

# Palm Sunday Matins

April 5, 2020

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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## PRELUDE

## VERSICLES

O Lord, open my lips

**And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

Glory 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**

## HYMN

### *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*



- 1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there.
- 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
- 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
- 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

PSALMODY

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

*The Psalm is spoken responsively*

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

**<sup>2</sup>Let Israel say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."**

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

**<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

**<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup>Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!  
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

**<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

<sup>27</sup>The LORD is God,  
and he has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.

**<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.**

<sup>29</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Glory 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**

PSALM PRAYER

Lord God, your Son, rejected by the builders, has become the cornerstone of the Church. Shed rays of your glory upon your Church, that it may be seen as the gate of salvation open to all nations. Let cries of hope ring out from its courts so that all people know of your suffering, death and resurrection, now and forever. **Amen.**

**READING** Philippians 2:5–11

<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.

*A period of silence follows the reading*

**READING** Matthew 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,  
"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*A period of silence follows the reading*

## RESPONSE

Pastor Reep

In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

**But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.**

## PRAYERS

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day; preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Our Father, who art in heaven...*

## BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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**

## HYMN

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.  
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.  
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,  
 The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,  
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

POSTLUDE *Today please read the Passion Narrative St. Matthew 26:14-27:66*