

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Palm Sunday
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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, we come to meet Jesus, waving our hands and palms to greet his majesty.
Remove from us any unsavory behavior that keeps us from being excited about your entry into our lives. Break any bonds that keep us from dwelling in your presence. Turn us around to live life with you.

Here this, God draws us near, breaks down barriers, and dwells with you. You are saved because of his triumphant entry into the world. From a baby in a manger to a king's receptions, Christ + restores you.
Amen.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 11th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray together:

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen

PROCESSIONAL SONG

Hosanna

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Lord, we lift up Your name with our hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, O Lord my God, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Lord, we lift up Your name with our hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, O Lord my God, hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings.
Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings.
Lord we lift up your name with our hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, O Lord my God, hosanna to the King of Kings.
Be exalted, O Lord my God, hosanna to the King of Kings.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Repeat after me: Everlasting God, sometimes I forget to celebrate you as my king. Please help me to remember you are the king of my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

KIDS' TIME

Pastoral Assistant Sandra

SONG OF PRAISE

How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide;
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God!
Sing with me, how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, Three In One, Father, Spirit, Son;
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God!
Sing with me, how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing how great is our God.
Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing how great is our God.

How great is our God!
Sing with me, how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God.
How great, how great is our God.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9

⁴The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain

the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
⁹It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

PSALM

Psalms 31:6-16

(read responsively)

⁹Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**
¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.**
¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and 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.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

LENTEN 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 Mark, the fourteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Mark 14:1-11

¹It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ²for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

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

SERMON

Reverend Nicole Martin

SONG OF THE DAY

The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wonderful cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died.
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from his head, his hands his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did ere such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small.
Love so amazing so divine,

Demands my soul, my life, my all.

O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

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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

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

Prayer response: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

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 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

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. 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

We come to the table of the Lord bringing our whole selves.
We come to the table honest about who we are.

We come to the table as a community.

We come to the table with our neighbors, both known and unknown.

We come to the table standing in the mercy of God.

We come to the table receiving forgiveness through Christ.

We come to the table for healing.

We come to the table knowing we will find reconciliation through the gift of Christ for us.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together by the work of the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

The Table is set. God's generosity is here for you. Bread for the journey and a feast for hungry hearts. Come.

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

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.

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: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace and received your generosity. Like grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; sharing the gifts of God with our neighbors; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

BLESSING

As we leave this place in silence Lord, contemplating the sacrifice you made on our behalf
Let our hearts beat to the rhythm of your pulse.
Let our soul be empathetic to the desperate cry of your pain
Let our mind be attuned to the hard decisions you made.
Let our strength never grow weary of caring the gospel story with you.
Let us listen for the music of God's grace upon the world.
In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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