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Palm Sunday

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## Prelude

### Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

~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, Our King and blessed One. ~All glory...

♪ The company of angels Is praising You on high,

And we with all creation In chorus make reply. ~All glory...

♪ The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went;

Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present. ~All glory...

♪ To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;

To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. ~All glory...

♪ As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,

O Source of ev’ry blessing, Our good and gracious King. ~All glory...

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### Children’s Message *Please Be Seated*

### Handbell Choir

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

### Processional Gospel

Matthew 21:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying 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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And 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!” <sup>10</sup>And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

### Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Hymn of Praise**

“The King of Glory”

~The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices; Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.

♪ Who is the King of glory; how shall we call Him?

He is Emmanuel, the Promised of ages. ~The King...

♪ In all of Galilee in city or village,

He goes among His people curing their illness. ~The King...

♪ Sing then of David's Son, our Savior and Brother;

In all of Galilee was never another. ~The King...

♪ He gave His life for us, the Lamb of salvation;

He took upon Himself the sins of the nation. ~The King...

♪ He conquered sin and death, He truly has risen;

And He will share with us His heavenly vision. ~The King...

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## **Psalmody**

Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,

**The world and those who dwell therein,**

For He has founded it upon the seas

**And established it upon the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

**And who shall stand in His holy place?**

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

**Who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

He will receive blessing from the LORD

**And righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

Such is the generation of those who seek Him,

**Who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**And lift them up, O ancient doors that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!**

## Hymn of Praise

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

- ♪ Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- ♪ 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.
- ♪ Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes To see th' approaching sacrifice.
- ♪ Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne Awaits His own anointed Son.
- ♪ 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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## The Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. As You open for us the gates of righteousness, enable us to follow our Savior, walking with Him to His cross and sharing with Him in His resurrection. We pray this in the name of Him who gives us Your righteousness: Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–9

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.  
Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.  
<sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.  
<sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.  
Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.  
<sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?  
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

## The Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

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

## Nicene Creed

### Confession and Absolution

Lord Jesus, on this day when we remember Your entry into Jerusalem as King and Savior. We walk with You to Your cross, where Your righteousness is given to all who believe. Search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

*A Time of Silence*

With humble hearts, let us pray together.

**Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray. You reign over all things and yet humbled Yourself for our salvation. We confess that our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is the reason why You entered into this world. It is why You passed through the gates of Jerusalem and why You laid down Your life upon Calvary's cross—to forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe.**

With hearts that are humble and lives that are grateful, help us to receive Your grace and bow before You in worship, confessing that You alone are Lord. Amen.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, shows His mercy to us in the sending of His only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords.**

The One who entered into Jerusalem was handed over to death upon the cross so that we may be reconciled to the Father and granted His remission, full and free. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Because of our King's mercy, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

**"This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."**

## Words of Our Lord

### Lord's Prayer

### Distribution Hymn

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

- ♪ My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me, Love to the loveless shown  
That they might lovely be. Oh, who am I  
That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
- ♪ He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow; But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know. But, oh, my friend,  
My friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!
- ♪ Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing; Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King. Then "Crucify!"  
Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.
- ♪ Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to run,  
He gave the blind their sight. Sweet injuries!  
Yet they at these Themselves displease And 'gainst Him rise.

♪ They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away; A murderer they save,  
The Prince of Life they slay. Yet cheerful He  
To suff'ring goes That He His foes From thence might free.

♪ In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have; In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave. What may I say?  
Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.

♪ Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine! Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine. This is my friend,  
In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!

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## Proclamation of the Word

“The Cross: The Gate of Righteousness”

Matthew 21:10–11

## Offering and Musical Offering

### Recessional Gospel *Please Stand*

Matthew 27:27–50

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup>And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>30</sup>And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup>Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup>And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” <sup>38</sup>Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” <sup>41</sup>So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup>“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” <sup>44</sup>And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>47</sup>And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” <sup>48</sup>And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” <sup>50</sup>And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

## Prayer of the Church

*Each petition is concluded with the following:*

And so we pray:

**Help us to trust in You!**

## Benediction

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.

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

- ♪ When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.
- ♪ Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
- ♪ See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- ♪ Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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## Postlude