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Palmarum: the Sixth Sunday in Lent

Palm Sunday
5 April A+D 2020

Welcome in the name of Christ our Savior!

Thank you for joining us where Christ our Lord has promised to be with his gifts of faith, forgiveness, and everlasting life through His Word and Sacraments!

Today's Service

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About Communion at Grace

This service is intended for our members to hear God's Word while services are suspended. Please sing along and participate in the service. Also, contact Pastor at 816-934-1741 (cell) or 660-259-2932 (church) to schedule Holy Communion. You may also schedule for Communion on our church's website. Please send your offerings to the church. If you are mailing them, mark "offering" on the outside of your envelope.

Serving Today at Grace

Pastor Brian J. Thorson
Organist Jennifer Thorson
Altar Guild Marilyn Schelp
Video Dan Lefholz

Our Response to God's Grace

Present Last Week

No services due to COVID-19.

Offerings Last Sunday

General	\$2045
Midweek Lent 4	\$95
Midweek Lent 5	\$20

He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

–Isaiah 53:12

Opening Hymn

LSB 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

- 1 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.

- 2 From Olivet they followed
Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving
And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait.

- 3 “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 blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 22:1, 7–8, 11; antiphon: vv. 19, 21



But you, O LORD, do not be | far off!*

O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!

Save me from the mouth of the | lion!*

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!

My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

All who see me | mock me;*

they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;

“He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;*

let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!”

Be not far from me, for trouble | is near,*

and there is | none to help.

But you, O LORD, do not be | far off!*

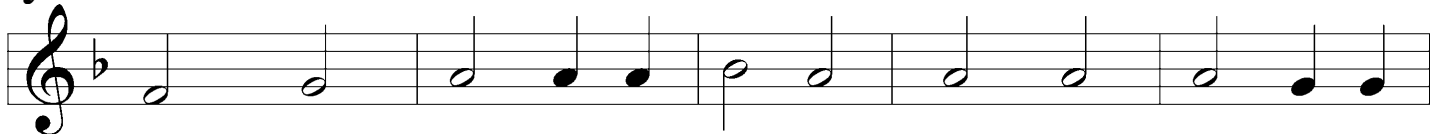
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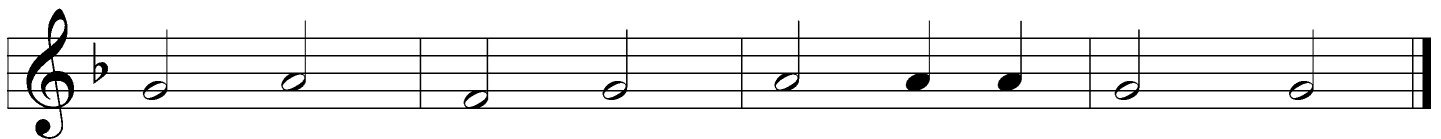
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Kyrie

Mark 10:47



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Lent.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

☐ Let us pray.

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. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of

His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be Seated

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice 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.

¹⁰I 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.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 73:23b–24, 1



You hold my | right hand.*

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to | glory.

**Truly God is good to | Israel,*
to those who are | pure in heart.**

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract

Psalm 22:1, 4–5



My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

In you our fathers | trusted;*

they trusted, and you de- | livered them.

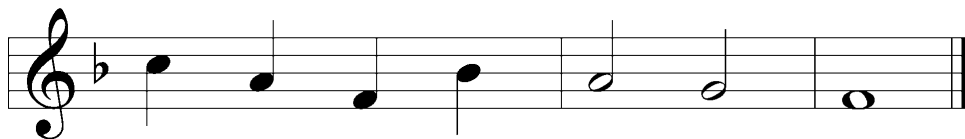
To you they cried and were | rescued;*

in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.**

Hymn of the Day

LSB 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

- ref 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 Blessèd 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

