

+ THE GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Alphorns *Le Dimanche des Rameaux*
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WELCOME

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

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, say 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 Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and 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 and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. **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 heaven!" **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: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

OPENING HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor ELW 344 (vs. 1-3)

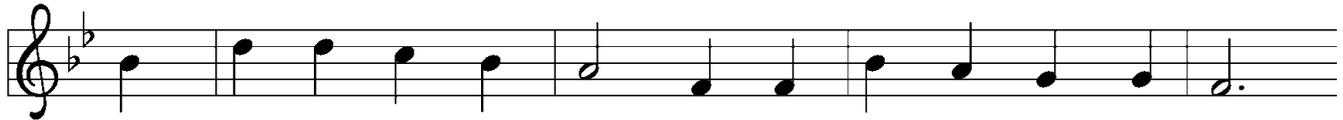
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All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re-deem-er, king,



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;

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.



INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(please kneel if you are able, be seated if you cannot)
(Silence for reflection and self examination)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen**



SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The First Reading is from Isaiah, the fiftieth chapter.

4 The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. **5** The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.

6 I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. **7** Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. **8** He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! **9** It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me?

R: This is the word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31

O Lord, I Put My Life Michel Guimont

REFRAIN/CONGREGATION



VERSES/CANTOR

In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame.
In your justice, set me free. Into your hands I commend my spirit.
It is you who will redeem me, Lord.

In the face of all my foes I am a reproach
an object of scorn to my neighbors and of fear to my friends.

Those who see me in the street run far away from me.
I am like the dead, forgotten by all, like a thing thrown away.

But as for me, I trust in you, Lord; I say: "You are my God
My life is in your hand, deliver me from the hands of those who hate me.

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SERMON Worship: in Good Times and in Hard Times Pastor Middaugh

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



- 1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
- 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
- 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
- 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(congregation may kneel or stand during prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy. . . . C: **hear our prayer.**

PASSION READING

Matthew 27:11-66

11 Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "You have said so," Jesus replied.

12 When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. **13** Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are

bringing against you?" **14** But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor. **15** Now it was the

governor's custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the

crowd. **16** At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. **17** So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them,

"Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus

who is called the Messiah?" **18** For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him. **19** While Pilate was sitting on the

judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream

because of him." **20** But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the

crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed. **21** "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor. "Barabbas,"

they answered. **22** "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the

Messiah?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!" **23** "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder,

"Crucify him!" **24** When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in

front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!" **25** All the people answered, "His blood is on us and on our children!" **26** Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. **27** Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. **28** They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, **29** and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. **30** They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. **31** After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Choir *Adoramus Te Christe: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
For by your holy cross you have redeemed the world*

32 As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. **33** They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). **34** There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. **35** When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. **36** And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. **37** Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. **38** Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. **39** Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads **40** and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it

in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" **41** In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. **42** "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. **43** He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.' " **44** In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him. **45** From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. **46** About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lemasabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). **47** When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah." **48** Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. **49** The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him." **50** And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

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51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split **52** and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. **53** They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. **54** When the centurion and those with him

who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

55 Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed

Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. **56** Among them were Mary

Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of

Zebedee's sons. **57** As evening approached, there came a rich man from

Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus.

58 Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be

given to him. **59** Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He

rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the

tomb. **62** The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and

the Pharisees went to Pilate. **63** "Sir," they said, "we remember that while

he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.'

64 So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day.

Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people

that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse

than the first." **65** "Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as

secure as you know how." **66** So they went and made the tomb secure by

putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

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+ SENDING +

P: Almighty God, Father (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

Postlude

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