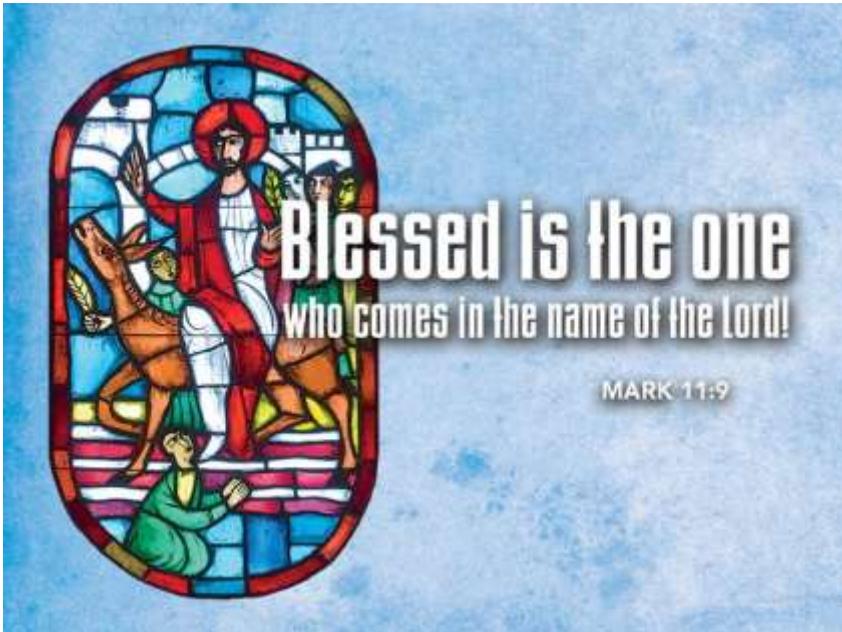


Palm Sunday



March 28, 2021 | 9:00 a.m.

*Kviteseid Lutheran Church
308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... as we join a worldwide and timeless procession of the faithful shouting to Jesus, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Mark 11:9, NIV).

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, 3, 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: Matthew 21:1-8

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:9-11

P The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting:

C *“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”*

P When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking,
“Who is this?” The crowds were saying,

C *“This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”*

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read the words to the hymns silently.

Please read aloud the **bold texts**.

Please read the italicized texts silently in your heart as your own words.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

P Let us pray.

P Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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.

RESPONSIVE 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.*

SERMON

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 Hear us, O God.

C *Your mercy is great.*

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

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 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

- John 12:37-41** *Pastor*
John 12:42-43 *Lector*
John 12:44-50 *Pastor*

PASSION READING

Moment of Silence

- CLOSING HYMN** "Ah, Holy Jesus" (vs. 1, 2, 5) 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 ...

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