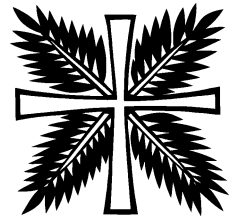


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## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying,

"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

### PROCESSIONAL SONG

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

All hail the power 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.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
and crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
and crown Him Lord of all.

Lord of all, You are Lord of all.  
Lord of all, You are Lord of all.

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.

Lord of all, You are Lord of all.  
Lord of all, You are Lord of all.

And crown Him Lord of all.  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
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## INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,  
**we confess to you our faults and failings.**  
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;  
**we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;**  
**we spoil rather than steward your creation;**  
**we cause hurt though you call us to heal;**  
**we choose fear over compassion.**  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
as we seek to follow in your way of life. **Amen.**

Hear the good news:  
God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,  
so that all may receive life.  
This promise is for you!  
God embraces you with divine mercy,  
✠ forgives you in Christ's name,  
and revives you in the Spirit's power.  
**Amen.**

### **GREETING**

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

### **SONG OF PRAISE**

*He is Exalted*

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;  
I will praise him.  
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name.  
Jesus is Lord, forever his truth shall reign;  
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;  
I will praise him.  
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name.  
Jesus is Lord, forever his truth shall reign;  
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together: O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **KIDS' TIME**

Pastoral Assistant Sandra

### **READING**

**Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,  
<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 should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Jesus, You Have Given Me*

Jesus, You have given me all of your grace so tenderly.  
I lift my hands and praise your name.  
Jesus, You have given me all of your love on Calvary.  
I lift my heart into your hands.

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The holy gospel according to Luke, the twenty-second chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** **Luke 22:31-62**

<sup>31</sup>Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, <sup>32</sup>but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." <sup>33</sup>And he said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

<sup>35</sup>He said to them, "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "No, not a thing." <sup>36</sup>He said to them, "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. <sup>37</sup>For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled." <sup>38</sup>They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." He replied, "It is enough."

<sup>39</sup>He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup>When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into

the time of trial." <sup>41</sup>Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, <sup>42</sup>Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done. [ <sup>43</sup>Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. <sup>44</sup>In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.] <sup>45</sup>When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; <sup>48</sup>but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" <sup>49</sup>When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" <sup>50</sup>Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup>But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? <sup>53</sup>When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

<sup>54</sup>Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. <sup>55</sup>When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. <sup>56</sup>Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." <sup>57</sup>But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." <sup>58</sup>A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" <sup>59</sup>Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." <sup>60</sup>But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. <sup>61</sup>The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." <sup>62</sup>And he went out and wept bitterly.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Jim Holthus

## SONG OF THE DAY

### *At the Cross*

Oh Lord, You've searched me. You know my way.  
Even when I fail You. I know You love me.  
Your holy presence, surrounding me.  
In every season, I know You love me. I know You love me.

At the cross I bow my knee,  
Where Your blood was shed for me.  
There's no greater love than this.  
You have overcome the grave,  
Your glory fills the highest place.  
What can separate me now.

You go before me, You shield my way.  
Your hand upholds me, I know You love me.  
And when the earth fades, falls from my eyes.  
And You stand before me, I know You love me. I know You love me.

At the cross I bow my knee,  
Where Your blood was shed for me.  
There's no greater love than this.  
You have overcome the grave,  
Your glory fills the highest place.  
What can separate me now.

You tore the veil, You made a way,  
When You said that it is done.  
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At the cross I bow my knee,  
Where Your blood was shed for me.  
There's no greater love than this.  
You have overcome the grave,  
Your glory fills the highest place.  
What can separate me now.

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope,  
we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Prayer response:* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying, "God's peace be with you" or similar words.*

## OFFERING

*We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this congregation possible. We encourage everyone to give. We encourage you to consider giving a gift online at [zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving](http://zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving) or by mail as you are able. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online.*



## OFFERING SONG

***Come Ye Sinners***

Zion Choir

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## LITANY

Each of us is broken by sin and less than God has created us to be, but this does not disqualify us from being touched by God and serving God in any capacity, large or small, broken as we are.

God uses broken things. It takes broken clouds to give rain, broken ground to give grain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of The Lord's Supper bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table.*

### COMMUNION SONG

#### *Above All*

Above all powers, above all kings,  
Above all nature and all created things;  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,  
You were here before the world began.  
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,  
Above all wonders the world has ever known;  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,  
There's no way to measure what you're worth.



Crucified, laid behind the stone;  
You lived to die, rejected and alone;  
Like a rose, trampled on the ground  
You took the fall, and thought of me, above all.

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### *Jesus, Remember Me*

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
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### **BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together: **Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

God, the giver of love,  
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  
bless you in this Lenten journey.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

## *Communion*

This is the body, this is the blood.  
Broken and poured out for all of us.  
In this communion we share in His love.  
This is the body, this is the blood.

I will remember everything Lord, That You've done for me.  
I won't take for granted the sacrifice that set me free.  
I hunger and thirst for Your love  
Come fill me today.

This is the body, this is the blood.  
Broken and poured out for all of us.  
In this communion we share in His love.  
This is the body, this is the blood.

I will remember everything Lord, That You've done for me.  
I won't take for granted the sacrifice that set me free.  
We hunger and thirst for Your love.  
And Your righteousness  
We long for your presence here Lord.  
Be with us again.

This is the body, this is the blood.  
Broken and poured out for all of us.  
In this communion we share in His love.  
This is the body, this is the blood.

## **SENDING WORDS**

Go in peace. Serve in love.  
**Thanks be to God!**