

Early Service Order of Service

Divine Service Setting Three

As We Gather Today is a very special day. This is true not only because it is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week; today is a very special day because the Word of God is proclaimed in our hearing. In this present hour, in this very house of the Lord, His Word delivers to us the saving work of Jesus. This Word of God is living and active, inspired by the life-giving Spirit who, this very day, brings us to the King who humbled Himself by becoming "obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8). As we are gathered again in the presence of our crucified and risen King, may we join with the ancients and say, "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

Prelude

The Royal Banners Forward Go

Wilbur Held
(1914-2015)

Confession and Absolution

Please stand as you are able

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Hebrews 12:2

P Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C the founder and perfecter of our faith,

P who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Opening Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

LSB 443

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5 LSB 184

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Please kneel as you are able

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 185

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!
C **We bless You from the house of the LORD.**
P Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
C **that the King of glory may come in.**
P Who is this King of glory?

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

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

C that the King of glory may come in.

P Who is this King of glory?

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

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

C We bless You from the house of the LORD.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. 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.



C A - men.

Please be seated

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

A The First Reading for Palm Sunday is from Zechariah, chapter nine.

⁹Rejoice 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.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 118:19-29



L ¹⁹Open to me the gates of | righteousness,*
that I may enter through them
and give thanks | to the LORD.

C ²⁰This is the gate | of the LORD;*
the righteous shall enter | through it.

²¹I thank you that you have | answered me*
and have become my sal- | vation.

²²The stone that the builders re- | jected*
has become the | cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD's | doing;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

24This is the day that the | LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

25Save us, we pray, | O LORD!*
O LORD, we pray, give | us success!

26Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*
We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

27The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.*
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the | altar!

28You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;*
you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.

29Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

A The Epistle is from Philippians, chapter two.

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Lenten Verse

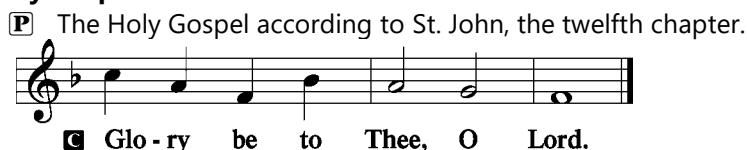
Joel 2:13



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

John 12:12-19



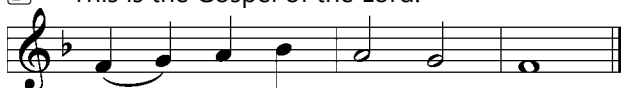
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

LSB 442

Please be seated

Sermon

Silence for reflection

Please stand as you are able

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

Offering

During this time, please fill out and pass the blue Friendship Register. Please indicate whether you are a member or visitor. If you do not currently have a church home, we invite you to join the family of believers here at Christ the Redeemer.

Voluntary

Introduction-Choral from Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Please stand as you are able

Offertory Hymn

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

LSB 441

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Collect

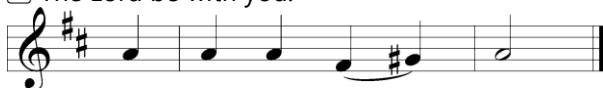
- P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus

- P** The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

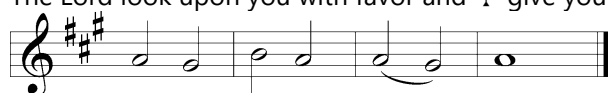
- P** Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** 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.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

LSB 423

Announcements

- P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

All Glory, Laud, and Honor Alexandre Guilmant
(1837-1911)

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Music Notes for March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday

The Prelude for Palm Sunday is a dramatic arrangement of the Latin hymn "The Royal Banners Forward Go" (LSB 455) by American composer and organist Wilbur Held (1914-2015). The work opens with a stark but commanding harmonization of the plainchant melody utilizing the full tonal resources of the organ. This is followed by a more reflective setting of the chant melody. Following this quiet interlude, the full organ registration returns suddenly, and the chant melody is juxtaposed against fragments of the hymn "O Dearest Jesus" (LSB 439), reminding us amidst the triumph of Palm Sunday that we are journeying with Jesus to his cross and burial. The piece concludes with a final statement of the chant, made even more striking by the addition of the brightest, most powerful stops of the organ.

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897) was a French composer and organist of the Romantic period (c. 1820-1900). His *Suite Gothique*, which comprises four short movements, is his most well-known piece for solo organ. The first movement, *Introduction-Choral*, is a stately, powerful work that alternates grand, bold statements of a richly harmonized chorale theme with gentler, less bombastic echoes of that original theme.

Ernest Chausson (1855-1899) was a French Romantic composer whose small but significant compositional output was deeply admired by his contemporaries, particularly his close friend Claude Debussy (1862-1918). Chausson's *Ave Verum Corpus* ("O Hail, Very Body") is a lush, achingly beautiful setting of a 13th- century Eucharistic prayer written as a meditation on the real presence of the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

Like Boëllmann and Chausson, Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911) was a French Romantic composer. The Postlude, a majestic setting of the Hymn of the Day, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (LSB 442), was written by Guilmant in August 1894. This piece, which is primarily based on the first phrase of the hymn tune, features flowing sixteenth-note figurations throughout. The work concludes with a dramatic pedal flourish, wherein the sixteenth-note passages that have predominated throughout the piece are passed from the hands to the feet, underpinning a final declamatory statement of the opening phrase of the hymn tune.