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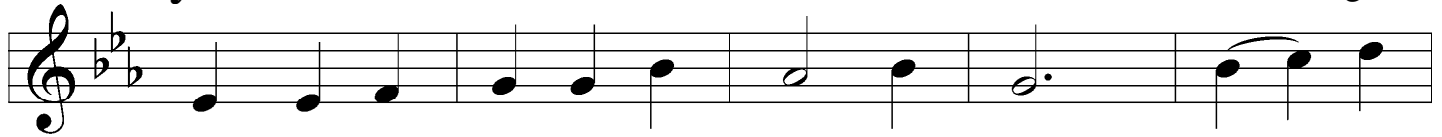
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Pastor Brian Thorson

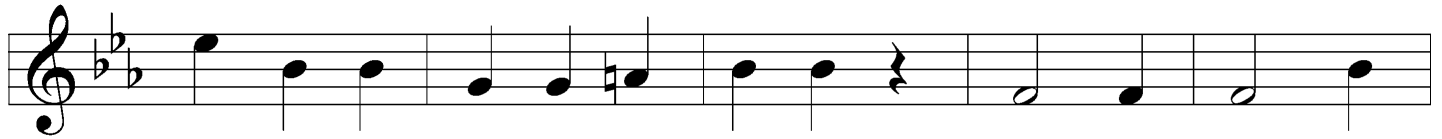
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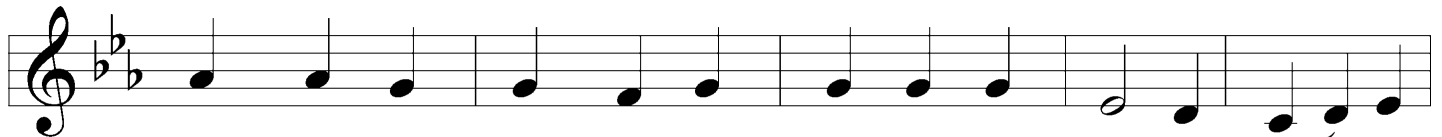
Psalm 51:10–12



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

The Offering is Received

Please send your offering to the Church

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.**

P Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

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.

Be Seated

Closing Hymn

LSB 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 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.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see the_ approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy 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 Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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Announcements

Easter lily order forms are available for you in the narthex. If you would like to order a lily to decorate the church for the Easter season, please fill out the form and place it and your money in the basket provided. *The Altar Guild*

Palm fronds are available at Church if you would like some.

Download and color palm branches for a good activity while staying at home at <https://www.facebook.com/redletterlutheran/posts/2703061256486592>

During Passiontide (through Good Friday) the Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father, etc.) is omitted. The cross is also veiled, reflecting the words of last Sunday's Gospel, "Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple" (John 8:59).

The following precautions have been implemented at Grace while the coronavirus is spreading across our country (these are recommended by The LCMS and many are aimed to prevent people from touching things that others have touched):

- Services and activities are currently cancelled. Please watch our services at our website or through our YouTube channel. As long as services are cancelled, we will be placing services online. This includes midweek and Sunday services.
- Please mail or drop off your offering.
- Please contact Pastor to receive Holy Communion. Registration is available on our church website.
- Hand sanitizer is available at both entrances to the church and at the bulletin table.

Most activities at church have been cancelled to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Pastoral care is still available from Pastor. He is happy to privately commune our members who desire it. To schedule, call or text him at 816-934-1741 or register on our church website.

The April Voters Meeting has been postponed until May. A date will be announced in late April or early May, depending on stay-at-home guidelines.

Portals of Prayer for April-June are now available in the narthex table.

We are now podcasting our sermons. Details are found on our church homepage under "COVID-19 Update" and the sermon listing with audio and video are under "Sermons."

Parents, while Sunday School and WWW are suspended, it is important to continue teaching your children the Christian faith. In addition to your regular Bible stories, devotions, and prayers that you do with your children, there are now some Sunday School resources available to you for free. Please make use of them. You can find links to them from our church website under "In the Word."

