

# The Divine Service

April 10, 2022



**TO OUR GUESTS:** Welcome to Good Shepherd! Thank you for joining us today. May today's worship be a blessing to you throughout your week.

We are members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We confess the historic Lutheran Confessions found in the Book of Concord (1580). We rejoice in our fellowship with likeminded believers in the WELS ([www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)).

**TODAY'S THOUGHT:** The events of Palm Sunday might not seem pivotal to our salvation. Christ sheds no blood on this day. However, Palm Sunday sets the tone for all of Holy Week. It perfectly illustrates that Jesus came to be the kind of king this world will never understand: one who conquers his enemies by surrendering to them, one who crushes his opposition by himself being crushed, one whose path to kingly exaltation begins with humiliation. This is the kind of King we have marching into battle as one of us and for all of us this week. As a result, we are drawn to him in faith rather than driven away in fear. This humble King is our only hope. That's our God riding a donkey for us.



**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** (*Privately as you prepare for worship*)

Heavenly Father, please help me worship you with an undistracted heart. You know how my mind wanders to my upcoming week, present worries, and thoughts of others and other things. Help me put those thoughts away and focus on you and your glory. May your Spirit cause my heart, soul, mind, and strength to exalt your Holy Name in my singing, listening to Your Word, and interacting with your people. through us and come to worship you as the living God. Amen

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✠ CALL TO WORSHIP ✠

God said, "Where ever I cause my name to be honored,  
I will come to you and bless you." (Exodus 20:24)

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**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

P: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: In the name of the God who loved, redeemed us and brought us into His eternal family.**

P: Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's Paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed Him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before Him led to self-giving, suffering and death. Today we greet Him as our king, although we know His crown is thorns and His throne a cross. We follow Him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by the dark road of suffering and death. Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully Lord God of our Salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts by which you give us life and immortality through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: Hear now the story,

**C: The story of our salvation!**

P: The beginning of the Passion of our Lord.

**FIRST HYMN:**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

**CW 130**

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 victory 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.

"Hosanna in the highest!"  
That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer,  
the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence  
eternally rejoice.

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✠ CONFESSIO & PROCLAMATIO OF FORGIVENESS ✠

*Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out,  
that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, (Acts 3:19)*

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P: Holy God, as we remember Your Son's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we confess that all too often we have been part of the crowd. When things go our way ...

**C: we believe our lives are good because we worked hard.**

P: When things do not go our way ...

**C: we blame others for our troubles.**

P: God, help us to take responsibility ...

**C: not only for our own lives, but for the lives of our neighbors.**

P: Forgive us when we have forgotten Your commandments and have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves, but instead have judged others, believing them not worthy of our help or our compassion.

**C: Forgive us of our faults, and renew in us a sense of Your love and mercy.**

P: Guide us in ways we might live out Your commandments more fully in our lives.

**C: Guide us as the body of Christ to be Your hands and heart. In your Son's precious name we pray. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

P: Even on the cross, Jesus cried out for our forgiveness. So, in His name and by His command I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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### ‡ THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD ‡

*Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.*

(Psalm 143:8)

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## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Numbers 22:21-35 (EHV)**

<sup>21</sup> Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey, and went with the officials of Moab. <sup>22</sup> But God's anger burned because Balaam was going with them. So the Angel <sup>[a]</sup> of the LORD stood in the road to oppose him. Balaam was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. <sup>23</sup> The donkey saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the road, with his drawn sword in his hand. So the donkey turned off the road and went into the field. Balaam struck the donkey to make it turn back to the road. <sup>24</sup> Then the Angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between the vineyards with walls on both sides. <sup>25</sup> The donkey saw the Angel of the LORD and pressed against the wall and squeezed Balaam's foot against the wall. Balaam struck the donkey again. <sup>26</sup> Then the Angel of the LORD went ahead and stood in a narrow place where there was no room to turn to the right or to the left. <sup>27</sup> The donkey saw the Angel of the LORD and lay down under Balaam. Balaam's anger burned, and he struck the donkey with his staff.

