



**PALM SUNDAY**  
**UNDEFEATED**  
**OUR KING HAS COME**

April 5, 2020



*Pride comes before the fall. Our natural inclination to think that we are stronger than we are, more moral than we are, more deserving than we are. This opens the door for the enemy to attack and destroy. The humility Jesus displayed in becoming a willing servant, to the point of death, even death on a cross, is far beyond the sinner's reach. But its fruit won salvation for us and enables God's Spirit to plant its beginnings in our hearts.*

**BELLS AND WELCOME**

**M** 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.**

**M** Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

**C** **Hosanna in the highest!**

**M** Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted "Hosanna" and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our praise, and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

Refrain: The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.  
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.

Who is the King of glory? How shall we call him?  
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.  
The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.  
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.

Refrain

In all of Galilee, in city or village,  
He goes among his people, curing their illness.  
The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.  
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.

Refrain

He gave his life for us, the lamb of salvation;  
He took upon himself the sin of the nations.  
The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.  
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.

Refrain

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen,  
And he will share with us his heavenly kingdom.  
The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.  
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.

Refrain

M Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
C **Hosanna in the highest!**

#### CONFESSION OF SINS

#### Psalm 38

M O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.  
C **For your arrows have pierced me, and your hand has come down upon me.**

M My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.  
C **I wait for you, O Lord; you will answer, O Lord my God.**

M I confess my rebellion.

C **I am troubled by my sin.**

M Lord, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God.

C **Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior.**

M Your Savior has come quickly to help you. Through his life, death and resurrection Jesus has rescued you. 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE 133, vv. 1, 4

**Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**

**Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry.**

**O Savior meek, pursue your road,**

**With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**

**Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.**

**The Father on his sapphire throne**

**Awaits his own anointed Son.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Gracious God, the energy and emotion of your triumphant entry into Jerusalem still brings incredible joy to our hearts.

C **Yet the joy of that moment so quickly turned to sorrow and pain.**

M May Palm Sunday be a reminder to us that while emotions can be fickle, your faithfulness and love remain true.

C **Your sacrificial love brought forgiveness and hope to a dying world. Use us to share that same forgiveness and hope to all those around us.**

M When life's struggle sears our souls or sacrifice strips us of hope,

C **strengthen us with your bold spirit—a spirit that strode bravely into Jerusalem to face death.**

M Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now, and forever.

C **Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

## Philippians 2:5-11

*For the joy set before him, Jesus, the King of heaven and earth,  
humbled himself and became obedient to death on a cross.*

<sup>5</sup>In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature<sup>[a]</sup> God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature<sup>[b]</sup> of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid in him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed (*Isaiah 53:6*).

## GOSPEL

## Matthew 21:1-11

*Jesus comes to Jerusalem as King.*

**21** As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

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

<sup>5</sup>"Say to Daughter Zion,

'See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna<sup>[b]</sup> to the Son of David!”

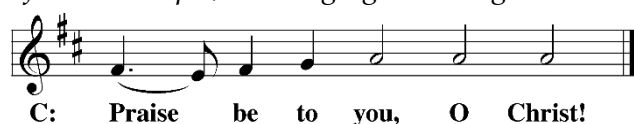
“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”<sup>[c]</sup>

“Hosanna<sup>[d]</sup> in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup>When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup>The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



#### HYMN OF THE DAY 370

#### All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown him Lord of all.  
The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown him Lord of all.

Sinners whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all.  
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Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe On this terrestrial ball  
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.

**The Coming of Zion's King**

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!  
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,  
righteous and victorious,  
lowly and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will take away the chariots from Ephraim  
and the warhorses from Jerusalem,  
and the battle bow will be broken.  
He will proclaim peace to the nations.  
His rule will extend from sea to sea  
and from the River<sup>[a]</sup> to the ends of the earth.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth.**

**C We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to earth to be our Savior.**

- M Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one of us. We thank you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place.
- C **We praise you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.**
- M Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before other as our Lord. Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations. Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil.
- C **Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.**
- M Lord, Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Help us find comfort in your providence in these desperate times. Guide and bless the rulers of this world that their response to and leadership in the midst of both the global pandemic and the global financial crisis may bring relief to those who are in need. Now more than ever, we pray for your hand of blessing on the businesses and industries of our land that they may serve for the common good. Look with favor on our nation's schools. As both teachers and students adjust to a new learning environment, grant wisdom, patience and success to all their efforts.
- C **Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying. May many more find peace in the message of your gospel love.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

- M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

- M Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation. Hear us for your mercy's sake.
- C **Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

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.

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.

"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.

#### BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



#### PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Carol Beyer, David Burkowitz, Steve Drobka, Karen Faber, Carol Gosseck, Janelle Gray, Lois Guhr, Connie Hikade, Josh Nagel, Judy Schmidt, Jeanne Steinbrecher, Dick Sternberg, and Al Wolfsohn.

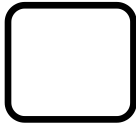
#### HOSPITALIZED

Fred Liermann is at Autumn Leaves Hospice, Dorrette Probst is in home hospice care, Bev Scharf is at Clement Manor, Marlene Sobczak is at Linden Grove Mukwonago, and Jerry Luedtke is at West Allis Memorial.



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.





# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points

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## REJOICE, PEOPLE OF GOD! OUR KING IS WITH US!

Palm Sunday 2020...a *challenging* day?

