

April 5, 2020

Livestream worship

Palm Sunday



St. Paul Lutheran Church

Beloit, Wisconsin

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Worship Bulletin

GATHERING – *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor’s introduction to Palm Sunday Worship, culminating in the call & response:

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

All: (*wave your palms*) Hosanna in the Highest!

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SONG OF PRAISE

“We Cry Hosanna, Lord”

by Mimi Farra

Chorus

We cry hosanna Lord
Yes hosanna Lord
Yes hosanna Lord to You
We cry hosanna Lord
Yes hosanna Lord
Yes hosanna Lord to You

Verse 1

Behold our Savior comes
Behold the Son of our God
He offers Himself
And He comes among us
A lowly servant to all

Verse 2

Children wave their palms
As the King of all kings rides by
Should we forget to praise our God
The very stones would sing

Verse 3

He comes to set us free
He gives us liberty
His vict'ry over death
Is the eternal sign of God's love for us

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer

Pastor: King of all kings, leader of all leaders, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful parade of those who, with their tongues, confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

WORD – *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

Have your palms handy and be ready to respond!

PROCESSIONAL READING:

MATTHEW 21:1-11

¹ When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. ² He said to them, “Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that their master needs them.”

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He sent them off right away. ⁴ Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, ⁵ *Say to Daughter Zion, “Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey’s offspring.”* ⁶ The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them.

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All: (*wave your palms*) Hosanna in the Highest!

⁸ Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, “*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*”

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

All: (*wave your palms*) Hosanna in the Highest!

¹⁰ And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. “Who is this?” they asked. ¹¹ The crowds answered, “It’s the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

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All: (*wave your palms*) Hosanna in the Highest!

READING:

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Please follow the directions below in bold italics, moving your body in response to Paul's "hymn":

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Philippi:

Raised hands and face upturned toward heaven

Have the same attitude that was in Christ Jesus: who, though he was in the form of God, did not consider being equal with God as something to exploit.

Rock a baby in your arms

But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings.

Arms out to the side as if on cross

When he found himself in the form of a human, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Raised hands and face upturned toward heaven

Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name that is above all other names,

Kneel and bring hands together in prayer

so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow

Stay on knees and raise hands and face to heaven

and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

KIDS' TIME

Pastor Lucy

SERMON

Pastor Lucy

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

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5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5–6
 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Intercessor: Turning our hearts to God our Healer, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

Intercessor: God of mercy, awaken your church to new ways to proclaim your faithfulness. By your Spirit, give us bold and joyful words to share, that we might sustain the weary with the message of your redemption. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: God of mercy, quiet the earth where it trembles and shakes. Protect vulnerable ecosystems, threatened habitats, and endangered species. Prosper the work of scientists, engineers, and researchers who find ways to restore creation to health and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: God of mercy, drive away fear and anger that cause us to turn against one another. Give courage to leaders who seek freedom for all the oppressed. Bring peace and hope to those who are in prison and those who face execution. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: God of mercy, send your saving help to all who suffer abuse, insult, discrimination, or contempt. Heal the wounded. Comfort the dying. Bring peace to those suffering chronic or terminal illness. Tend to all who cry out for relief. We pray especially for all those on our prayer list, and for those on our hearts and minds, who we name before you now... *(long pause for people to name their prayers)*... Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: God of mercy, we pray for all who will prepare and lead worship in this Holy Week. We pray for all who are struggling to figure out how to mark Holy Week while sheltering-in-place. In all things, show us the ways that you call us to die to self, to live for you, and to give of ourselves for the sake of others. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: God of mercy, when we breathe our last, you raise us to eternal life. With all your witnesses in heaven and on earth, let us boldly confess the name of Jesus Christ, our resurrection and our hope. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

OFFERING

You are invited – and encouraged – to continue to give as you are able in this time of worshipping apart. You can mail your offerings to St. Paul: 617 St. Lawrence Ave, Beloit, WI 53511. Or give online at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=531526>.

PEACE

PASTOR: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

PASTOR: Take a moment now, close your eyes, take several slow deep, breaths, and focus a prayer of peace on a few people whom God brings to your mind.

LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

SENDING – <i>God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.</i>
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SENDING BLESSING

PASTOR: And now we lay down the palm branches.

And with them we lay down our wish, our longing that there is another way for you to be God.
A way other than the cross.

As the last echo of the final alleluia fades, so does our hope
that this journey can end in any other way.

The week stretches ahead glory-less and pain-full.

Whether we walk with all faith or none, we look towards the cross,
knowing it is both the most human and most divine of all journeys.

May Jesus accompany you, that you might travel the road with courage, with love,
and with the uneasy peace that is the gift of faith.

Into this holiest of weeks, may the Creator, † Redeemer and Sustainer carry you.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG

"All My Hope"

David Crowder & Ed Cash – *see next page*

DISMISSAL

AM: Be kept now in peace. Share the good news!

People: Thanks be to God.

SERVING YOU TODAY

Pastor : Rev. Lucy Wynard Organist & Director of Music: David Frank Reader: Cathy Oswald

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All My Hope

Verse 1

I've been held by the Savior
I've felt fire from above
I've been down to the river
I ain't the same a prodigal returned

Chorus

**All my hope is in Jesus
Thank God that yesterday's gone
All my sins are forgiven
I've been washed by the blood**

Verse 2

I'm no stranger to prison
I've worn shackles and chains
But I've been freed and forgiven
And I'm not going back I'll never be the same
That's why I sing

Chorus

Bridge

There's a kind of thing that just breaks a man
Break him down to his knees
God I've been broken more than a time or two
Yes Lord then He picked me up and showed me
What it means to be a man
So I sing

Chorus

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