



Sixth Sunday in Lent

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

a member congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OUR ONLINE IN-HOME WORSHIP SERVICE

Thank you for joining us today in our online in-home worship service! This service is designed to be used with just one person or with your family and friends who have gathered to thank and praise Jesus for his continued goodness to us. Print as many copies of this bulletin as you wish or follow along looking at this file on any computer, tablet or phone.

Before watching, it may be helpful to remove distractions from the room such as pets, loud toys, etc. Parents might explain to children that we will be worshiping Jesus while the video is playing, listening and responding just like we usually do at church. It might feel a little odd at first to worship this way, but if you explain the situation beforehand, you can expect better participation in your home.

SEASON OF LENT 2020

Lent is a season of contrasts. On Sundays in Lent this year, we are learning about our Christian faith by focusing on the second lessons appointed for the season of Lent as we prepare for Easter. Each of these second lessons illuminate a sharp contrast. We will highlight these contrasts of Lent through preaching, teaching, and black and white art. We will see how God reveals the stark contrast between sinful humans and the redeeming God-man, between doing it yourself and trusting in God, between being darkness or being light in the Lord. Get a glimpse of the “old self” and “new self” to see and appreciate the transformation that God has accomplished through Christ. The contrasts are as opposite as death and life. The only one who could accomplish these transformations is the one who humbled himself, so that we could be changed, and exalted.



PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Bless us, O Lord, as we prepare to worship you today. Help us to concentrate on your life- saving gospel which reminds us that heaven is ours. Help us take this to heart. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING SONG

Hosanna Processional

PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-9

Reader: ^{21:1} As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

⁶The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

Congregation: “Hosanna to the Son of David!”

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

“Hosanna in the highest!”

INVOCATION

Based on Psalm 118

M: This is the day the Lord has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: From the house of the Lord we will bless you.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: O Lord, with the Palm Sunday crowd, we cry to you this day:

All: Hosanna! Save us now, we pray!

Men: Save us, for we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed.

Women: Save us, for we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

Men: Save us, for we have not loved you with our whole heart.

Women: Save us, for we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

All: For the sake of Jesus Christ, the Son of David and the Son of God, have mercy on us. Forgive, renew, and cleanse us. And by your Holy Spirit, enable us to walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

M: Jesus Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, so that through faith in him you receive life and salvation. It is in his name, the name that is above every name, that I forgive your sins. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. To him be the glory.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Jesus when he came into Jerusalem, lead us to recognize him as our only hope of salvation, so that when he comes again in all power and glory, we may go forth to meet him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-10

The prophet foretells Jesus' coming in humility and lowliness. Notice that his coming is unlike that of any earthly monarch, because he brings peace between God and man.

⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion!
Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!
Look! Your King is coming to you.
He is righteous and brings salvation.
He is humble and is riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the horse from Jerusalem.
The battle bow will be taken away,
and he will proclaim peace to the nations.
His kingdom will extend from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



1 What grace is this! My Lord and
 2 What grace is this— That ve - ry
 3 What grace is this! Though Lord of
 4 What grace is this! Rude a - gon -
 5 What grace is this! Once wrapped in
 6 What grace is this? How can it



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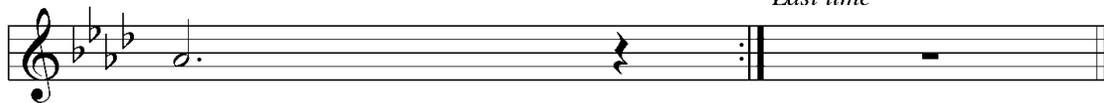


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⁵Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. ⁶Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, ⁷but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

LORD, Give Me An Attitude Like Jesus.

An Attitude of Humility
An Attitude of Gratitude

SONG OF PRAISE

Be Still My Soul

By Koine

- 1 **Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**
- 2 **Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he lived below.**
- 3 **Be still, my soul, though dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;
Then you will better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.**
- 4 **Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord Jesus Christ, mighty in battle, victorious Champion of love, we welcome you into our hearts and homes this week.

C: We praise you for going to the cross for us and for defeating Satan, sin and death.

M: Guide our congregational leaders as they seek to develop effective strategies for sharing the Gospel in the coming years. Show us how best to reach this community with the message of salvation and inspire us to do all we can to carry out your mission of mercy.

C: Keep our congregation focused on our mission of glorifying you, growing in faith, and going with the Word into the world.

M: Through your amazing love, so patient and faithful, work repentance in the hearts of those who are straying from your Word and your Church. Gather them again into your blessed family of forgiven followers.

C: Rescue and deliver the addicted and despairing. Comfort those who suffer broken homes. And hold us all in your tender mercy.

M: Have mercy on us through this difficult time. Keep us and our neighbors safe from the virus that plagues our world and please bring it to a swift end.

C: Hear and help those who are sick. Bring them your healing and hope in Jesus. Help us to be instruments of your love as we help others through this challenging time in our nation.

M: Hear us as we also join and pray:

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.

BLESSING

M: May the Lord Jesus, who came to bring you salvation, come into your heart, and fill you with joy and peace in believing. May the eternal love of God sustain you. May the abiding peace of God comfort you. And may the unfailing grace of God strengthen you to walk in his paths.

C: Amen.

OFFERINGS

The members of this congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Please recognize that it is vital for the continued ministry we carry out together to continue to support our ministry with regular giving, even while we worship together in our homes. *Please see our Love Notes for more information on ways to give your offerings.*

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