



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday Evening Worship

April 1, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Palm/Passion Weekend

PRELUDE

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

(based upon Luke 19:28-40 text for the day)

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

***(wave palms)* Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Praise to Christ who comes as Messiah and Savior
of the world!

***(wave palms)* Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Reading

Luke 19:28-40

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: LUKE 19:28-40

After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "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. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As 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, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

THANKSGIVING

(Those in the congregation raise their branches.)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presiding Minister: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen

We gather as the first Christians gathered on this day and lay their garments before you as you

entered Jerusalem in triumph. We raise our palm branches and boldly proclaim for the whole world to hear:

(wave palms) Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. We hail you as the Son of God, our Savior and King! Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest!

PROCESSION & OPENING HYMN

“ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOR” ELW 344

THE GREETING

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

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(please be seated)

Message

Matthew 27:11-54

Pastor Mark Boster

(please stand as you are able)

Hymn

“My Song is Love Unknown” ELW 343

The Statement of Faith

(Luther’s Explanation to the Third Article of the Creed)

I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

The Prayers_{and} Sharing of Peace

(please be seated)

The Offering

(please stand as you able)

Prayer of Blessing

God, bless and multiply the gifts we bring this day in grateful response to all that you have first given us. May these be used to breathe life into people and places that cannot see hope for tomorrow. Make your church a source

of life for all who need help and hope. Make us your faithful, generous followers in Jesus' name.
Amen.

The Table

O Christ, you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

You are the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

You are the Son of David and the Savior of the world.

You are the risen Christ who is present in bread and wine. You save us and set us free from the powers of sin and death.

Words of Institution

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Come, Holy Spirit; lift the heaviness of all that weighs us down. Come, Holy Spirit; breathe fresh life into each day. Come, Holy Spirit; move us to live for the purposes of your kingdom.

Lord's Prayer

(please be seated)

The Distribution

(please stand as you are able)

Blessing

Benediction

Hymn “Go to Dark Gethsemane” *ELW 347*

Sending

Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**