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...rooted in the word, growing in faith, reaching out to our uprooted world.

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**Sixth Sunday in Lent / Palm Sunday
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A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the basement of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the basement after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

Before Service Prayer: Jesus, Son of David, save us now! Blessed are You, for You come to us in the name of the Lord. Across the ages and around the world we go in spirit to join that happy throng that sang Your praises as You rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Please come to us, King of Zion, through the means of grace, and prepare us to follow You through this crucial Holy Week. Amen.

Today's Service: "Service of the Word" NPH reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-800156

As we gather: Hail the King who humbly comes to save us! For 1700 years the Church has celebrated with Hosannas and palm branches this festival that opens Holy Week. The time for Christ's glory had come. He would not, however, gain glory in the manner of other kings. Rather, He would humble Himself in great acts of love for us, and then the Father would exalt Him to the highest place, because He had fulfilled God's mission to save mankind.

Pastor's Welcome

The words to today's hymns can be found at the end of the bulletin.

Remain seated

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

P: Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into His own city to complete His work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion His entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow Him with a lively faith. United with Him by Baptism, we share in His resurrection and new life.

P: Look! The King is coming into the city at last.
C: **Hosanna! The King comes to save His people.**

P: Look! The King is coming, riding on a lowly donkey.
C: **Hosanna! The King comes to us in humility.**

P: Look! The King is coming with no sword.
C: **Hosanna! The King comes to us with peace.**

P: Look! The King is coming without soldiers and without an army.
C: **Hosanna! The King comes to us with compassion and mercy.**

P: Look! The King is coming with resolute determination and purpose.
C: **Hosanna! The King comes to us to accomplish God's will.**

P: Look! The King is coming with tears and sorrow.
C: **Hosanna! The King comes to us to suffer and to die.**

Opening Hymn: CW 131 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Confession of Sins

P: God does not always or even often do what we expect Him to do or want Him to do. We pray, but don't hear the answer we want. We hope, but nothing changes. We anticipate a miracle and get the status quo. We want splendor and majesty, and we get humility and weakness. We want glory, and we get agony. So easily faith falters and we fail to trust. Let us confess our sin to God.

C: Lord, You do not always meet our expectations. Forgive us for failing to see and admit that the problem is not with You but with our expectations. Forgive us for refusing to receive You as You come to us. Forgive us for doubting the wisdom of Your plan. Forgive us for despising Your work and Your gifts. Forgive us and teach us to trust You and Your ways.

P: God comes to us today not as we expect Him, but as we need Him. He comes with the glory and splendor of grace and forgiveness. He comes in lowliness and humility; that you may be raised up from your sin and your failure. He comes to you and He forgives you. For the sake of Jesus, your sins are all forgiven.

C: Amen.

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

We praise You, O God, for the great acts of love by which You redeemed us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. As He was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in His path, so may we always hail Him as our King and follow Him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First Lesson: **Zechariah 9:9,10** (*Zechariah tells Jerusalem to rejoice when the messianic King comes to her, because He will have with Him the righteousness she needs and the salvation she craves. This King would surpass the glory and power of all Israel's kings before Him. King David's rule extended to the River Euphrates at its farthest—but this King's rule would extend from the Euphrates to the very ends of the earth, from sea to sea. His worldwide kingdom would mean the end of war and the advent of peace. All this He would do not with an army, but with His person—not with violence, but with gentleness. Rejoice, daughter of Zion! Your King comes to you. Hail Him!*)

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.

