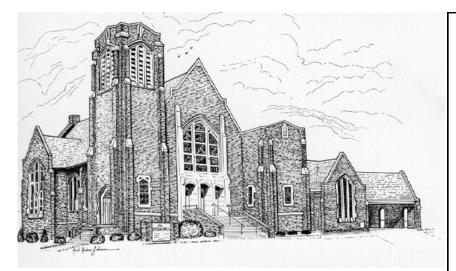
# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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# Sunday, April 5, 2020 + Jn Preparation for Worship +



We live life at such a hectic pace that it's hard to slow down and, as our heavenly Father declares: **"be still and know that I am God"** (*Psalm 46:10*). Here are a few prayers that you may find of use to help you do just that as we gather for worship.

**Before Worship:** Come, O Lord, in much mercy down into my soul, and take possession and dwell there. A homely mansion, I confess, for so glorious a Majesty. Enter then, and adorn, and make it what You can inhabit, since it is the work of Your hands. Give me Your own self, without which, though You should give me all that You have ever made, yet my desires could not be satisfied. Let my soul ever seek You, and let me persist in seeking, till I have found, and am in full possession of You. Amen.

# Welcome to our members, guests, and visitors:

We welcome you in the name of Jesus, our Savior and pray He blesses your worship this day. Worship with us again and grow in your relationship with Jesus as your Savior. Have a good day in the Lord!

Zion Lutheran Church strives to be a Christ-centered caring congregation, prayerfully and faithfully teaching, preaching, and sharing the true Word of God in a joyful manner.

**Prayer of Confession:** Rule, O God the Son, who has redeemed and ransomed us from sin. Take from us the burden of sin committed during the week now past, and graciously grant us Your peace. You are the Supreme Bishop and Archshepherd of our souls. Help all servants of Your Word in this and all Your congregations on earth to labor and bring forth much fruit unto eternal life. Amen.

Johann Habermann (1516-90)

**Prayer for the Day:** Make us, we beg You, O Lord our God, watchful and heedful in awaiting the coming of Your Son, Christ our Lord; that when He shall come and knock He may find us not sleeping in sin, but awake, and rejoicing in His praises; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

# The Service of the Word

Prelude

### Words of Greeting

PALM SUNDAY INTROIT

Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

- **P** Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
- **C** We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- **P** Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
- **C** that the King of glory may come in.
- $\mathbf{\underline{P}} \qquad \text{Who is this King of glory?}$
- **C** The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
- **P** Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
- **C** that the King of glory may come in.
- **P** Who is this King of glory?
- **C** The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!
- **P** Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
- **C** We bless you from the house of the LORD.

## INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.Amen.
- Palm Sunday Prayer
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- Let us pray: Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into his Holy City, grant that we may ever hail him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.





#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

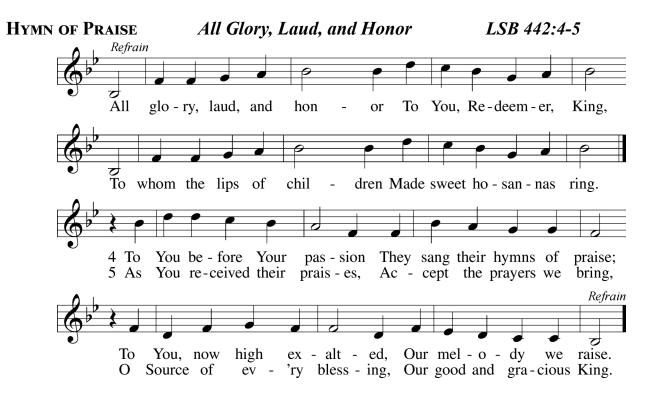
P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **C** O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
  Mark 16:16: John 1:12
- **C** Amen.



#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.C And also with you.

