



HOLY WEEK AROUND THE PSALMS

Palm Sunday
March 16, 2008
Christ Our
Redeemer

Pastor Mark Voss

Palm Sunday is also referred to as Sunday of the Passion.
We focus on our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and
we also contemplate his ensuing passion and death on the cross.

As We Gather

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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

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

Procession with Palms

At this time you are invited to come forward as directed by the ushers and place a palm in the cross. Please participate only if you choose and feel comfortable doing so. During the procession we will sing Hymn 131 printed below, ending with "We Will Glorify" as printed.

**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 blessed one.**

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All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels Is praising you on high,
And we with all creation In chorus make reply.

All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
The people of the Hebrews With palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before you we present.

All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
To you before your passion They sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
As you received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.

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We will glo-ri - fy the King of kings; We will glo-ri - fy the Lamb.
Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings; Hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb.



We will glo-ri - fy the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.
Hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.

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

C: Hosanna in the highest!

Confession and Absolution

P: God of all patience, this last week of Jesus' life will reveal much about your love, and also much about our sin. The Jews will plot to kill Jesus; the disciples will not understand him; Peter will deny him; those closest to him will sleep through his agony; Judas will betray him; Herod will mock him; Pilate will bow out on him; his government will torture and crucify him. They are a part of us, and part of them is still in us, staining us with sin, as we continue to fail Jesus. We make confession of our sins, asking that you would forgive us, so that one day we may be with you in paradise.

C: O holy and most merciful God, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and I don't deserve to be called your child. Yet you graciously invite me, and I come to you, and for the sake of my Savior I plead: God have mercy on me, a sinner!

P: Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow. Though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. Go and produce fruits in keeping with your repentance. Amen.

Prayer for Palm Sunday C: (sing) "Amen."

First Lesson – Zechariah 9:9-10 “From Sea to Shining Sea” Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Musical Response – Grades K-8 (10:30a)

“Look, Now Your King is Coming”

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Gospel Lesson – Matthew 21:1-11 “A Humble Entrance to a Glorious Victory”

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵"Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the

colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."



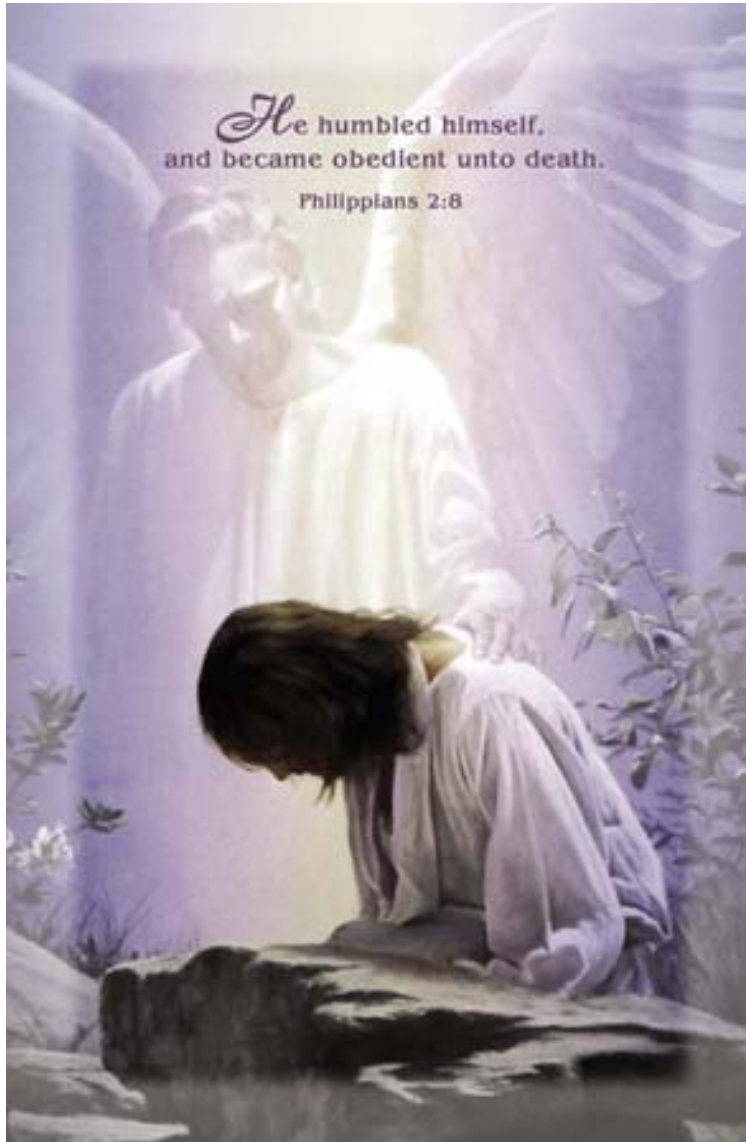
Confession of Faith - Philippians 2:5-11

P: Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

C: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death -- even death on a cross!

