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Sunday, March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE: We ask that you disperse in the sanctuary (practice social distancing). For Holy Communion we will have smaller communion tables so that you are able to spread out along the communion rail. Offerings will be gathered at the entrance to the sanctuary. Pastor and communion assistants will practice handwashing and/or other safe practices; in addition, the officiants will wear masks for the distribution. Because of the increase in COVID-19 cases, all are asked to wear a face covering while in the church. Ushers will assist by ushering you from the pew following the service. Please do not gather in the narthex. The church building will receive a thorough cleaning and disinfecting every week. If you are unable to attend yet, Pastor Schaefer will be glad to make arrangements with you for private Communion. We are posting the entire service on our website after each service.

Welcome to our preschool families! St. Peter's congregation is happy to have the preschool children participate in our Palm Sunday divine service. They will wave their palm branches and sing "Hosanna!" to the glory of our Savior Jesus.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The children will sing "Palm Sunday Processional" Hosanna to the Son of David, Hosanna to the King of Kings. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Children's Anthem: "Jesus Loves Me This I Know"

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so!

Jesus loves me this I know For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong!

Refrain (Spanish): Si, Cristo me ama, Si, Cristo me ama, Si, Cristo me ama, La Biblia dice así!

Please guide your children to where you are sitting after they are finished singing.

THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15) OPENING HYMN: #131 "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (See the next page.)

OPENING HYMN: All Glory, Laud, and Honor



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Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our

sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED



FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-10

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.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 24

The congregation will sing Hymn #3, "Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates." (See next page.)

Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates

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Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR (88 88 86 66) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (John 12:23)

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-10

11 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his

disciples ² 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. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately."⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it.⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is

worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen. BE SEATED

GOSPEL RESPONSE: "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"

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No tramp of soldiers' marching feet with banners and with 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 yet He comes. The children cheer; with palms His path is strown. With every step the cross draws near—the King of glory's throne. Astride a colt, He passes by as loud hosannas ring, Or else the very stones would cry, "Behold, behold your King!"

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!"

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!"

CHIEF HYMN: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" (next page)

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

SERMON: "Hands of Praise" (Disciples and Crowds) Sermon Text: Mark 11:1-10 (Gospel Lesson)

STAND



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR PALM SUNDAY

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show to us the answer to Your people's prayers of "Hosanna," "save now," in the Passion, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Uphold this world in Your order. Preserve the Church and the preaching of Your Word against all enemies. Bless our

homes, that parents and children may serve one another faithfully and grow in instruction and faith until life's end. Give health and wisdom to all who serve in public office, that their authority may be exercised for the benefit of our people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

We bring before You the sick, distressed and needy. Give Your abiding comfort in every circumstance, that in Christ we shall not die but live, and declare His works. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Look with favor on all communicants at Your table. Grant that they would come penitently and in faith to eat Your Son's true body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BE SEATED

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE





M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: See the following pages.

#130 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"#370 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

PALM SUNDAY

130 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna 1 Ho san loud ho san na, The _ na, 2 From Ol they fol lowed Mid i vet _ 3 "Ho the high est!" That _ san - na in chil - dren Through lit tle sang; pil lared crowd, The vic an ex - ul - tant _ tor cient song we sing, For Christ is an tem ple The an - them and love court ly chant - ing And palm branch wav ing clear and Re deem The Lord of heav'n, our our _ er, То Je sus. who had blessed them. Close rang. loud. The Lord of saints and gels Rode an King. With Oh, may praise him we ev - er The fold ed his breast, chil - dren sang their _ to in ly state Nor scorned that lit - tle on low heart and life and voice And in his roy - al The and prais es, sim plest the best. chil dren Should his bid - ding wait. _ on pres ence Ε nal - ly joice. ter re -_ _ _

Text: Jeanette Threlfall, 1821–80, alt.

Tune: ELLACOMBE (76 76 D) Gesang-Buch . . . der Herzogl . . . Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784, alt.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–92, st. 1-3, abr., alt.; *A Selection of Hymns*, London, 1787, st. 4-5, alt. Tune: CORONATION (86 86 86) Oliver Holden, 1765–1844.

THANKSGIVING (page 24)

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SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc dimittis*)



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today	- 9:30 AM Divine Service
Tuesday	- 7:00 PM Board of Elders
Wednesday	- 10:00 AM Online Bible Class
Thursday	 - 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Divine Service
Friday	- 1:00 PM Good Friday Service of Meditation on the Cross
Saturday	- 7:00 PM Easter Vigil Divine Service
Sunday	- 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Divine Service
	- 9:30 AM Easter Festival Divine Service

Serving our congregation:

Altar Guild – Maundy Thursday and	Ushering – Maundy Thursday: Team 4
Easter Vigil: Arlette Stobbe	Good Friday: Team 1
	Easter Vigil: Team 2
Easter: Lois Bude	Easter Dawn: Team 3
	Easter Festival: Team 4

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Let us all gather often in God's House for this most holy week of the Church year!

- April 1 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Divine Service
- April 2 1:00 PM Good Friday Service of Meditation on the Cross
- **April 3** 7:00 PM Easter Vigil Divine Service
- April 4 7:00 AM Easter Dawn Divine Service
 - 9:30 AM Easter Festival Divine Service

THANK YOU to our preschool parents who brought their children to sing for our service today. We appreciate their beautiful voices!

THANK YOU to Warren and Arlette Stobbe who have furnished altar flowers to glorify God, in all of February and March. They are very much appreciated.

MITE BOX money is due by Sunday, March 28. Please deposit your boxes in the large mite box in the narthex. Should you choose to write a check, please make it out to: "St.Peter's Lutheran Ladies' Guild".

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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