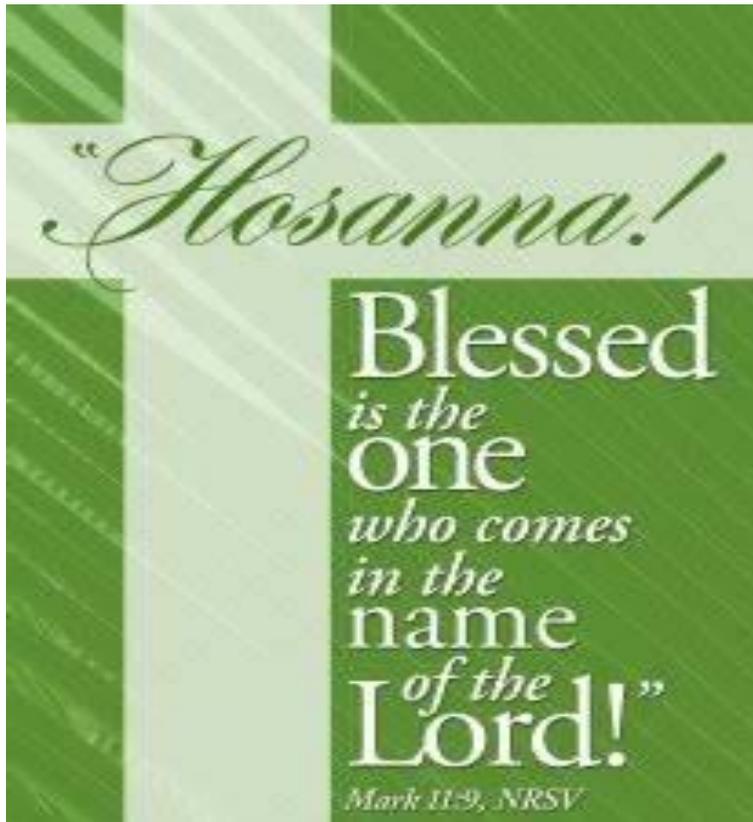


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Sixth Sunday in Lent  
March 28, 2021

## **As We Gather**

*Today, the beginning of the great and Holy Week of Lent, we begin with the note of great joy as the crowds receive Jesus entering Jerusalem. This will be the last time He comes to the holy city. For we then follow Him to the judgment hall, the cross of suffering, and the fearful tomb of death. The penitential season of Lent concludes with the three holy days, the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Let us follow our Lord and allow Him to take our sins upon Himself that we may receive His new life in the forgiveness of our sins and the joy of the resurrection.*

## **Prelude**

### **Greeting**

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

### **Collect**

**P** 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; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Holy Gospel**

*John 12:12–19*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**P** <sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day**

*“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

*LSB 442*

**All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

- 1 You are the King of Israel and David’s royal Son,  
Now in the Lord’s name coming, our King and Blessèd One.  
All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**
- 4 To You before Your passion they sang their hymns of praise;  
To You, now high exalted, our melody we raise.  
All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**
- 5 As You received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev’ry blessing, our good and gracious King.  
All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring**

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** **Hosanna in the highest.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Zechariah 9:9–12*

**R** <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.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

*Philippians 2:5–11*

**R**<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.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Holy Gospel

*Mark 14:1-21*

**P** The Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to the Holy Evangelist St. Mark.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

**P** <sup>1</sup>It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest [Jesus] by stealth and kill him, <sup>2</sup>for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people."

<sup>3</sup>And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. <sup>4</sup>There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. <sup>9</sup>And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

<sup>10</sup>Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. <sup>11</sup>And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

<sup>12</sup>And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"

<sup>13</sup>And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, <sup>14</sup>and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>15</sup>And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." <sup>16</sup>And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup>And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup>And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." <sup>19</sup>They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" <sup>20</sup>He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup>For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Scripture Meditation

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

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- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, the guilt of sinners bearing  
And, laden with the sins of earth, none else the burden sharing;  
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, to slaughter led without complaint,  
That spotless life to offer, He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,  
The mockery, and yet replies, "All this I gladly suffer."**
- 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior,  
Whom God the Father chose to send to gain for us His favor.  
"Go forth, My Son," the Father said, "And free My children from their dread  
Of guilt and condemnation.  
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear, but by Your passion they will share  
The fruit of Your salvation."**

### Sermon

### Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,

**begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness with which You bless Your whole creation. Above all, however, we give You thanks that You sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to be our true King, Your Suffering Servant whose death delivers us and all believers from sin, death, and hell. Give us Your grace that we be faithful in our walk and in our hope, love, and worship. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** Inspire Your whole Church throughout the world to rightly hear and follow Jesus, our eternal King and Lord, in humble faith with thanksgiving. Give wisdom and grace to all pastors that they give themselves to a living and lively proclamation of Your Law and Gospel through which You work true, saving repentance and faith in many. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** Give Your grace, forgiveness, wisdom, blessing, and guidance to all who bear the offices of government in our nation and throughout the world. Lead them to the faithful exercise of their authority for peace and justice, and for the defense and liberty of all people, especially the most vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** Give peace and patience, comfort and healing to all who suffer illness or adversity or who are in sorrow or need. Deliver all who endure persecution for faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. [*Silence for remembrance.*] Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

By His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, He reached the goal of His substitutionary death, that by the offering of His own body and blood on the cross, all who believe in Him may share His triumph over sin and death.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Words of Our Lord**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **Proclamation of Christ**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **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.**

## **Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

## **Agnus Dei**

**C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

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## Distribution

### Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, for the gift of forgiveness won by Your Son's offering on the cross and for the strengthening of our souls and bodies by His body and blood. Go with us now, and keep us steadfast in Your Word through the blessed days of this great and Holy Week and to our eternal life with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### Closing Hymn

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

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- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.**
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.**
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.**
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
Awaits His own anointed Son.**
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.**

### Postlude

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