

April 2, 2023

BLENDED "This is Faith: The Crowd" [No Holy Communion] PALM SUNDAY

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

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HYMN: LSB442, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" stanzas 1, 4, 5

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.

All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King, to Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. To You before Your Passion they sang their hymns of praise; to You, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King, to Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. As You received their praises, accept the prayers we bring, O Source of every blessing, our good and gracious King.

LITANY

P: O God the Father in Heaven:

C: have mercy upon us.

P: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

C: have mercy upon us.

P: O God the Holy Spirit:

C: have mercy upon us.

P: From all evil:

C: O Jesus, deliver us.

P: From sudden, unprepared, or evil death; from the snares of the devil; from anger, hatred, or ill-will; from everlasting death:

C: O Jesus, deliver us.

P: By the mystery of Your Incarnation; by Your holy life and conversation; by Your most bitter Passion and death; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your bonds and stripes; by Your sacred body buffeted and smitten; by the spitting upon Your pallid face; by Your painful crown of thorns; by Your most unjust condemnation; by Your bearing Your own cross; by Your dread crucifixion; by the anguish which You did suffer; by Your prayers and tears; by the insults which You did endure; by the shedding of Your most precious blood; by the love by which You did love us to the end.

C: O Jesus, deliver us.

P: That being dead unto sin, we may live unto righteousness; that we may not glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; that we may take our cross daily and follow You; that Your blood may cleanse us from dead works to serve the living God; that looking unto Your example, we may follow Your footsteps; that being partakers of Your sufferings, we may be also of Your glory:

C: we ask You to hear us, O Jesus.

P: O Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world:

C: have mercy upon us.

P: O Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world:

C: have mercy upon us.

P: O Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world:

C: grant us Your peace.

P: We praise You, we bless You, O Jesus:

C: because by Your cross and Passion You have redeemed the world.

PRAYER FOR THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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CHORAL ANTHEM: "Palm Sunday Processional" J. Carter

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

[the Messiah speaking; He knows how to comfort and restore/repair]

The Lord God has given Me the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning He awakens; He awakens My ear to hear as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened My ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.

I gave My back to those who strike, and My cheeks to those who pull out the beard;

I hid not My face from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord God helps Me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

He Who vindicates Me is near. Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up together.

Who is My adversary? Let him come near to Me.

Behold, the Lord God helps Me.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Christ entered once for all into the Holy Place, by means of His own Blood.

C: thus securing an Eternal redemption.

P: Therefore He is the Mediator of a new Covenant,

C: so that those who are called may receive the promised Eternal Inheritance.

PSALMODY: Psalm 31:9 – 16

P: Have mercy on Me, O Lord, for I AM in trouble;

C: My eye wastes away with grief, yes, My soul and My body!

P: For My life is spent with grief, and My years with sighing;

C: My strength fails because of My iniquity, and My bones waste away.

P: I AM a reproach among all My enemies, but especially among My neighbors, and
am repulsive to My acquaintances;

C: those who see Me outside flee from Me.

P: I AM forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;

C: I AM like a broken vessel.

P: For I hear the slander of many; fear is on every side; while they take counsel together
against Me,

C: they scheme to take away My life.

P: But as for Me, I trust in You, O Lord;

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

P: My times are in Your hand; deliver Me from the hand of My enemies,

C: and from those who persecute Me.

P: Make Your face shine upon Your Servant;

C: save Me for Your mercies' sake.

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name that is above every name, so that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL: St. John 12:12-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ. Hosanna!

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HYMN: LSB443, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, Who had blessed them, close folded to His breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and Heaven rode on in lowly state
nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing;
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of Heav'n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice
and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

SERMON

"This is Faith: the Crowd, God's Mission", Pastor Justin Krupsky

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Having heard the Word of God, we humble ourselves before God, and confess our sins, imploring Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

<silence for preparation>

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Almighty and merciful God, Who has begun a good work in you, bring it to completion in the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.

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OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: LSB441, "Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty" [tune "Hamburg"]

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry. O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see the approaching Sacrifice. →

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh. The Father on His sapphire throne awaits His own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, Thy pow'r, and reign.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD'S PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

P : The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN: LSB436, "Go to Dark Gethsemane" stanzas 1, 2, 3

**Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with Him one bitter hour;
turn not from His griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of Life arraigned;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn from Him to bear the cross.**

**Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb there' adoring at His feet,
mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete:
"It is finished!" Hear Him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

✠Soli Deo Gloria✠

Consider the price of this Ransom, look carefully at this Captive. He is the Son of God, Who is greater than all creation. How will you respond when you hear that such a priceless ransom was paid for your sins? Will you still want to offer your works done under the Law? What are the works of all men, the suffering of the martyrs, and the obedience of the holy angels compared with what the Son of God has given in His death, even death on a cross? — *Martin Luther*