

Hosanna in the Highest!



**The Passion
Blessed Is He**

April 5, 2020

AS WE GATHER

Dear Friends in Christ: During the past five weeks we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's saving death and resurrection. This great paschal mystery now lies before us as we enter with Him to the city where He confronts the cross for us. All our prayers, special devotions, acts of charity and self denial point us to this week. We commemorate how our Lord entered His own city in triumph to meet sin and death on the cross and in the tomb. Here he completes His saving purpose by suffering, dying, and rising for you and me and the whole world.

OPENING HYMN "All Glory, Laud, And Honor"

INVOCATION

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

C: **And also with you.**

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

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

P: Let us go forth in peace

C: **in the name of the Lord.**

CONFESSION/FORGIVENESS

P: We come into the presence of our King and pray: Save us, now, from our sin.

C: **I confess before You, Lord Jesus, that I am guilty of sin against You. I have betrayed You by my lovelessness, committed treason against You by my faithlessness, scorned You by my thoughtlessness. I have forsaken You and fled from Your side. I have crucified You by my**

sinfulness. I deserve the death You died. I deserve the punishment You endured. In repentant sorrow I beg forgiveness. In Your innocent suffering may I find forgiveness. Save me from my sin. Amen.

(A time for silent confession.)

P: Jesus died for you to forgive your sins. He took your sin upon Himself, became forsaken by God, and bore your guilt on the cross that you might be declared innocent. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce to you that God has forgiven your sin, fully and freely in His great mercy and love. Let us praise God for His grace to us.

INTROIT *Psalm 31:1,3,6, 15-16 antiphon: Psalm 31:5*

P: Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.

C: In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

P: Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

C: I hate those who cling to worthless idols; I trust in the Lord.

P: My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.

C: Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your un-failing love.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Into your hands I commit my spirit;

C: redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.

HYMN OF PRAISE *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have poured out upon us Your never-ending love by giving Your Son, Jesus Christ, into death for us. He emptied Himself and became obedient even to death of the cross. Give us grace to share in His suffering and death so that we may be united with Him in His resurrection. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT *Zechariah 9:9-10*

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Philippians 2:5-11*

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:
⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.
⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ 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.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 12:12-19*

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ 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!"

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written, ¹⁵ "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

¹⁶ 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 they had done these things to him.

¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SECOND ARTICLE OF APOSTLES' CREED *Redemption*

All: I believe 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 judge the living and the dead.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold

or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Ride On, Ride On In Majesty"*

SERMON *"Following In The Footsteps Of Our King"*

GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN *"Every Knee Shall Bow"*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Before Your throne, O Father, we bring our prayers and petitions, hear and answer us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Before the crowds Jesus was welcomed as Lord of our lives by following Him in His example of humility, faithfulness, and trust. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Before the cross Jesus displayed the courageous love that has become our hope and confidence. Help us to display the same courageous love that the world may see Christ through us.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Compassionate Lord, hear the prayers we offer for those who are in need of healing and the strength of body or mind. We pray for Les Anderson, Taylor Antony, Carron Klukow, Jeff Ross, Dan Hanson, Marian Youngwirth and Glenna Shanley. We continue to lift up in our prayers also those who remain on our cancer list: Paul Overgaard, Pastor Jim Fleming, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson,

Georgia Holtz, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegeler, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Robert Ziemer, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, and Harv Baird that they be assured of the Lord's love and presence in their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We continue to lift up in our prayers our community and the communities of the world affected by the coronavirus. O Lord lift us up with your power, strength, and wisdom as we are confronted with fear and those things that are uncertain with regards to our everyday life and routine. Bless doctors, nurses, nurses aides, disease specialists, first responders, EMTs, law enforcement, and fire department, all who are working together for the common good of our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for our schools who provide education and meals for our children as they are learning in a whole new environment. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for our economy, for businesses, for those who are unemployed, and those who are suffering for many reasons as a result of the coronavirus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We remember the family and friends of Jen Kosbab and LeRoy Franck. Jen is the mother of Chad Kosbab and LeRoy is the father of Nancy Hansen.

P: As you came into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday you brought comfort to those who grieve the passing of loved ones through the cross of Good Friday and the empty tomb on Easter. Through your death on the cross you brought forgiveness of sins and through your empty tomb you gave the promise of everlasting life to all who believe. Comfort Jen and LeRoy's families with the hope of the resurrection and the glad reunion that awaits us in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, who orders the powers that be on this earth, move the rulers of the nations to follow the example of your Son in his determination to live his life for the good of his subjects. Instill in them a desire for compassion, peace, and justice. Grant thereby that the nations will work toward harmony and cooperation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: This we ask in the name of the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Lift High The Cross"