Psalm of the Day: **Psalm 24** (a hymn version, to the tune of CW 4)

**Lift up your heads, you mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He will bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.**

**The King is born in poverty, His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings; Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise Your grateful hymns of praise.**

**How blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is He Who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise Your happy shouts of praise.**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov'reign enter in And new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise For word and deed and grace!**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide My heart to You; here, Lord, abide!
Oh, enter with Your saving grace; Show me Your kind and friendly face.
Your Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Your name.**

*The Second Lesson: **Philippians 2:5-11** (Jesus is our King, but He came humbly to save us. Though true God, He became man. Though all powerful, He became a servant. Though immortal and eternal, He died. He not only laid aside His glory, but He took our shame upon Him. He not only humbled Himself, but He died as one who was cursed. Yet in this great humility, He won the peace of forgiveness for us. The King came humbly because He wasn't on the way to a throne in Jerusalem, but to a hill called Golgotha where He would fulfill God's mission and save His people. Therefore, God would give Him glory greater than His humiliation—every creature will bow the knee and hail Him: Jesus Christ is Lord!)*

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.

The Verse of the Day: CW 130 "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 saints 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 heav'n, our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His royal presence Eternally rejoice.**

*The Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 21:1-11** (The great King comes to His city and to His temple! He could have come with all the power and glory of the Son of God. He could have ridden a thunderstorm as His chariot with legions of angels striding beside Him and creation itself singing forth the praise of its Maker. But look how He comes: Not on the storm, but on a donkey; not accompanied by heavenly warriors, but by fishermen with a spotty record of faith; not to the sound of creation singing, but to the shouts of fickle*

pilgrims who cheered Him on Sunday but would desert Him by Friday. Why did He come so humbly? Because He came not to rule us, but to save us. He came, not to command us, but to invite us. He came not to demand anything from us, but to give everything for us. He comes in the name of the Lord to save us. Hail Him!)

1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to Me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

5 “Say to the Daughter of Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

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

“Hosanna in the highest!”

10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

11 The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day: CWS 716 “No Tramp of Soldier’s Marching Feet”

The Sermon

The Apostles’ Creed

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

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

The Offering (Place your offering in the plate located on the podium in the entryway.)

The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for Peace

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us strong in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us Your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

The Benediction (Psalm 24:9–10)

P: Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift them up, you ancient doors,

C: that the King of glory may come in.

P: Who is this King of glory?

C: The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!

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. (Numbers 6:24–26)

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: CW 133 “**Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**”

The Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week
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Cleaning this Week: Berg / James

Today—Worship Service at 9:30 AM (taped)

NO Sunday School or Bible Class

Confirmation Class 6:00 PM

Thursday—Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:00 PM (tentative)

Friday—Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00 PM (tentative)

Sunday—*Easter Sunday*

Breakfast at 8:15 AM (tentative)

Worship at 9:30 AM (tentative)

Meaningful Easter Egg Hunt at 10:45 AM (tentative)

NO Confirmation Class

CW 131 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1 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.

2 All glory, laud, and honor
To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels
Is praising you on high,
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply.

3 All glory, laud, and honor
To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
The people of the Hebrews
With palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before you we present.

4 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.

5 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 ev'ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King.

CWS 716 “No Tramp of Soldiers Marching Feet”

1 No tramp of soldiers' marching feet
With banners and with drums,
No sound of music's martial beat:
“The King of glory comes!”
To greet what pomp of kingly pride
No bells in triumph ring,
No city gates swing open wide:
“Behold, behold your King!”

2 And yet he comes. The children cheer;
With palms his path is strown.
With ev'ry step the cross draws near:
The King of glory's throne.
Astride a colt he passes by
As loud hosannas ring,
Or else the very stones would cry,
“Behold, behold your King!”

3 What fading flow'rs his road adorn;
The palms, how soon laid down!
No bloom or leaf but only thorn
The King of glory's crown.
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries.
The streets with tumult ring,
As Pilate to the mob replies,
“Behold, behold your King!”

4 Now he who bore for mortals' sake
The cross and all its pains
And chose a servant's form to take,
The King of glory reigns.
Hosanna to the Savior's name
Till heaven's rafters ring,
And all the ransomed host proclaim,
“Behold, behold your King!”

CW 133 “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue your road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

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

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see th' approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