<sup>28</sup> The LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, which said to Balaam, "What have I done to you that you have struck me these three times?" <sup>29</sup> Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have made a fool of me! If only there was a sword in my hand, I would kill you now!" <sup>30</sup> The donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey, the one you have always ridden to this day? Is this what I usually do to you?" He said, "No."

<sup>31</sup> Then the LORD opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the road, with his drawn sword in his hand. Balaam knelt and bowed with his face to the ground. <sup>32</sup> The Angel of the LORD said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Look, I myself have come out to oppose you, because your way is reckless<sup>[b]</sup> before me. <sup>33</sup> The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If it had not turned away from me, I would have surely killed you by now and let the donkey live." <sup>34</sup> Balaam said to the Angel of the LORD, "I have sinned, for I didn't know that you stood in the road to confront me. Now if this is displeasing to you, I will go back." <sup>35</sup> The Angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but you will speak only the words that I speak to you." So Balaam went with Balak's officials.

This is the word of our God.

## RESPONSE

CW 393

♪ If your beloved Son, O God, had not to earth descended  
And in our mortal flesh and blood had not sin's power ended,  
Then this poor, wretched soul of mine in hell eternally would pine  
Because of my transgression.

But now I find sweet peace and rest; despair no more reigns o'er me.  
No more am I by sin oppressed, for Christ has borne sin for me.  
Upon the cross for me he died that, reconciled, I might abide  
With you, my God forever.

## LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11;

<sup>5</sup>Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## RESPONSE

CW 393

♪ I trust in him with all my heart; now all my sorrow ceases.  
His words abiding peace impart; His blood from guilt releases.  
Free grace through him I now obtain; He washes me from ev'ry stain  
And pure I stand before him.

All righteousness by works is vain; the law brings condemnation.  
True righteousness by faith I gain; Christ's work is my salvation.  
His death, that perfect sacrifice, has paid the all sufficient price;  
In him my hope is anchored.



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✠ OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD ✠

*And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8)*

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**HYMN:**

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

**CW 131 v.1,4,5**

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,  
the King and Blessed One.

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.

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.

## **SPECIAL PRAYERS:**

### **PRAYER:**

P: O eternal One, shrouded in mystery, yet revealed in Jesus; awesome in power, yet preferring to relate to us in gentleness; capable of commanding us, yet preferring to win us with love; we can but bow in awe, in wonder, in adoration, and in praise to you who are from age to age and into all of the ages.

**C: We thank you for that humble ride Jesus took into Jerusalem.**

P: Like those folk who greeted him that day we wish to make him fit into our preconceptions.

**C: Forgive us we pray and open our hearts to His humble coming to us through word and sacrament.**

P: Bless us as we walk with Him through this week of His passion.

**C: For He lived and died for us that we might live. Amen**

### **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

### **CLOSING RESPONSE:**

P: The time has come. Jerusalem lies before Him.

C: Blessed is he...

P: The prophecy must be fulfilled.

**C: who comes in the name of the Lord.**

P: The Triumph is not in shouts

**C: Hosanna to the Son of David.**

P: The triumph is in his agony of body and spirit about to come.

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

P: The cross awaits Jesus.

**C: who comes in the name of the Lord.**

## ✠ GOD'S COMMISSION TO US ✠

*As God's chosen people, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. (Col. 3:12,14)*

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### **BLESSING**

### **CLOSING HYMN:**

*Lord Jesus, You Are Going Forth*

**CW 126 v.1,5**

Lord Jesus you are going forth  
For me your life to offer.  
For me, a sinner from my birth,  
Who caused all you must suffer.  
So be it, the, my dearest friend;  
I follow after, weeping,  
Tears flowing free, your pain to see,  
Watch o'er your sorrows keeping.

What can I for such love divine  
To you, Lord Jesus, render?  
No merit has this heart of mine;  
Yet while I live I'll tender  
Myself alone, and all I own  
In love to serve before you.  
Then when time's past, take me at last;  
In heav'n I shall adore you.







