



# Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center



## Palm Sunday

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

JuBellation Ringers

WELCOME

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna in the highest!**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-10

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

## PRAYER OF BLESSING AND PALMS

L: This blessing can be heard coming from a long way off.  
This blessing is making its steady way up the road toward you.

**C: This blessing blooms in the throats of women,  
springs from the hearts of men, tumbles out of the mouths of children.  
This blessing is etched into the branches that trace the path.**

L: Something is rising beneath this blessing. Something will try to drown it out. But this blessing cannot be turned back, cannot be made to still its voice, cannot cease to sing its praise of the One who comes along the way it makes.

**C: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

L: Something is rising in us, O God, and we give you thanks for the gift of your Spirit. We praise and thank you for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

**C: We ask that you bless us now on the journey, O Lord. May our steps draw us ever nearer to the cross and the empty tomb. May our steps draw us ever closer to your grace. We pray in the name of the one named Messiah, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Joy to the World” – Three Dog Night

## GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

**C: Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

# WORD

## SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## PASSION NARRATIVE

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Hallelujah” – Rufus Wainwright

## PRAYER

### THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always,      C: **And also with you!**

*You are now invited to prepare your communion elements.*

## MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you,      C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts,      C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112

**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.**

*If you have prepared communion elements, you are invited to commune now saying:  
"The body of Christ, given for you." & "The blood of Christ, shed for you."*

# SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

## SENDING HYMN

“Jerusalem, My Destiny” – Rory Cooney

## DISMISSAL

L: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

## Holy Week Schedule

**Please note that all livestreamed services will be available on our YouTube channel once the service has ended if you cannot attend in real time.**

- **Maundy Thursday – April 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - Livestream worship service @ 6 pm.
- **Good Friday – April 2<sup>nd</sup>**
  - Prerecorded contemplative service of prayer, scripture, and music that can be found on our YouTube channel.
- **Easter Vigil – April 3<sup>rd</sup>**
  - In-person worship service on the lawn @ 3 pm that will also be livestreamed.
- **Easter Sunday – April 4<sup>th</sup>**
  - In-person worship services on the lawn @ 8 am, 9:30 am, & 11 am.
  - The 9:30 am service will be livestreamed.

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# All Are Welcome!

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If you are a believer, a doubter or a seeker after Christ — you have a place here.

If you own, rent, or have nothing at all — you are welcome here.

If you are fully abled, disabled, or a person of differing abilities, if you have regrets, fears, addictions, or afflictions — you have a place here.

All who are wise and all who are confused, all who have found love and all who have lost it, all who celebrate this welcome statement and all who fear it — are welcome here.

For these are all of the things that make you who you are: the person God loves. Come as you are and be celebrated for who you are. The time is now. Your place is here. Bethlehem Lutheran Church is an all-inclusive church.

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to announce boldly the love of God through Christ.**



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