



# Palm Sunday

Palms & Passion Sunday  
Concordia Lutheran Church  
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**THE SON OF DAVID ASCENDS HIS THRONE  
AND REIGNS IN LOVE FROM HIS CROSS**

**Welcome to Concordia!**

**Vacancy Pastor Team:**

Rev. Mark Brockhoff, Emeritus (Sun. 9am)  
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*(Please stand as you are able)*

## **Confession and Absolution**

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

C: **And also with you.**

P: Christ the Son of David enters into the midst of His people:

C: **“Let all the people rejoice and say: “God save the King!**

P: Because our King reigns and we are citizens of His Kingdom the Church, where His grace and mercy rule:

C: **We shall love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind.”** (Matt. 22:37 /Deut. 6:5)

P: Christ the Son of God, sits upon His Throne:

C: **“Let all the people rejoice and say: Long live the King!**

P: Because our King reigns and we are citizens of His Kingdom the Church, where His gracious and merciful dominion rules our hearts and lives.

C: **We shall love our neighbor as our self.** (Matt. 22:39 /Lev. 19:18).

P: Hail the King of Righteousness who enters into the midst of His people.

C: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unending love;**

P: According to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

**C: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

P: For I know my transgressions,

**C: And my sin is always before me.**

P: Against You, You only, have I sinned

**C: And done what is evil in Your sight,**

P: So that You are proved right when You speak

**C: And You are justified when You judge.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty gracious King and merciful Creator of the universe:

**C: Save us O Christ, from the Old Adam and Eve within us. Defend us from the sinful corruption of Your fallen creation. Defeat the Evil Foe who is set against us. Liberate us from all sinful doubts in Your gracious Lordship. Free us from our fears that weaken the holy fellowship of Your Church, and the frustrations which undermine Your royal priesthood of all believers.**

P: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: The Word of God ordains we are forgiven. So let it be spoken, so let it be done, in God's stead and by our Lord's command." Amen.**

P: Hosanna!

**C: God save our crucified King.**

P: Hosanna in the highest!

**C: Our risen King reigns from everlasting to everlasting.**

P: Blessed is Christ Jesus, who comes in the Name of the Lord.

**C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

*(Please Remain Standing)*

## **Blessing of the Palms and People**

**Palms & Passion Introit**    *“Hosanna Loud Hosanna”*    **Maroon Hymnal # 443**

**P:**     Arise, O Lord and redeem Your people.

**C:**     **O Christ deliver us with Your unflinching love.**

**P:**     Hail the King of Glory, who enters into our midst

**C:**     **Rule our congregation with Your righteousness, innocence and blessedness.**

**P:**     The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the eleventh chapter.

**C:**     **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting:

**Women:**     **“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Men:**            **Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!**

**Congregation:**     **Hosanna in the highest!”**

And 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

P: Eternal and Everlasting God, bless these branches of adoration we carry to our homes.

**C: Make them holy reminders of how, as long as Jesus enters and abides with us, He makes our faith, hope and love alive and flourishing,**

P: Creator of heaven and earth bless the palms we wear on our hearts.

**C: Let every passing day they wither, be a warning what becomes of our discipleship, if we are cut off from Your divine love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ.**

P: Heavenly Father graft our hearts to the tree of Your Son's cross, so by faith in Christ crucified our entire life be one of repentance.

**C: By hope in the risen Messiah we reap a harvest of righteousness loving in Your kingdom of grace, to the end we enjoy everlasting life in Your Kingdom of Glory. Amen**

**Palms and Passion Gloria**

**Maroon Hymnal # 441**

*"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"*

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross.

**C: Mercifully inspire us with such faith, that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience, and be made partakers of His resurrection.**

P: Grant this through the same Jesus Christ Your Son.

**C: Who is our Lord, living and reigning with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

P: The world is ruled and troubled by human opinions.

**C: Now God rules and comforts us with realities created by His Word.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **The First Reading is taken from the ninth chapter of Zechariah.**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Zechariah 9:9–12

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual**

R: Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood,

C: **Thus securing an eternal redemption.**

R: Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,

C: **So that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

R: He sent redemption to His people;

C: **He has commanded His covenant forever.**

## **The Epistle Reading is from the second chapter of Philippians.**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in

heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5–11

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please remain seated)*

### **Holy Week Verse**

P: Christ humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,

C: **Even death on a cross.**

P: I trust in you, O Lord;

C: **I say, “You are my God.”**

P: My times are in Your hand;

C: **Rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!**

P: Make Your face shine on Your servant;

C: **Save me in Your steadfast love!**

*(Please remain seated)*

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” And the chief priests accused him of many things. And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” For he

perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" And they cried out again, "Crucify him." And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

**Sermon Hymn**

*"No Tramp of Soldier's Marching Feet"*

**Maroon Hymnal # 444**

**verse one**

**No tramp of soldiers' marching feet No banners and no 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!"**

And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

*(Please stand for verse and reading)*

**Hymn**

*"No Tramp of Soldier's Marching Feet"*

**Maroon Hymnal # 444**

**verse three**

**What fading flowers 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!"**



And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last.

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

Mark 15:1–39

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

*(Please be seated)*

Hymn            *"No Tramp of Soldier's Marching Feet"*            Maroon Hymnal # 444  
verse 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!"**

**Sermon**

**Offering**

**Offertory Hymn**     *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*     **Maroon Hymnal # 442**  
*(Please stand as you are able for verses 4-5)*

**Prayers of the Church**

**The Order of Holy Communion**     **Maroon Hymnal pg 194-198**

**Distribution Hymn**     *"Christ, the Life of All the Living"*     **Maroon Hymnal # 420**  
*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Nunc Dimittis**     **Maroon Hymnal pg 199-200**

**Thanksgiving**     **Maroon Hymnal pg. 200**

**P:**     O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good

**C:**     **And His mercy endures forever.**

**P:**     The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

**C:**     **So when He is lifted up from the earth, He will draw all sinners to Himself.**

**P:**     Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,

**C:**     **He has secured our eternal redemption.**

**P:**     Savior of the world help us keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace during this most Holy Week.

**C:**     **O Triune God, You have called Your people to the new birth of one Holy Baptism, one mystical Body and one saving Faith. Abide with us, in the unity of one persevering hope, so we share in the glorious union of life everlasting.**

P: Let us serve the Lord who blesses our coming in and going out!

C: **Now and forevermore.**

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

C: **Amen.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all

C: **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

**Maroon Hymnal # 429**

*"We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died"*