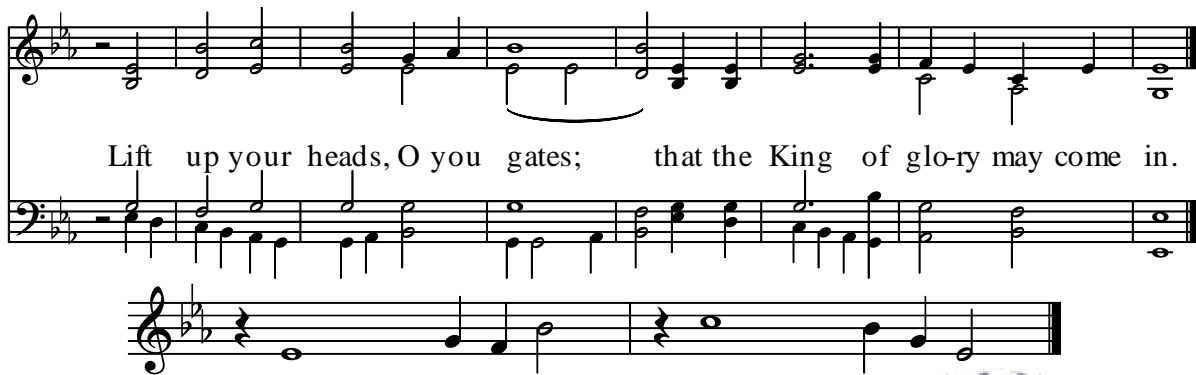
P: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

C: 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.



Psalm 24 – sung responsively by Congregation and Sr. Choir

Refrain will be repeated twice before psalm verses are sung, first time by choir, second by congregation. All will join in on the refrain following the verses and on the Glory be to the Father.



Lift up your heads, O you gates; that the King of glo-ry may come in.

CHOIR:

The earth is the LORD'S, and every-`thing in it.*

The world, and all who `live in it,*

for he founded it up-`on the seas*

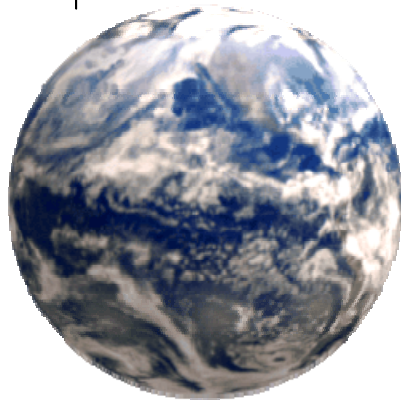
and established it upon the `wa-ters.*

Who may ascend the hill `of the LORD?*

Who may stand in his `ho-ly place?*

He who has clean hands and a `pure heart,*

he will receive blessing from God his `Sav-ior.*



REFRAIN

**Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you `an-cient doors,*
that the King of glory `may come in.***

Who is this King of `glo-ry?*

The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in `bat-tle.*

**Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you `an-cient doors,*
that the King of glory `may come in.***

**Glory be to the Father and `to the Son*
and to the Holy `Spir-it.***

as it was in the be-`gin-ning,*

is now, and will be forever. `A-men.*

REFRAIN

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Sermon Psalm 24

¹The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; ²for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. ³Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? ⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. ⁵He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior. ⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. ⁷Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ⁸Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. ⁹Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty-- he is the King of glory.



Lord's Prayer Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Offering

Lord's Supper The Bible teaches that receiving the Lord's Supper together is a public statement of our unity and agreement in the faith. If you are a visitor and have not communed with us before, we ask that you speak with our pastor outside the service before communing. It is our hope that we can share with you our beliefs from the Bible about our Savior and this Sacrament. Thank you.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (sing) And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sing) We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: (sing) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sing:

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

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**Human reason, though it ponders,
Cannot fathom these great wonders,
That Christ's body must be boundless
Since the souls it feeds are countless,
And that he his blood is giving
With the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded
Are by God alone expounded.**

**Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You have left your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forgo all joy and gladness
And to shed your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.**

Words of Institution

Distribution and Meditation on our Savior's passion

Thanksgiving Prayer

Blessing

Closing Verses

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

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**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue your road,
With palms and scattered
garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
O'er captive death
and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow your meek head
to mortal pain,
Then take, O Christ,
your power and reign.**



We warmly welcome our guests. Today traditionally marks the start of Holy Week, which includes Maundy Thursday at 7p and Good Friday at 7:30p. Easter services will be at 8a and 10:30a. Easter breakfast will be served from 9:00a to about 10a.