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Palm Sunday

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OUR MISSION

"The Our Redeemer church family exists to **welcome** people to faith; help people **grow** in the faith that works in real life; and **serve** our community and the world together in **Jesus'** name."

GUESTS AND MEMBERS - WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

We're happy that you've joined us in worship, especially if you are a visitor with us.

We pray that the Lord who led you here would lead you into a time of knowing Him better, trusting in Him more, and growing deeper in His love as He places His Word and cross before your eyes, ears, and hearts.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE

Please see an usher for assistance with these items.

COVID-19 Reminder

As ministry opportunities sponsored by Our Redeemer continue to resume onsite and elsewhere, the leadership of our congregation recognizes the new challenges that exist when gathering together. Below is a reminder to consider before participating in any worship service or activity:

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people. We are doing everything we can to be compliant with all regulations and ensure your safety. We have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but we cannot guarantee that you or family members will not become infected with COVID-19.

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 28, 2021

WELCOME



INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION Based on Psalm 31

- P: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
- C: My eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.
- P: For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;
- C: My strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.
- P: In faith, we bring our sins of thought, word, and deed before God in confession, asking His forgiveness for Jesus' sake.
- C: Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love!

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

GOSPEL READING

John 12:12-19

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the

third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON "Sub-Par Parades and Spontaneous Outbreaks of Joy" John 12:12-19

Sermon Notes and Additional References

Sub-Par Parade

Our Expectations

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We expect God to work in the and the and	, but Jesus' way is
When our expectations and God's reality collide	
Spontaneous Outbreak of Joy	
God considers the quality of our instead	of the quantity of our
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Recognizing God in the and	
We wait for the day when	

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CLOSING BLESSING

Based on Psalm 31 and Numbers 6:24-26

P: I trust in You, O Lord;

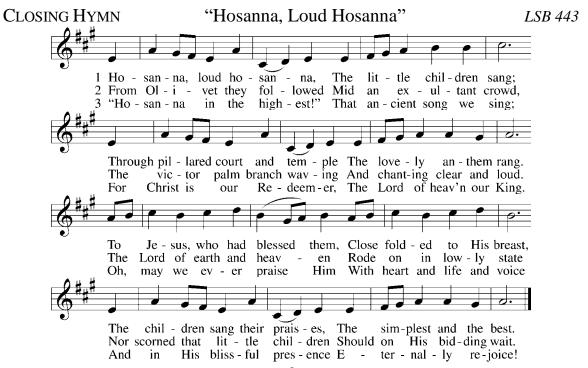
C: I say, "You are my God."

P: My times are in Your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

C: Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love!

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.



Weekly Worship Meditations and Preparation Thoughts

For meditation from Sunday's worship: Read John 12:12-19

- -Pray about situations where your expectations are colliding with God's reality.
- -Pray for God to open your eyes to celebrate what He is doing in the small and simple.

For preparation for next Sunday: Read Mark 16:1-8

- -What do you think most alarmed Mary, Mary, and Salome?
- -What do you think of verse 8 as the end of the Gospel of Mark?

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Serving Us Today

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Elders		Danny Kiedaisch (212-0504) John Ohlendorf (826-6335)
Ushers	8:00 am 10:30 am	Les Holloway (Lead) and Doris Davenport David Liebers (Lead) and Pam Fuller

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God, in honor of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem as our King and Sacrifice.

Holy Week Worship Services

"Maundy Thursday" - April 1st 7:00 pm Worship Service with Communion

"Good Friday" - April 2nd

11:30 am Worship Service

7:00 pm Tenebrae Worship Service

"Easter" - April 4th

8:00 am Celebration Worship Service with Communion 10:30 am Celebration Worship Service with Communion

*There will not be any Education Hour classes or activities on Easter Sunday.