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Palm Sunday

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

Matthew 21:9



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Call to Worship

[Psalm 31:1-5 \(NKJV Song\) "In You, O Lord, I Put My Trust" \(Esther Mui\)](#)

Confession and Forgiveness based on 2 Corinthians 5

We who are reconciled to God through Christ have been given the ministry of reconciliation; therefore, let us pause to confess our sins so we might once again be reconciled to God.

Silence for reflection

God our Creator, you have made us to love and be love in the world. Yet, we live with heart break, broken relationships and bitterness. Remind us that everything old has passed away; past hurts, mistakes and shortcomings. Forgive us for our trespasses and for the ways we count other's trespasses against them. You have entrusted us with the message of reconciliation. As ambassadors for Christ let us lay our sins at the foot of the cross and pick up the freedom of forgiveness.

For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn All Glory Laud and Honor LBW 108

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. (refrain)

The company of angels, are praising you on high; creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. (refrain)

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went. Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. (refrain)

To you, before your Passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (refrain)

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. (refrain)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Reconciling God, in this Lenten season we recommit to the hard work of forgiveness. For everything there is a season. From lost sheep to prodigal sons to disciples restored to right relationship we study scripture to learn from your ways. Be near us as we enter into the Word and toward the cross all in the name of Jesus who redeems us to live reconciled with you and all creation. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song [Best of John Legend as 'Jesus Christ' | Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert!](#)

Welcome the Word

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"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."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!”**

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

You Are Holy ELW 525

You are holy, you are whole. You are always evermore than we ever understand. You are always at hand. Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present. Let the cosmos praise you Lord. Sing hosanna, in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer

God our Provider, we return what you have first given us. All that we have belongs to you; ourselves, our time and our possessions. Each of these are adorned with signs of your grace. Use them as you will so we might leave this world better than we found it. Now ready us to receive Christ's presence in this holy meal as we open our hands and our hearts to receive a measure of your mercy in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Consecration based on Romans 5

While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for us. Each time we set this sacred table we remember that Jesus is the host. When we eat of this bread and drink of this cup we trust that Jesus is present in it. God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Before Jesus went to the cross he gathered for a final meal with his friends...Let your Holy Spirit enter into this holy meal. As we receive it remind us we are justified, saved and reconciled to you, through Jesus, who taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

God our Healer and our Hope, we have been strengthened by sharing this holy meal in community. When we receive your goodness side by side we remember that we need each other. Let us leave reconciled to you and our neighbors so we might live in the love that Jesus gave his life for. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Canticle of the Turning ELW 723

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is
great,

And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the
ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and
my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name
be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

(refrain) My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of
your
justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the
world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and
your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the
age

to be, your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who
would for you yearn, you will show our might, put the strong to
flight, for the world is about to turn. (refrain)

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left
on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant
from

his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they
can never earn; there are tables spread, every mouth be fed, for the
world is about to turn. (refrain)

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds
us

fast; God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing
grasp. This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise
which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. (refrain)

Dismissal

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!