### 1. Do You SEE His Victory?

#### A. He Is the Son of God

When it comes to Jesus' PURPOSE, he is NOT a "son of m \_\_\_\_\_."

He was riding in HUMBLY to do his Father's w \_\_\_\_\_.

#### B. He Packs a Punch

Don't let your heart be f \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus didn't. He was laser-focused!

He saw his v \_\_\_\_\_ -- what NEEDED to be.

**APPLICATION** Are WE laser-focused in our time of trouble?

### 2. We Will Know His Peace

#### A. His Weapons Are Not of This World

The King reveals that the sword in his scabbard is the Sword of the S \_\_\_\_\_!

"I am the R \_\_\_\_\_ and the L \_\_\_\_\_."

#### B. His Victory Is the One that Matters

God the Father saw the victory—"Hosanna to my S \_\_\_\_\_, their K \_\_\_\_\_!"

As Jesus was poised on the Mt. of Olives, WHERE was his f \_\_\_\_\_?

**APPLICATION** You and I will always come to our God in our earthly need and he will hear our cries.

**CONCLUSION** A Palm Sunday faith is PRACTICAL. In the darkness it sees the King!

### Next Steps

- **Faith, Hope and Love.** As a family of believers, use these words of God to practically live your Palm Sunday faith in our present world. Do we SEE our King?

**Matthew 18:20** – Must Christians gather as a large group to faithfully BE the Church?

**Mark 10:45, John 13:34-35** – Application to believing first responders? To ME?

**Romans 8:37-39** – Application to all of us as we prepare for the surge?

## Easter 2020 — Join Us Online



- **Online Worship** All online worship resources are available on our [website](#).

### **April 9 Maundy Thursday**

A short devotional based on the Passover feast will be available by 3:30 pm on Thursday.

### **April 10 Good Friday**

Join us for a series of devotions based on Jesus' seven words from the cross. The service will be available on Friday at 1:00 pm.

### **April 11 and 12 Easter Festival**

The Easter Festival service will feature a series of seven devotions based on the theme "If... then..." It will be available on Easter Eve at 5:00 pm.

### **April 12 Easter at The Bridge Livestreamed at 10:15 am**

We encourage you to participate in worship at the time you would normally worship. The worship folders for all services are available for download on our website for you to follow along.

The Bridge is livestreamed on Sunday at 10:15 am on The Bridge [website](#) and on Facebook at The Bridge at St. Paul's. The service is available for viewing later at any time on each platform as well as full HD on our [You Tube channel](#) at The Bridge Church Muskego.

- **Bible Reading Plan** Follow along with Pastor Panitzke in his daily Bible reading plan found [here](#). **Daily Devotion and Discussion** about the Bible readings are available [here](#). **Video devotions are available** [here](#) – three minutes talking about the Bible readings.
- **Prayer Requests** If you have a prayer request, please don't hesitate to contact us through the form at the bottom of our [website](#). We have a team of dedicated prayer warriors ready to pray for you. If you would like to keep your prayer requests confidential among the pastors, there is a box to check to indicate that.
- **Facebook Live Concerts** Follow St. Paul's Resident Artist Mike Westendorf on Facebook for updates on his next Facebook Live concert.

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## Easter Season Message Series

### If...

“If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile” (1 Corinthians 15:17).

That is the great “If” of the Easter season. Everything we believe hangs on this one question: Did Jesus rise from the dead?



Join us at our Easter services to find answers to that most important question. Let's listen:

- to the Old Testament prophets,
- to guards at the tomb,
- to the women who were at the foot of the cross and at the garden tomb,
- to the disciples on the way to Emmaus,
- to Jesus himself.

Let God's Word give you an answer to the great “IF” of Easter.

### Then...

Join us in the following weeks as we see the change that Jesus' resurrection brings to our lives:

- Then I live in hope – 1 Peter 1:3-9 (April 19)
- Then I live a new life – 1 Peter 1:17-25 (April 26)
- Then I entrust my life to the Good Shepherd – 1 Peter 2:19-25 (May 3)
- Then I live a meaningful life – 1 Peter 2:4-10 (May 10)
- Then I live always prepared to answer – 1 Peter 3:15-22 (May 17)
- Then I will end my life well – 1 Peter 4:12-17; 5:6-11 (May 24)

## Worship for the Foreseeable Future

How we miss worshipping together as we live under the “Safer at Home” order until at least April 30! All joint public worship and activities at St. Paul's are cancelled during this “Safer at Home” order.

Your Ministerial Team has discussed options regarding Holy Communion numerous times. We believe there is no safe way for us to provide communion to our large congregation without the chance of one of your pastors becoming a “super spreader” of the coronavirus. While we long for the personal comfort that the Lord's Supper provides, we are thankful that the same forgiveness and new life that are promised to us in the Sacrament are given to us through God's powerful Word. During this time when we are not able to commune together, we encourage you to make all the more use of God's Word to strengthen and sustain your faith.

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Others have asked if we could commune our own families at home. We respect the urging of our synod leaders who have written to us:

*We encourage our congregations at this time to reserve the distribution of the Lord's Supper for its regular and normal use within the gathering of the body of believers (realizing that some changes in procedure may be made) or distributed privately by the pastor to individuals in need, as is the customary practice. We urge congregations to refrain from initiating novel approaches for celebration of the sacrament.” (<https://wels.net/god-feeds-his-flock-in-a-time-of-crisis/>)*

Your Ministerial Team desires to serve you in any way that we can during this “Safer at Home” order. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

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