

PALM SUNDAY
March 24, 2024
“Bearing the Cross”

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.

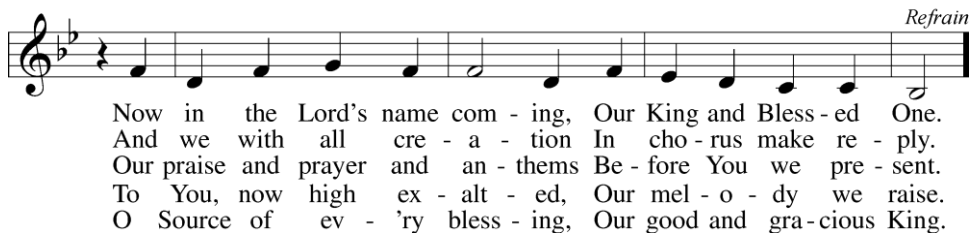
P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

(please be seated)

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN *“Hosanna, Hallelujah”*

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



(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;

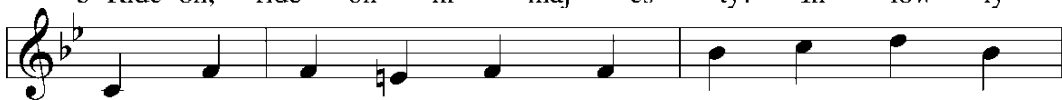
C: for His steadfast love endures forever!

**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 Mark 14:53-15:47 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth and fifteenth chapters.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. And Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but they found none. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimony did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against Him, saying, "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have You no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against You?" But He remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? You have heard His blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned Him as deserving death. And some began to spit on Him and to cover His face and to strike Him, saying to Him, "Prophesy!" And the guards received Him with blows. And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know

this Man of whom you speak.” And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.” And he broke down and wept. 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, “Are You the King of the Jews?” And He answered him, “You have said so.” And the chief priests accused Him of many things. And Pilate again asked Him, “Have You no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against You.” 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, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests 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, “Then what shall I do with the Man you call the King of the Jews?” And they cried out again, “Crucify Him.” And Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify Him.” So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered Him 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, “Hail, King of the Jews!” 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, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!” So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked Him to one another, saying, “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.” 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 with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?” And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, He is calling Elijah.” And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down.” 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, “Truly this Man was the Son of God!” There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, 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 taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud and laid Him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where He was laid.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(please stand)

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(printed inside the back cover of the hymnal)*

(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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THE SERMON *"Bearing the Cross"* Text: Mark 15:21

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

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion
Good Friday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Worship, 6:30 a.m. with Holy Communion
Breakfast served at 7:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Easter Worship, 9:30 a.m. with Holy Communion

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EASTER AT IMMANUEL



March 31, 2024

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

EASTER BREAKFAST ~ 7:45 – 8:45 a.m.



*Sausage Gravy and Biscuits,
Scrambled Eggs, Ham,
Fruit, Cinnamon Rolls,
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 & BIBLE CLASS ~ 8:30 a.m.

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

Everyone is Welcome!