

PALM SUNDAY
April 13, 2025
"Today Is The Day"

THE WELCOME

(please stand)

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11 (ESV)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "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'" [Zechariah 9:9]. The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting,

C: "Hosanna to the Son of David!

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P: When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?"

C: The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

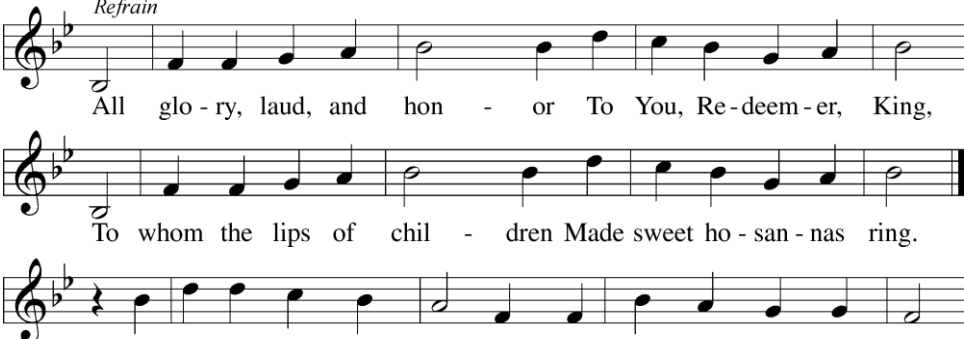
C: Hosanna in the highest!

(please be seated)

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN *"Hosanna, Hallelujah"*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN #442 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"


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.

(please stand)

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: O God, when we could not come to You because of our lost condition, You came to us in the person of Your only Son, Jesus Christ. He humbled Himself and became obedient to the cross, that we might be welcomed into Your loving embrace. Father in heaven hear us now as we confess our sins to you.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

C: O God, we approach Your throne of mercy because we know we are sinners. We stand accused by Your Law. Our thoughts have been rebellious and impure and have not focused on You. Our words have been unkind and unholy, and have failed to tell of Your love. Our deeds have been selfish and we have not humbly served You and others as we ought. Forgive us for our sinful pride and help us to live as Your people for Jesus' sake.

(The candle on the Lenten cross is extinguished)

P: For your sake, Jesus, the Son of God, came into this world to give His life, to pay the price for your sin. Because your King came and died for you, you are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Amen. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(please be seated)

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 118:19–29 (antiphon: v. 26)

P: Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

C: We bless You from the house of the LORD.

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

C: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

P: This is the gate of the LORD;

C: the righteous shall enter through it.

P: I thank You that You have answered me and have become my Salvation.

C: The Stone that the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone.

P: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

C: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: Save us, we pray, O LORD!

C: O LORD, we pray, give us success!

P: Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

C: We bless You from the house of the LORD.

P: The LORD is God,

C: and He has made His light to shine upon us.

P: You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;


C: You are my God; I will extol You.

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

C: for His steadfast love endures forever!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE HYMN "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" (#441, verses 1-2 & 5)



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to

sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to become man and to suffer death on the cross. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers in His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE EPISTLE Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

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.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE VERSE *(sung) (page 157 in the hymnal)*

**Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 23:1-56 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Then the whole company of them arose and brought Him before Pilate. And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this Man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a king." And Pilate asked Him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And He answered him, "You have said so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this Man." But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place." When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the Man was a Galilean. And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see Him, because he had heard about Him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by Him. So he questioned Him at some length, but He made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing Him. And Herod with his soldiers treated Him with contempt and mocked Him. Then, arraying Him in splendid clothing, he sent Him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other. Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this Man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining Him before you, behold, I did not find this Man guilty of any of your charges against Him. Neither did Herod, for he sent Him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. I will therefore punish and release Him." But they all cried out together, "Away with this Man, and release to us Barabbas"—a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in

the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify Him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found in Him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release Him." But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that He should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will. And as they led Him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed Him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed His last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this Man was innocent!" And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all His acquaintances and the women who had followed Him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things. Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid Him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with Him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how His body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(please stand)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

(please be seated)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE HYMN OF THE DAY "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"



1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure that
2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But



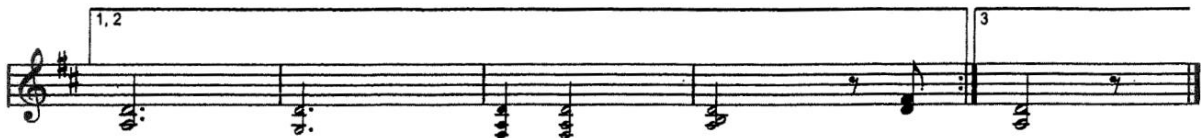
He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why



great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -
dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -
this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran -



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ished.

2. Be -
3. I

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THE SERMON *"Today Is The Day"* Text: Luke 23:39-43

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS *"O Sacred Head"* (#449, verse 3)

What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.

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(please stand)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition concludes with the following response: "Lord, in Your mercy," "hear our prayer.")

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(printed inside the back cover of the hymnal)*

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE CLOSING HYMN #692 *"Praise to You and Adoration"*



1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in
Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with
share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,
From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and
And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your
joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion

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EASTER AT IMMANUEL

April 20, 2025



SUNRISE WORSHIP w/HOLY COMMUNION ~ 6:30 a.m.

EASTER BREAKFAST ~ 7:45 – 8:45 a.m.



*Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Sausage,
Gravy and Biscuits, Cinnamon Rolls,
Fruit, Orange Juice and Coffee*

~Free Will Offering~

Sponsored by Immanuel's Sr. LYF & Families

Take out meals are available

Call the church office: 676-2235

SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 8:15 a.m.

EASTER WORSHIP w/HOLY COMMUNION ~ 9:30 a.m.

Everyone is Welcome!