▶ Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

P C

#### Zechariah 9:8-12

<sup>8</sup>Then I will encamp at my house as a guard, so that none shall march to and fro; no oppressor shall again march over them, for now I see with my own eyes. <sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**  [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant forever.

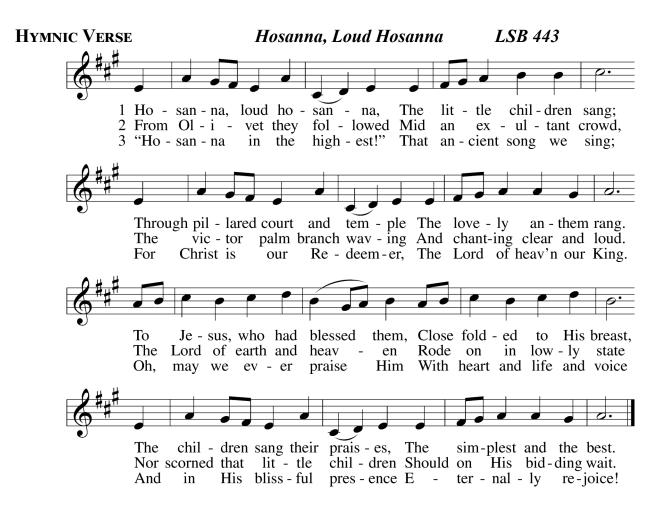
#### **EPISTLE READING**

#### Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so 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 confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord. C

## Thanks be to God.



#### **GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 21:1-9

# P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Say to the daughter of Zion,'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.C Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.



SERMON

A Trojan Donkey Matthew 21:1-9



#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

- For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

## **C** Lord, have mercy.

- **P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

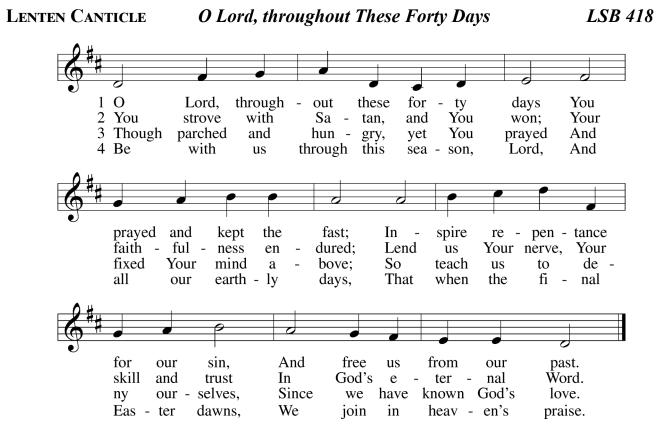
- For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:Lord, have mercy.
- For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
   C Lord, have mercy.
- **P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

#### Collect for the Word

- Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- **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.



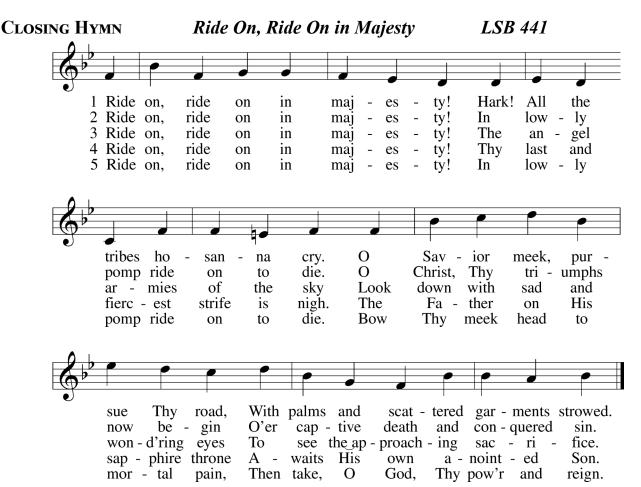
#### BLESSING

P Let us bless the Lord. С

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1

- The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and P preserve you. Amen.
- C



SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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