



“...Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ”

*Mark 11:9*

## **Palm Sunday**

March 28, 2021

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This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

*The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God  
by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through  
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)*

*The paraments are purple during the season of Lent. This deep rich color has come to represent somberness and solemnity, penitence, and prayer.*

## **✠ GATHERING ✠**

*We stand.*

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

### **PROCESSIONAL READING** Luke 19:37-38

As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!”

## **BLESSING OF PALMS**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

We praise you, O God,  
For redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Today he entered the holy city in triumph  
and was proclaimed messiah and king  
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.  
Bless these branches and those who carry them.  
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,  
So that, joined to his death and resurrection,  
we enter into life with you;  
through the same Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **PROCESSION**

Let us go forth in peace,

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

*After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen.*

*We sit.*

## WELCOME

# ✠ WORD ✠

**ANTHEM** Blessed Is He Who Comes

Tamara Makdad Albrecht

Hosanna, hosanna, blessed is he who comes!

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

*Lobchor & Jubilate Choir*

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like 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 are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 118: 1-2, 19-29



- <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.
- <sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."
- <sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter."
- <sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup>By the LORD has this been done;  
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>Hosanna! O LORD, save us!  
We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!
- <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 has given us light.  
Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.
- <sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.
- <sup>29</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

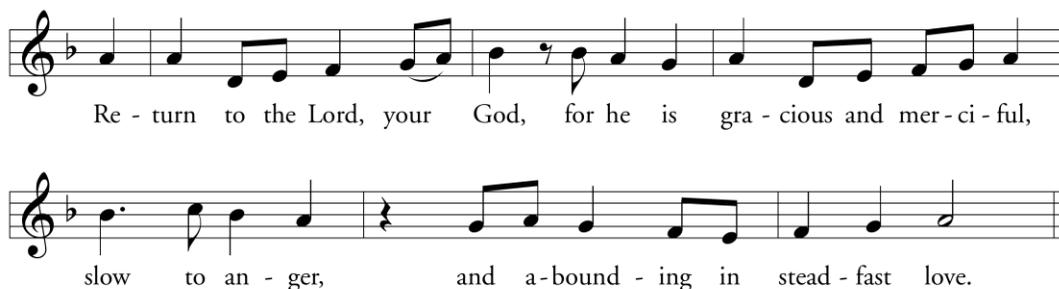
## SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL Mark 11:1-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

*We stand.*

HYMN OF THE DAY 264 Prepare the Royal Highway

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry;  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing;  
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*  
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.in

*Each portion of the prayers concludes:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*We sit.*

# ✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM The Simplest and the Best

Alfred V. Fedak

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 men and angels 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 heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,  
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

*We stand.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and  
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the  
joy of your sal - va - tion and up - hold me with your free spir - it.

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 ✠

## BLESSING



The Lord bless you ... and ✠ give you peace.    **A - men.**

*The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.*



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the  
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -  
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -  
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring  
 pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.  
 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

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## DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Hosannah

Franz Liszt

*Erik Salzwedel, bass trombone*

## *Soli Deo Gloria*

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# Announcements

**The altar flowers and palms are given to the glory of God** by Herbert Thomas in loving memory of his parents Herbert N. & Laura M. Thomas; his aunt and uncle, Henry V. & Frances M. Miller; and his grandparents, Mr. Van B. & Mrs. Zella Melchor.

**This week we keep in prayer Milrie Lentz**, 1351 Suzanna Wesley Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27104. Please send **Milrie** a note.

**Remember to come to the Palm Sunday Drive Through Processional today**, Sunday, March 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You will be able to come together in the spirit of Palm Sunday as well as make donations to both Lowrance and the Dwelling. See details [here](#).

**You may view Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Vigil of Easter Services** on YouTube. Please watch for Flocknotes with the links for each or go to YouTube.com and search AugsburgWinstonSalem.

**Pre-registration for Easter Services in the Parking Lot** continues through Thursday, April 1. See registration details [here!](#)

**Important information regarding returning to in-person worship** can be seen at this [link](#) Please read this information carefully as we look forward to returning to community in the near future!

**Volunteers are needed for Christ's Beloved Community Food Pantry** located at 3205 S. Main Street. Help pre-pack the bags we share with our neighbors in need. COVID restrictions and masks are required. Click [here](#) to sign up!

**Virtual Greeting for Augsburg Services – We want to see you!** Art Kainz invites you to provide a video greeting. Contact Art at [arthurkainz@gmail.com](mailto:arthurkainz@gmail.com) for the simple instructions.

**The Efrid L. and Maria F. Hine Fund committee will meet for its Spring Quarter** meeting on Monday, April 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. All requests for financial grants should be directed to The Hine Fund and should be in the church office no later than 12 noon on Monday, April 12. Agendas will be ready for members to pick up in the Work Room on Sunday, April 18. Please call or email Kris Andrews if you are unable to attend the meeting. The general purpose and intent of the Hine Fund is to “put into effect a ministry of Christian mercy and concern in meeting human needs as the Church thinks Jesus Christ Himself would have them met.”

**We keep you in prayer during our time apart.** Our pastors continue to be available for your pastoral care needs. If you would like to reach a pastor, please send them an email. Pastor Paul is: [seniorpastor@alcws.org](mailto:seniorpastor@alcws.org), and Pastor Lori is: [pastoralassociate@alcws.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@alcws.org).

**Readings for next week:**

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

**Worship attendance for services last week: 226 views on YouTube.**

**Providing Service Today**

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