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# Sixth Sunday in Lent

*Palm Sunday — April 5, 2020*

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**Today's Theme for Worship:** Jesus humbly and willingly rides on to suffer and die for us.

**Adult Choir: Hosanna Processional**

P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## **Confession of Sins**

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## **♪ Oh Taste And See**

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless-ed are they who take re-fuge in him.

Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter-nal;  
it stands firm in the heav-ens.  
Your faith-ful-ness con-tin-ues for-ev-er.

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## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us Pray.

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** ♪ **Amen.**

## The Word

### FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice 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.  
<sup>10</sup>I 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.

### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 24

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*Special music sings the Psalm. Congregation joins in the refrain.*



— He reigns, He reigns Je - sus the Lord. He  
reigns, He reigns for - ev - er - more.

The King of Glory Reigns  
Over all the world  
His mighty hand sustains  
The heavens and the earth.  
Who may come to Him  
And seek His holy face?

He calls the pure in heart  
All whose hands are clean  
And those who love His name  
Above all other things  
Humbly I will bow  
And Jesus' Name confess

**Refrain**

He reigns, He reigns  
Jesus the Lord  
He reigns, He reigns  
Forevermore

Swing wide you ancient gates  
Let the King come in  
His glory never fades  
Our hearts delight in Him  
Every knee will bow  
Every tongue confess

**Refrain**

He reigns, He reigns  
Jesus the Lord  
He reigns, He reigns  
Forevermore

**Refrain**

He reigns, He reigns  
Jesus the Lord  
He reigns, He reigns  
Forevermore

Who is this King of glory  
The Lord strong and mighty  
He bore the cross of shame  
Sing Hosanna

Who is this King of glory

The Lord strong and mighty  
He rose up from the grave  
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**SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11**

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

**Verse of the Day:**       The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>telling 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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

<sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

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

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

Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest!

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, "Who is this?"

<sup>11</sup>And the crowds were saying, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### **Hymn of the Day: 133 — Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue your road,  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, your triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see th' approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
Awaits his own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791-1868, alt.

### **Sermon John 12:12-15**

(Rev. Don Seelhof, St. Paul, Hopkins, MI)

*The King Comes to Jerusalem*

(*Matthew 21:1–11; Mark 11:1–11; Luke 19:29–44*)

<sup>12</sup>The next day, the large crowd that had come for the Festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>Taking palm branches, they went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!”

<sup>14</sup>Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written:

<sup>15</sup>Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look! Your King is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.

### **Apostles’ Creed, *Hymnal*, p. 41**

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.  
*Be seated*

### **Offering Prayer**

**Prayer of the Church:** *Spoken by the Pastor*

### **Lord’s Prayer**

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

## Hymn: 130 — 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 victor palm branch waving  
And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of saints and angels  
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 heav’n, our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise him  
With heart and life and voice  
And in his royal presence  
Eternally rejoice.

Text: Jeannette Threlfall, 1821-80, alt.

### Prayer

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people.  
Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation,  
and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*or*

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and  
do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be  
strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **A-men.**

**Blessing** - Special Music

**Closing Hymn: 111 — Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing**

- 1 Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,  
Which before the cross we spend,  
Life and health and peace possessing  
From the sinner's dying friend.
- 2 Here we rest in wonder, viewing  
All our sins on Jesus laid;  
Here we see redemption flowing  
From the sacrifice he made.
- 3 Here we find the dawn of heaven  
While upon the cross we gaze,  
See our trespasses forgiven,  
And our songs of triumph raise.
- 4 Oh, that, near the cross abiding,  
We may to the Savior cleave,  
Naught with him our hearts dividing,  
All for him content to leave!
- 5 Lord, in loving contemplation  
Fix our hearts and eyes on you  
Till we taste your full salvation  
And your unveiled glory view.

Text: Walter Shirley, 1725-86, alt.