



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship

April 2, 2023

10:45 a.m.

Palm/Passion Sunday

Pre Service Announcement Loop

Welcome

PROCESSION WITH 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!

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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.

Amen

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

Sharing of Peace

Offering

Prayer of Blessing

God, you bless us in order that we would be a blessing to others. Use these gifts that we bring that they might be living signs of your grace to all who are in need. Bless your church that we would be a source of hope and a blessing to your world. Give us servant hearts that beat to the rhythm of your grace in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Table

Your grace is amazing. Your love is steadfast. Your mercy is never-ending.

We gather at your table to receive your forgiveness and feast on your grace.

We celebrate your victory over sin and death.

You are truly present in bread and wine.

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; open our eyes to see you more clearly. Come, Holy Spirit; open our hearts to love you in deeper ways. Come, Holy Spirit; open our hands to serve your world through specific acts of love and mercy.

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

The Distribution

Distribution Song

"Abide with Me"

Prayer

Blessing

Song

“The Wondrous Cross”

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

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