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THE JESUS WE ~~WANT~~

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SOMEONE TO RULE US IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sunday, April 5, 2020 – Palm Sunday

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A warm welcome to those visiting us this morning. Here at St. Paul we preach Christ crucified, whose suffering and death paid for our sins and earned for us the gift of everlasting life. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Goetzinger or Pastor Thompson. We pray that you return to worship with us again.

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

**let us shout aloud to the Rock of
our salvation.**

**Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

**For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

**The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down in worship.

**let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
for he is our God and we are the people
of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

Psalm 95:1-7



PRAYER UPON ENTERING THE CHURCH

silence for meditation.

Dear Jesus, today I see you riding into Jerusalem, being treated like a king, but like no other king in history. You came humble, to serve me, to die for me. And now risen, you are exalted as the highest of Kings. Remind me you still rule today, and that my future is sure and certain in your care as my king. Amen.

**1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

Refrain

**Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son and
leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

**2. Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. *Refrain***

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION

Stand.

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

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Saviour, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you the strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

We always begin our worship in the name of our Triune God: the Father who created us, the Son who redeemed us, and the Spirit who lives in us.

*To **confess** is to admit we’re far from perfect and so, without Jesus, shouldn’t be with a perfect God.*

*The pastor **absolves** us of our sins, that is, reminds us we’re forgiven because of Jesus’ death and resurrection.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

God promises through his prophet a king who comes humbly, yet with righteousness.

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you,
righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
I will take away the chariots from Ephraim
and the warhorses from Jerusalem,
and the battle bow will be broken.
He will proclaim peace to the nations.
His rule will extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

We believe that the Bible is the source of all spiritual truth, and so we read lessons from it to learn who God is and what he's done for us throughout history and still today.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

Paul tells us how Jesus was equally Lord of the universe with God, yet humbled himself as a human to serve us. And now he reigns once again as the highest of kings.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God
something to be used to his own advantage;
rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
Therefore God exalted him
to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above
every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee
should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under
the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus
Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

VERSE OF THE DAY*John 12:23*

M: The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

The congregation stands.

GOSPEL*Matthew 21:1-11*

We see Jesus fulfilling God's promise of a king, coming to save.

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

"Say to Daughter Zion,
'See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

Gospel means
"Good News,"
and so this is a
reading from the
historical
biographies of
Jesus that tells us
the good news of
how Jesus came
into this world to
save us.

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Christian Worship 133:1,2,5

*The **Hymn of the Day** is meant to especially celebrate today's unique theme.*

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Saviour meek, pursue your road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.**
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die,
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.**
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.**

SERMON

Philippians 2:5-11

*The King Who Gave Up Everything,
and the Criminal who was Given Everything*

*A **sermon** is simply a longer reflection on one of today's readings from the Bible.*

APOSTLES' CREED

Stand.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.**

*The **Apostle's Creed** is a summary of the Christian faith based on statements of faith from the 100s. It is a summary of the facts our assurance of forgiveness is based on.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Spoken by the Pastor

*The **Prayer of the Church** is our biggest prayer of the day, focusing on our day's theme and asking God to care for us, our community, and the world.*

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

*Two-thousand
years ago, Jesus
taught his
disciples to pray
with these words.
We use them still
today, able to call
God our Father
because of Jesus.*

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
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 favour and ☩ give you peace.**

*We always end
with a blessing
used by believers
for thousands of
years, reminding
us we leave as
children loved by
God and at peace
with him, all
because of Jesus.*



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

**3. When I stand in glory, I will see his face;
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place.**

Refrain

**Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son and
leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**



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God's grace welcomes you, no matter who you are or where you come from—and so do we. We're so glad we've had the opportunity to share God's grace through Jesus to you. Jesus makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God's authentic message of grace and guidance for us.

Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again. And if there's any way we can serve you, please don't hesitate to let us know.

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