

**ST. JOHN  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**7:45AM &  
10:45AM**

**MARCH 28,  
2021**



Making the  
Love of  
**Christ**  
Known

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## Prelude

## Welcome / Announcements

## Procession with Palms

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

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Processional Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

*Entrance into the final days*

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.



## Thanksgiving

*The minister begins the thanksgiving. The members of the congregation raise their branches.*

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## Processional Hymn

*All Glory, Laud, And Honor*

**ELW 344**

All sing verses 1 & 4

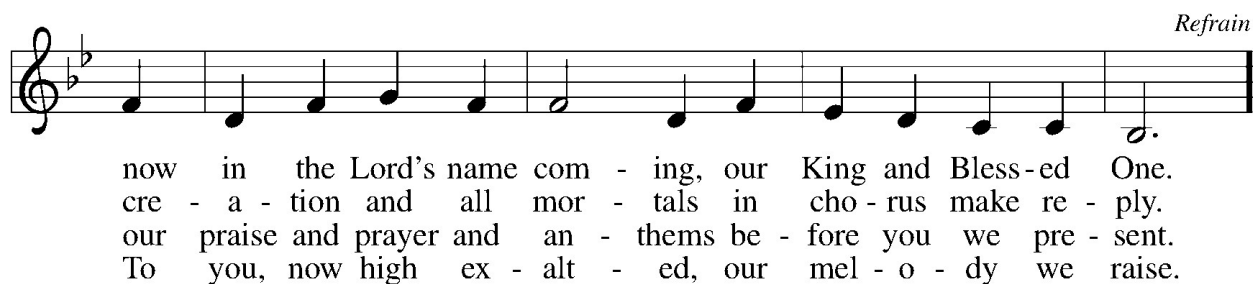
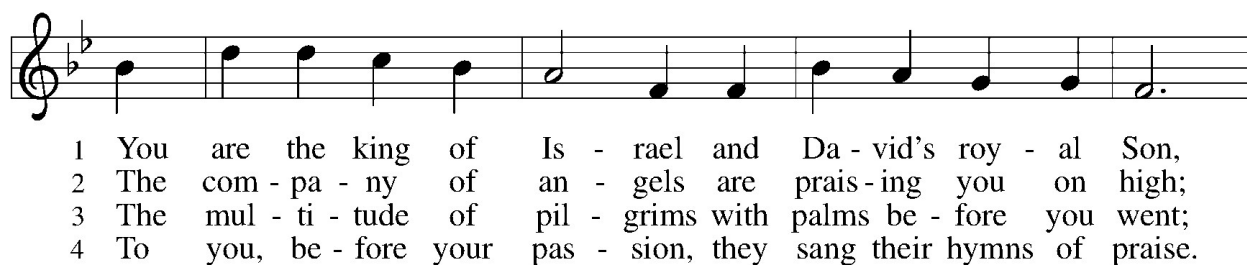
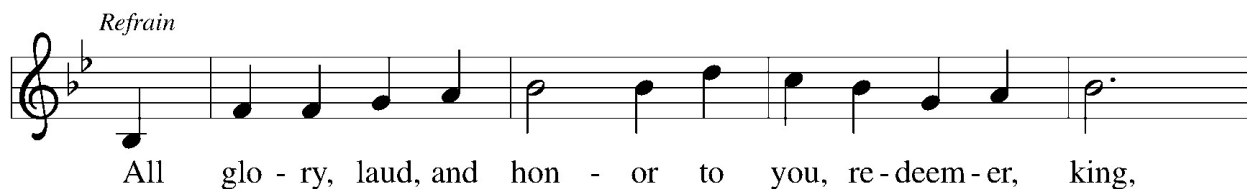
Women sing verse 2

Men sing verse 3

All sing the refrains



# All Glory, Laud, and Honor



Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635



## Prayer of the Day

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**

## Children's Sermon



**Kids Praise** (10:45) *At this time children age 3 – grade 4 are now dismissed, at the parent's discretion, to the Octagon.*

## First Reading: Isaiah 50:4–9a

*This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience in the midst of persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.*



<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.



<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

*The reading is concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm 31: 9–16

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow,

and also my throat and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are  
consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,

a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street  
they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as use less  
as a broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my  
life.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have  
said, "You are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies,

and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your  
steadfast love."**



## Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

*Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.*

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

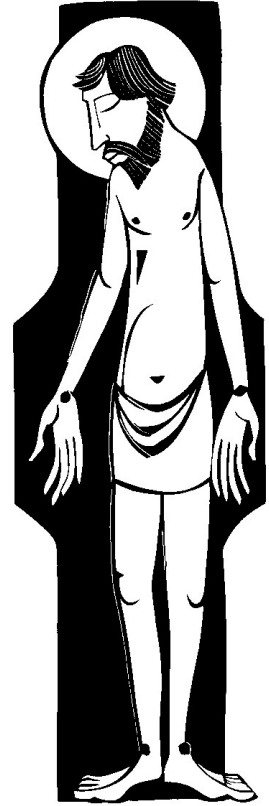
And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.



*The reading is concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.


**Thanks be to God.**






## Gospel Acclamation

*Congregation:*



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and

*Optional Repeat*



mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 15th Chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel: Mark 15:1-39

*Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves, the empty disciples are able to fill others, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.*

*Not printed due to length.*

*Those unable to remain standing may be seated.*

*The gospel is concluded:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



**Sermon**

# Hymn of the Day

ELW 707

## Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood

3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest

4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -

char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have

as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en

done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—

men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bless - ings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful

in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your

hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.

poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."

all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.



Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

## Prayers of Intercession

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence. Each portion of the prayers concludes with these words:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Offering

### Offering Prayer

Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.

**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**



## **Blessing**

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,  
and claimed us as children of the light,  
strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and give you ✝ peace.

**Amen**

## **Sending Hymn**

**ELW 805**

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## **Dismissal**

Marked with the cross of Christ,  
go forth to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**



## Lead On, O King Eternal!



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.  
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;  
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,  
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917

Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879







