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Palm Sunday

13th April 2025

Eucharistic Liturgy: Thanksgiving of the People of God We prepare for a procession with palms as we gather outside the church building

Presider: This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Sentence for Palm Sunday:

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest. Matthew 21: 9

Presider:E te whanau a te Karaiti / Brothers and sisters in Christ,
during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration
of Christ's death and resurrection.
Today we come together
to begin this solemn celebration in union with
the church throughout the world.
Christ entered Jerusalem this day in triumph,
a triumph that led through suffering and death
to resurrection and new life.
In faith and love, may we follow this Messiah,
the humble ruler, who comes riding on a donkey.Let us pray together, saying:
God of our salvation,
help us to enter with joy

into the celebration of those mighty acts by which you have given us fullness of life; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

We hold up our palm branches and palm crosses for the Prayer of Blessing:

Sovereign God, we praise you and thank you for the acts of love by which you have set us free. On this day, Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly to suffer and to die, and was greeted with branches of palm. Let these branches be for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty. May we who carry them follow Christ in the way of the cross which leads to life; through Christ who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Let us proceed in peace.

We process to the main entrance of the church, waving palms, and singing

There's a man riding in on a donkey Words: Paul Wigmore / Jubilate Group - Tune: **Sing Hosanna**

 There's a man riding in on a donkey, there's a man, and they say he's king! And the palm leaves are waving a welcome and the voices of the people sing:

Refrain: Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King of kings! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King!

- 2 Why a king riding in on a donkey? Why a king wearing no fine crown? Where the drums? Where the high-sounding cymbals if a king is riding into town?
- Hear the voice of the King on a donkey!
 Hear the joy of the news he brings!
 He is Jesus, the Son of the Highest.
 He is Jesus and the King of kings!

The procession pauses and we re-gather at the main entrance to listen to the Reading

Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-10

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church Thanks be to God. The procession then enters the church as we sing the next hymn; we place the palm branches on the floor at the front of the church, then take our seats

Processional Hymn: All Glory, Praise and Honour

SG380 -Theodulph, Bishop of Orleans - Trans. JM Neale - Tune: ST THEODULPH

Refrain: All glory, praise and honour	³ The people of the Hebrews
to you, redeemer, king,	with palms before you went;
to whom the lips of children	our praise and prayer and anthems
made sweet hosannas ring.	before you we present. [Refrain]
¹ You are the king of Israel,	⁴ To you before your passion,
great David's greater son;	they sang their hymns of praise:
you ride in lowly triumph,	to you, now high exalted,
the Lord's anointed one! [Refrain]	our melody we raise. [Refrain]
² The company of angels	As you received their praises,
are praising you on high,	accept the prayers we bring,
and we with all creation	for you delight in goodness,
together, make reply. [Refrain]	O good and gracious king. [Refrain]

Presider:	The peace of Christ rule in our hearts The word of Christ dwell in us richly.
Sentence:	At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <i>Philippians 2:10–11</i>
Collect:	Jesus, when you rode into Jerusalem the people waved palms with shouts of acclamation. Grant that when the shouting dies we may still walk beside you even to a cross; for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 (ANZPB)

1	We give thanks to you O Lord for you are gracious:
	and your love endures for ever.
2	Let the house of Israel say:
	'God's love endures for ever.'
19	Open to me the gates of the temple:
	that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
20	This is the gate of the Lord:
	through which the righteous shall enter.
21	I will thank you because you have answered me:
	and you have become my deliverer.
22	The stone which the builders rejected:
	has become the head of the corner.
23	This is the Lord's doing:
	and it is marvellous in our eyes.
24	This is the day which the Lord has made:
	let us rejoice and be glad in it.
25	Save us O Lord we pray:
	Lord we pray you to give us success.
26	Blessèd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord:
	we bless you from the house of the Lord.
27	The Lord is God, and has given us light:
	with branches in your hands,
	go forward in procession up to the horns of the altar.
28	You are my God and I will thank you:
	you are my God and I will extol you.
29	We give thanks to you O Lord for you are gracious:
	and your love endures for ever.
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Reading:

Hymn:

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Listen to the shouts of praise! Words: Molly Knight © Jubilate Hymns Tune: **Nos Galan** (trad. Welsh melody)

Listen to the shouts of praise! someone great is coming here, riding to the holy city, nearer now the people cheer. Jesus Christ, the King, is coming; crowds are pouring down the street. Raise your branches, O you children, shout with joy and stamp your feet.

² Now we see him gentle Jesus, healer of the lame and blind, humbly riding on a donkey, friend of children, good and kind. Look, he comes, the promised Saviour; round him loud hosannas ring: welcome him, you waiting people, welcome Christ, your Lord and King!

Gospel Reading: Luke 19: 28-40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter nineteen, beginning at the twenty-eighth verse. **Praise and glory to God.**

After the Reading: This is the Gospel of Christ. Praise to Christ, the Word.

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

Jesus, Son of David, let us follow in your way; Let us walk with you to Jerusalem. ('Let Us Pray' - Janet Nelson)

Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

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We stand **The Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

As we sing the next Hymn, the bread and wine are brought to the altar; our offerings for the Foodbank and money to support ministry and mission are collected and presented also.

Offertory Hymn: No tramp of soldiers' marching feet

Lutheran Service Book #444 - Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith Tune: <u>KINGSFOLD</u> / Star of County Down

- 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 ev'ry 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!"

- ³ What fading flow'rs 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!"
- ⁴ 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 Saviour's name till heaven's rafters ring, and all the ransomed host proclaim "Behold, behold your King!"

The Preparation of the Gifts

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory and the majesty. All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here. God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, everliving God, to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature.

Who though tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin; through him therefore we may triumph over sin and grow in grace.

In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore we proclaim your great and glorious name, saying,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

On the night before he died, he took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray saying ...

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.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

The Invitation to Communion

Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua, tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti. Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

Communion will be served at standing stations at the Sanctuary steps - all are welcome to receive the bread and wine at communion, (<u>however please note that intinction, ie dipping</u> <u>the wafer into the wine chalice, is **NOT** permitted</u>); although you are welcome to receive the bread only if you prefer, or to come forward for a blessing only.

If you need communion served to you in your seat, please indicate to the servers.

Prayer after Communion

God of our salvation, in this Eucharist you have renewed us in your covenant. Help us to follow in the path of him who came to open the eyes of the blind and bring prisoners out of darkness. Amen.

The Lenten Wreath

Today we extinguish the sixth, and final, purple candle in the Lenten Wreath as our journey through this season has brought us to the beginning of Holy Week. So now we anticipate Maundy Thursday, and the events which take us closer to the cross of Good Friday.

The Blessing May Christ who calls you to take up your cross, give you strength to bear your own and one another's burdens; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you for ever. Amen.

<u>Closing Hymn:</u> **Ride on, ride on in majesty** TiS348 / SG 386 / CP129 - Words: Henry H Milman - Tune: **WINCHESTER NEW**

¹ Ride on, ride on in majesty; hark, all the tribes hosanna cry!	look down with sad and wondering eyes
O Saviour meek, pursue your road	to see the approaching sacrifice.
with palms and scattered garments strowed.	⁴ Ride on, ride on in majesty: your last and fiercest strife is nigh;
² Ride on, ride on in majesty,	the Father on his sapphire throne
in lowly pomp ride on to die.	awaits his own anointed Son.
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;
³ Ride on, ride on in majesty;	bow your meek head to mortal pain,
the winged squadrons of the sky	then take, O Christ, your power and reign!

The Dismissal Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

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