

# Palm Sunday

## “How Much Does It Cost?”

March 24, 2024

### As We Gather

Today is Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday, two celebrations in one service. We begin with a commemoration of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Then we look forward to the events of the coming week, and the Passion of our Lord, culminating with His atoning sacrifice on the cross.

Our attention has been drawn to how much things cost by the inflation in our economy. It's a good thing that grace is free! Or is it? Free for us, but costly for the Lord. How much did it cost? The events of Holy Week culminating in the cross show us just how much it cost. And yet it was a price He willingly, lovingly gave. As we read the account of the Passion, let our minds be drawn to the cost and to the great love that paid it.

The service today begins in Faith Chapel.

### Procession

**Pastor:** The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Please repeat after me: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People:** **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Hosanna to the Son of David.

**People:** **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

### Prayer

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

### Holy Gospel *John 12:12-19*

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

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet Him, shouting,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the king of Israel!”

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

“Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;  
see, your king is coming,  
seated on a donkey’s colt.”

At first His disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about Him and that these things had been done to Him.

Now the crowd that was with Him when He called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that He had performed this sign, went out to meet Him. So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after Him!”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace in the name of the Lord.

*(We process into the Sanctuary)*

**“All Glory Laud and Honor” LSB 442**

**Refrain**

All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet  
hosannas ring.

1 You are the King of Israel and David’s royal Son,  
Now in the Lord’s name coming, our King and  
Blessed One. (refrain)

2 The company of angels is praising You on high;  
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.  
(refrain)

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

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

5 As you received their praises, accept the  
prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev’ry blessing, our good and  
gracious King. (refrain)

**Invocation**

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

**Prayer**

**Musical Offering****“Ride On! Ride On In Majesty”****Sanctuary Choir***Henry H. Holman & W. Glen Darst*

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
 Hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry;  
 O Saviour meek, pursue Thy road  
 With palms and scatter'd garments strow'd.  
 Ride on! Ride on!  
 Ride on in majesty!

Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
 The Father on His sapphire throne  
 Expects His own annointed Son.  
 Ride on! Ride on!  
 Ride on in majesty!

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!  
 Ride on in majesty!

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 power, and reign.  
 Ride on! Ride on!  
 Ride on in majesty!

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 Ride on in majesty!

**Children's Church****+ Service of the Word +****Readings****First Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*This is the Word of the Lord.***Thanks be to God!****Sermon****“How Much Does It Cost?”****Holy Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 (Please refer to the Passion Booklet)**

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

## Offering

### **"Amazing Grace" (My Chains are Gone)**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

### **Chorus**

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns

Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures **Chorus**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

## Prayers

*Please add your prayer requests to the live chat*

## Thanksgivings

**Pastor:** O Lord, we praise You.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Petitions

**Pastor:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

### **St. John's People and Families**

Tim, Natalie, Tim, & Grace Bouchet  
Bob, Lisa, Gunnar, & Soren De Young  
Clint & Bev Holdsworth  
Russell and Susan Novotny  
Scott, Autumn, & Abigail Zimmerman  
Thomas and William Caldwell  
Patrick, Denise, & Charlotte Hennessey  
Kenton, Marea, & Decker Johansson  
Caleb, Amanda, & Luca Pagliero  
Justin, Amber, Marvin, & Truly Tews

## The Service of Holy Communion

### Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish by have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink his body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### The Lord's Prayer

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.

### The Words of Institution

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

## Communion

Pastor: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

People: **Amen.** *(Take and eat)*

Pastor: Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

People: **Amen.** *(Take and drink)*

## Communion Hymns

### “Jesus Messiah”

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing **Chorus**

### Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world **Chorus**

### “What is this Bread” LSB 629

1 What is this bread?  
Christ’s body risen from the dead:  
This bread we break,  
This life we take,  
Was crushed to pay for our release.  
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

My God, my God,  
Why have You not forsaken me?  
O taste and see—the Lord is free.

2 What is this wine?  
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
The cup of grace  
Brings His embrace  
Of life and love until I sing!  
O taste and see—the Lord is King.

4 Yet is God here?  
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
In mouth and soul  
He makes us whole—  
Christ truly present in this meal.  
O taste and see—the Lord is real.

3 So who am I,  
That I should live and He should die  
Under the rod?

5 Is this for me?  
I am forgiven and set free!  
I do believe  
That I receive  
His very body and His blood  
O taste and see—the Lord is good.

### Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. His peace be with you.

People: Amen.

### Prayer

### Benediction

### Closing Hymn

#### “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” LSB 440

1 Jesus, I will ponder now  
On Your holy passion;  
With Your Spirit me endow  
For such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith  
May the image cherish  
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death  
That I may not perish.

4 Grant that I Your passion view  
With repentant grieving,  
Let me not bring shame to You  
By unholy living.

How could I refuse to shun  
Ev'ry sinful pleasure  
Since for me God's only Son  
Suffered without measure?

6 Graciously my faith renew;  
Help me bear my crosses,  
Learning humbleness from You,  
Peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give You love for love!  
Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heav'n above  
Sing Your praise forever.

### Offering

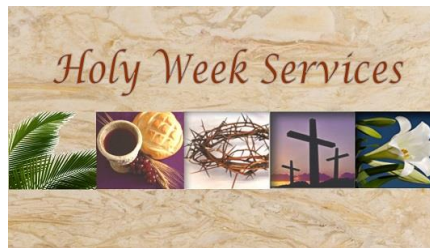
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### Memory Verse for This Week

Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,  
and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:28



March 28	Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM
March 29	Good Friday	7:00 PM
March 30	Easter Vigil	8:00 PM
March 31	Easter Sunday	8:30 AM – Indoor and Streaming 10:30 AM – Faith Chapel

### Serving in Worship Today

Preacher	Rev. Michael A. Schmid
Lay Reader	Sarah Kramer
Communion Assistants	Bob Perna, Kari Perna, Andrea Clark, Rebecca Vitkus
Organist	Erin Blackwood
Sound Technician	Jacob Bartelt
Streaming Technician	Joel Wahlers
Worship Preparation Team	Gerry & Midge Schneider, Ron Irwin, Sophie Frey & Jan Newton
Ushers	Missy Loban & Penni Cremen
Children's Church	Joy Dahl, Kevin Mathison
Projection Technician	Dawn Wahlers
Worship Band	Steve & Christi Jeffery, Judi & Steve Rock, Tom Hoff

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