Destined, dedicated, willing, Did His work, and met His death;  
 Like a lamb He humbly yielded On the cross His dying breath.

Faithful cross, true sign of triumph, Be for all the noblest tree;  
 None in foliage, none in blossom, None in fruit thine equal be;  
 Symbol of the world's redemption, For the weight that hung on thee!

**343** Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!  
 Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!  
 Then greet the King of Glory Foretold in sacred story:

Refrain: Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!

God's people, see Him coming: Your own eternal king!  
 Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
 God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain

Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!  
 Your king, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too should bring.  
 All lands, bow down before Him! All nations, now adore Him! Refrain

His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.  
 His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.  
 So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding: Refrain

## Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

*please stand*

**P** Let us pray....one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

**P** The Lord bless...give you peace.

**G Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

**454 stanza 5**

Unto God be praise and glory; To the Father and the Son,  
To the eternal Spirit honor Now and evermore be done;  
Praise and glory in the highest While the timeless ages run.

## Postlude

Saturday: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*—J. Kerr  
Sunday: *Valet will ich der geben*, BWV 735—J. S. Bach

# The Coming Kingdom

## Mark 11:1-10

The crowd on Palm Sunday believes that Jesus is the promised K\_\_\_\_\_  
descended from D\_\_\_\_\_.

*What did those in the crowd on Palm Sunday fail to understand about Jesus' kingdom?*

Jesus established His kingdom by His d\_\_\_\_\_ on the cross.

Thus, He lives and r\_\_\_\_\_ as your King.

You are a c\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's eternal kingdom.

Thus, we pray: Thy k\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_.

### ***Next Weekend's Readings—Easter Festival Services***

*Isaiah 25:6-9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8*

# Holy Week Services

## **Maundy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

4:45 COVID-Sensitive Communion Service concluding with the Stripping of the Altar  
7 PM Communion Service concluding with the Stripping of the Altar

## **Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

10 AM Morning Service  
10:45-11:30 AM Together as Family  
4:45 PM COVID-Sensitive Communion Service concluding with the Service of Darkness  
7 PM Communion Service concluding with the Service of Darkness  
7 PM Spanish Good Friday Service

## **Easter Eve, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

4:45 PM COVID-Sensitive Festival Communion Service

## **Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

6:30, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 AM Festival Communion Services  
11 AM Spanish Easter Service  
*No Christian Education Classes on Easter Sunday*