



At Home Worship  
Palm Sunday  
April 5, 2020

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Closter, New Jersey

## OPENING SONG: HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna  
the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises,  
the simplest and the best.
2. From Olivet they followed  
mid an exultant crowd,  
the victory palm branch waving,  
and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children  
should on his bidding wait.
3. "Hosanna in the highest!"  
That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer,  
the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence  
eternally rejoice.

Pastor Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
People **Amen**

Pastor This is the day the Lord has made;  
People **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor From the rising of the sun to its setting  
People **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Pastor Have no anxiety about anything,  
People **but in everything by prayer let your requests be made known to God.**

Pastor They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
People **they shall mount up with wings like eagles;**

Pastor They shall run and not be weary;  
People **they shall walk and not faint.**

## **PSALM 23 (In Unison)**

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning,  
is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

## **PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL:**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 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!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

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. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED (IN UNISON)**

**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.

## MESSAGE

### **PALM SUNDAY PRAYER:**

Pastor: Dear Jesus, on the Sunday before Your Passion, You entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Your disciples remembered all the miracles You had done and proclaimed Your praises with loud voices. Help us to sing Your praises today. Help us to greet You as our King.

**People: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: Help us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to walk with You through Holy Week. Help us to worship You as our faithful Savior and loving Lord.

**People: From the house of the Lord we bless You. Hosanna!**

Pastor: Bring us through Your Passion, suffering and death to the joy and hope of Easter.

**People: Help us to proclaim Your praises throughout the week to come.**

Pastor: We pray in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor Almighty God, because You have committed Your people to the ministry of intercession, hear us as we pray for one another.

**People Fill our hearts with peace and love.**

Pastor We pray for the world: Lord of all, we pray for Your whole creation. Help us as we seek to bring an end to violence and injustice. Help us as we seek to feed and clothe people. Help us to be faithful caretakers of the earth, so that all may enjoy the good world You have made. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People hear our prayer.**

Pastor We pray for the church: Heavenly Father, be with Your Church, give all ministers of the Word Your grace and truth that Your people might grow in faith, and that Christ may be honored by all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People hear our prayer.**

Pastor We pray for those who are ill. Source of all healing, we ask You to strengthen the tired, to ease the pain of those who suffer, and to let those who are dying know that you hold them in Your loving arms. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People hear our prayer.**

Pastor We pray for family and friends: O God our Father, bless those we love, and help us to love all people so that, as You love us, we may grow in love for each other. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People hear our prayer.**

Pastor We pray for the communities in which we live and serve. We pray for all who serve on the front lines of caring for those infected by the Coronavirus. We pray for doctors, nurses, health care workers and first responders. We pray for those who are sick, and in need of care. We pray for those who experience isolation in these times of social distancing. We pray for our schoolteachers, students and families. We pray for those who work in the supermarkets and stores in our communities. We pray for our leaders, our state, our nation, and our world. We pray that You would bless the people and our witness to them. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People Hear our prayer.**

Pastor Almighty God, You have given us the grace to make our prayers known to You and have promised always to listen. Fulfill our requests as may be best and grant us knowledge of Your truth in this world and in the life to come. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.  
**People Amen.**

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

**People 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.**

## **BLESSING**

Pastor The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
**People Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS**

1. Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.
2. Crown Him the Virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn;  
Fruit of the mystic rose, As of that rose the stem;

The root whence mercy ever flows, The Babe of Bethlehem.

3. Crown Him the Lord of Love. Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wondering eye At mysteries so bright.
4. Crown Him the Lord of Life Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.
5. Crown Him the Lord of Heaven, Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the King to whom is given The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is Lord of all.