

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

P: May God, whose arms were spread on the cross to embrace the whole world, help us this week to take up the cross and follow him. Amen.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Travelers On A Journey”



~~ Grace Lutheran Church: God's Grace experienced daily. ~~



Sunday, March 24, 2024 11:00

a.m.

Palm Sunday

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

ELW 344

CHILDREN SING

OPENING LITANY

P: Look! The King is coming into the city at last.

All: **Hosanna! The King comes to save his people.**

P: Look! The King is coming, riding on a lowly donkey.

All: **Hosanna! The King comes to us in humility.**

P: Look! The King is coming with no sword.

All: **Hosanna! The King comes to us with peace.**

P: Look! The King is coming without soldiers and without an army.

All: **Hosanna! The King comes to us with compassion and mercy.**

P: Look! The King is coming with resolute determination and purpose.

All: **Hosanna! The King comes to us to accomplish God's will.**

P: Look! The King is coming with tears and sorrow.

All: **Hosanna! The King comes to us to suffer and to die.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: 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.

PALM SUNDAY PRAYER AND CONFESSION:

P: Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and later pronounced, “Crucify him,” we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus’ last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a savior, a savior—praise God—we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

P: Ever living God,

ALL: **Even as the hosannas echo in our ears, we acknowledge before you the times we have been reluctant to walk in your way. We confess that we have resisted your call to live in community as servants of one another. Our hearts and our wills need your cleansing and restoration.**

O King of glory, form in us the humility and patience, the kindness and suffering love that reflect your glory. Then shall the world know that you are our God and we are your people. Through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior, we pray. Amen.

P: Our hope is in Christ alone. He calls us to himself, healing our brokenness and making us whole. We turn to him and he saves us by his grace. Thanks be to God.

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAISE SONG

“Cross Of Christ”

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able. Thank you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“Help Us O Lord”

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

ALL: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Holy Gospel is read.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated. Thank you.

SERMON

“Which Parade?”

By: Jack Holmquest

SONG OF THE DAY

“In Christ Alone”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: **And also with you.**

The pastor and the congregation verbally greet one another in the name of the Lord. Shaking hands is optional.

PRAISE SONG

“Cross Of Christ”

THE OFFERING FOR THE MISSION & MINISTRY OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE OFFERING SONG

“Song Of Offering”

THE OFFERING PRAYER

ALL: **God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Trusting in Christ’s Passover from death to new life, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

God, most holy and humble, plant in your church Christ’s spirit of humility. Remove any barriers preventing us from seeing his saving work on the cross. Hear us, O God.

ALL: **Your mercy is great.**

P: You reveal your will for all creation through stones, seas, mountains, and meadows. In the splendor of what you have made, show us your care for everything, both great and small. Hear us, O God.

ALL: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Rescue those who suffer torture, and free those held captive by others. Bring to light the hidden systems that perpetuate injustice among your people. Hear us, O God.

ALL: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Pour courage and hope into people who feel like they are wasting away in distress and grief. Restore their trust in you, even as you meet their every need. Hear us, O God.

ALL: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Open our hearts and minds to receive the words that you speak. Give us words to encourage the weary and to sustain one another in word and deed. Hear us, O God.

ALL: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Gather your saints into the new covenant that Christ has established for all creation. When we fall into sin, continually renew us until Christ dwells with us again in fullness. Hear us, O God.

ALL: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Attend to the needs of the whole world with your saving grace, and lead us all into new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

PRAYER SONG: “Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying”

Praise Team

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ALL: **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.**

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

“Communion Response”

“Feed Us Now”