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**Palm Sunday** (the greeting is repeated three times.)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosana in the highest.**

**Proclamation Gospel: John 12:12-26**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!"

<sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: <sup>15</sup> "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup> So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. <sup>18</sup> It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. <sup>19</sup> The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!"

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.<sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Blessing of Palms**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

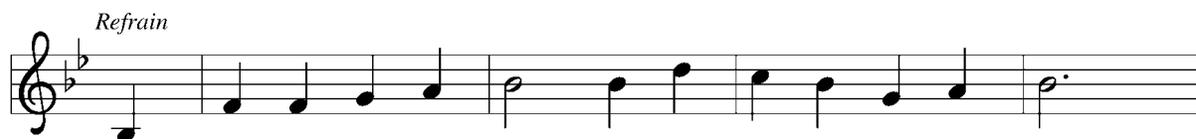
Let us pray... We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Procession**

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor



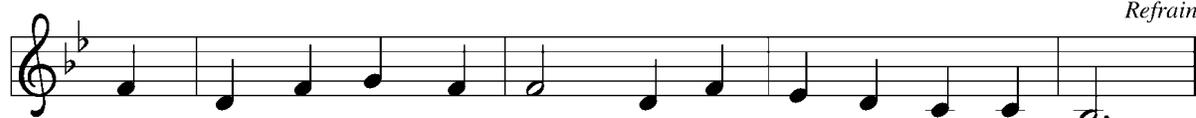
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



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;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



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.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

### Prayer of the Day

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

*A reading from Philippians.*

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel: John 19:16b-42**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup> and carrying the cross by himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them...

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...Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup> And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs...

O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally, including Bishop Yiel and Bishop Amy, Pastor William and Deacon Larry. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place, and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

## What's Happening

### March 25-27

- Wednesday            10:30am      Chair Yoga  
                                 5:45pm      Soup Supper  
                                 6:30pm      Holden Evening Prayer, GROW (preschool-5<sup>th</sup>)  
                                 7:00pm      Confirmation, Bible Study  
                                 7:00pm      ABIDE High School Youth Movie night (Heavyweights)  
                                 Candy salad
- Thursday                9:00am      Women's Coffee Group at Saint James  
                                 4:00pm      Hope Agency Cheer practice

### March 28-April 3

- Saturday                5:00pm      Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
- Sunday                    9:30am      Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
- Sunday                    10:30am     Fellowship
- Monday                    9:00am      Bible Study  
                                 10:30am     Chair Yoga
- Tuesday                    7:00am      Men's Breakfast Group at HyVee  
                                 9:00am      Online Bible Study ([Connect Here](#))
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### Celebrations March 28-April 3:

**Birthdays:** Jeff Kane, Karen Chambers, Korben Henry, Jody Lehman

**Anniversaries:** None

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