

RDER OF SERVICE

Palm Sunday | April 13, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. | Kviteseid Lutheran Church

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Hosanna to the Son of David! So sang people long ago as Jesus entered Jerusalem, and so sing we. Welcome to Palm Sunday worship.

PRELUDE

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest!**

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (vs. R, 1-4, R) ELW #344

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

C **And also with you.**

P Today we recall the events of the first Holy Week so many years ago.

C **We remember how it started with Jesus entering the Holy City
and we recall how it ended with his death outside Jerusalem's gates.**

P This is how it began . . .

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “All Glory, Laud and Honor” (vs. R, 5, R) ELW #344

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR

CHILDREN’S SERMON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God’s redeeming love.

CONFESSION

- C Loving God, you rode straight into the city knowing that those who hated you were preparing to destroy you. Give us the faith and trust in God to face our sins, confess them and ask for forgiveness. Bless us with the knowledge of how much you love us. Forgive us and save us. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

This prayer summarizes the church's faith as to the meaning of the passion and death of Christ.

- P Let us pray.
- C Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-10

PSALM 118:19-21, 26-29

- L ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- C ²⁰**This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**
- L ²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
- C ²⁶**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**
- L ²⁷The LORD is God, and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.
- C ²⁸**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.**
- L ²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

- L Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
- C **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.**
- L And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

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

HYMN "Christ, the Life of All the Living" ELW #339

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "My Song Is Love Unknown" (vs. 1-4) ELW #343
 (Alt. tune: ELW #640)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C Amen.

OFFERING

JINGLE OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Create in Me a Clean Heart" ELW #186

OFFERING PRAYER

P We thank you Father for Jesus Christ,

C Who for our sake became poor, that we might be rich. We thank you that he gave himself up to death so that we might rise to life.

P Accept our gifts of thanksgiving now, O Lord.

C Use both them and us so that they might bring blessings to your name. We ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.**

GOSPEL READINGS: Luke 19:45-48

Luke 21:37-38

PASSION READING

Moment of Silence

CLOSING HYMN

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

ELW #349

BENEDICTION

P Passing from joy into sorrow and on to elation,

C **we come to Christ this holy week.**

P Today is only a part of the story.

C **Jesus’ triumph leads to his death, his death to his resurrection.**

P May the journey of this week lead you into the fullness of Christ’s love. Amen.

SENDING LITANY

P We have gathered with the crowds crying Hosanna!
And now we follow the crowd as it leads out to the cross,
and yet even as the world grows dark, we cannot lose hope.

C **Because God is with us. God will be with us.
Whatever happens. We are not alone.**

P And so we watch the crowd and we follow . . .

POSTLUDE

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