

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

10:30 am

Zion Lutheran Church
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AS WE GATHER

With great celebration the throngs of people welcomed Jesus, but they did not comprehend that His gift of life would come at the cost of His own death. We are not in the dark about what awaited Jesus. We know that His great love for us was tested in death on the cross. We know that Jesus was not victim, but the willing Savior who was determined to pay the price for our redemption. Today we celebrate the great love that our King has for us.

OPENING SENTENCES

(Spoken at the back before the Processional Hymn.)

Reader: From Philippians, Chapter 2,
Jesus Christ, 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.

Reader: From Matthew Chapter 21,
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!” “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.”

(The congregation raises their palm branches)

CALL TO WORSHIP SONG: “Hosanna” Adult and ZionKids Choir

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O God, when we could not come to You because of our lost condition, You came to us in the person of Your only son, Jesus Christ. He humbled Himself and became obedient to the cross, that we might behold You and again feel your embrace. Father in heaven, hear us now as we confess our sins to You.

People: O God, we approach Your throne of mercy because we know we are sinners. We stand accused by Your Law. Our thoughts have been rebellious and impure and have not focused on You. Our words have been unkind and unholy, and we have failed to tell of Your love. Our deeds have been erroneous and selfish, and we have not served You and others as we ought. Forgive us and help us to live as Your people for Jesus’ sake.

Pastor: For your sake, Jesus, the Son of God came into the world to give His life, to pay the price for your sin. Because your King came and died for you, you are forgiven. In the stead and by the command of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!

PRAISE SONG: Our King Has Come Jacob Daniel

Verse 1

Son of David Blessed Savior Mighty, yet born in a manger
Come, Blessed is He who comes

Worthy of the throne in heaven Yet, He'll wear a crown much different
Come, Blessed is He who comes

Pre-chorus

He is the One, the One We've been waiting for He is the One, the One...

Chorus

Shout! Let our hearts sing out Lift up your voices our Savior's here right now
Victory has come! Rejoice! Let this anthem out
Sing Hallelujah for this is Holy ground
Jesus, the Righteous One Hosanna, our King has come

Verse 2

Our Messiah here to save us Even rocks cry out with praises
Come, Blessed is He who comes

Pre-chorus

He is the One, the One We've been waiting for He is the One, the One...

Chorus

Shout! Let our hearts sing out Lift up your voices our Savior's here right now
Victory has come! Rejoice! Let this anthem out
Sing Hallelujah for this is Holy ground
Jesus, the Righteous One Hosanna, our King has come

Bridge

He is the One, the One we've been waiting for
We know His love, His love will reign forevermore

He is the One, the One we've been waiting for
We know His love His love

Chorus

Shout! Let our hearts sing out Lift up your voices our Savior's here right now
Victory has come! Rejoice! Let this anthem out
Sing Hallelujah for this is Holy ground
Jesus, the Righteous One Hosanna, our King has come

Ending

Our King has come! Our King has come!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore, have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me?

Here ends the Reading.

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel Reading: John 12:12-43

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that

these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him. Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. So, the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!”

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. The crowd spoke up, “We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this ‘Son of Man’?”

Then Jesus told them, “You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.” When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them. Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet:

“Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” For this reason, they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere: “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn—and I would heal them.” Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about him. Yet at the same time many, even among the leaders, believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not

openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved human praise more than praise from God.

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

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I believe in one God; the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

WELCOME, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, PRAISE CARDS

OFFERING | TREASURE BOX

SPECIAL MUSIC: “The Weight” Luke Pendleton, Matt Preston & Nate Sabin

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

People: Amen.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG: "God With Us" All Sons and Daughters

Verse 1

Oh You've come To bring peace To be love To be nearer to us
You have come To bring life To be light To shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel God with us

Chorus

Our Deliverer You are Savior In Your presence we find our strength
Over everything Our redemption God with us You are God with us

Verse 2

Oh You've come To be hope To this world For Your honor and name
Oh You've come To take sin To bear shame And to conquer the grave
Oh Emmanuel God with us

Chorus

Our Deliverer You are Savior In Your presence we find our strength
Over everything Our redemption God with us You are God with us

Bridge

You are here You are holy We are standing In Your glory
You are here You are holy We are standing In Your glory
You are here You are holy We are standing In Your glory
You are here You are holy We are standing In Your glory Lord

Chorus

Our Deliverer You are Savior In Your presence we find our strength
Over everything Our redemption God with us You are God with us

Chorus

Our Deliverer You are Savior In Your presence we find our strength
Over everything Our redemption God with us You are God with us

Oh God with us, You are God with us

COMMUNION SONG: Holy Forever

Brian Johnson, Chris Davenport, Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson, Phil Wickham
CCLI Song #7249209

Verse 1

A thousand generations falling down in worship
to sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
and all who will believe
will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1

**And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever**

Verse 2

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

Chorus 1
Chorus 2

**Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever**

Pre Chorus

(Jesus) Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all *(repeat all)*

Chorus 1
Chorus 2
Ending

You will always be Holy
Holy forever

DISMISSAL of the COMMUNICANTS and PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING PRAISE SONG: Lion and the Lamb © Big Daddy Weave

Verse 1

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop The Lord almighty

Chorus

Our God is the Lion The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

Verse 2

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of Kings
Our God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord almighty

Chorus

Our God is the Lion The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him

Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

Bridge

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord?

Chorus

Our God is the Lion The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him

Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
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Leader: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,
All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!