We have a Preschool teacher. If you know of students who are interested in enrolling, please contact the Church Office to receive registration forms.

Volunteers are needed to be trained in using the church's automatic defibrillator (AED). A layperson's CPR class and AED training will be offered at the Lexington Fire Department once a month for the next several months (a free 2-hour class). Please see Kristin Summerlin or Bernice Wagner for additional information.

Plans for Vacation Bible School are beginning. We need a VBS Director or a pair of codirectors. Please prayerfully consider serving this year. If interested, please see Pastor or Education Committee chairman Dan Lefholz.

Bridge of Hope Resource Center has outgrown its current space and purchased the old Bott Radio building on the south side of the square in Richmond. An anonymous donor has come forward to match \$25,000 in donations given by May 22, 2020. If you would like to help, please send your donation to Bridge of Hope, 112 S. College St., Richmond, MO 64085.

Our hymn of the Lenten season is LSB 420, "LSB 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living." written by Ernst Homburg (1605-1681). He became highly regarded as a poet while writing secular poetry but after an illness and domestic issues, he began to write Christian poetry. This hymn is based on John 1:4, "In him was life, and the life was the light of men."

The Lent/Holy Week offering designations are as follows (please send in your offerings to the Church and clearly mark your designations):

- Midweek Lent 4 (March 25): University Lutheran Chapel in Minneapolis
- Midweek Lent 5 (April 1): KMMO Radio Missions
- Maundy Thursday (April 9): Seminarian Tom Goodroad from Trinity, Kearney
- Good Friday (April 10): Local Lutherans for Life
- Holy Saturday (April 11): Community Charity

An Order for Daily Prayer

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

My mouth is filled with Your praise, **And with Your glory all the day.**

O Lord, open my lips, **And my mouth will declare your praise.**

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.

Hymn: LSB 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction

And hast borne it patiently,

Even death by crucifixion,

Fully to atone for me;

Thou didst choose to be tormented

That my doom should be prevented.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,

Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,

For Thy sorrows deep and sore,

For Thine anguish in the Garden,

I will thank Thee evermore,

Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,

For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,

For that last triumphant cry,

And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

Catechism Recitation: Confession

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

Scripture Recitation: Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

The Ten Commandments and the Creed may be confessed. A devotion may be read. The Lord's Prayer may be prayed.

Let us pray. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Prayers

Homebound: Kay Alpers, Shirley Bertz, Arnold Viebrock

Sick, injured, recovering or special needs: Perry Copus, Erma Hechsel, Terry Thorson, Sam Wagner, Lyn & Barb Wilkey, and all who are affected by COVID-19

Expecting Parents: Rebecca & Scott Steele

Those in the armed forces: Jared Clapper, Sarah & Tom Seagroatt

Seminary Students: Michael Fox, Dale Krienke, and Tom Goodroad

Missions: Rev. John Fehrmann of CLEF, Rev. Charles Ferry in Southeast Asia, our preschool, and the work of our congregation

Our congregation, as we observe our centennial

To add or remove names from our prayer list, please contact Pastor. Thank you.

This Week at Grace

For hospital visits, private confession and absolution, communion for the homebound or any other pastoral calls, please contact Pastor.

Holy Communion is available most days this week. Please contact Pastor to set up a time or schedule your time online at www.gracelutheranlexington.org

Today, Apr. 5, 2020: Palmarum, Palm Sunday

Sunday School (materials under “In the Word” at our website)
Divine Service (online at www.gracelutheranlexington.org)

Thur, Apr. 9: Maundy Thursday

Divine Service (online at www.gracelutheranlexington.org)

Fri, Apr. 10: Good Friday

Divine Service (online at www.gracelutheranlexington.org)

Next Sunday, Apr. 12: The Resurrection of our Lord

Sunday School (materials under “In the Word” at our website)
Divine Service (online at www.gracelutheranlexington.org)

Looking Ahead

Oct. 4 Centennial Celebration