# University Lutheran Church Lutheran Campus Ministry

10:30 AM Worship Service



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# PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

## GREETING

- P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C Hosanna in the highest.
- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

#### **MATTHEW 21:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead 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, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<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 their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches

from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

# **BLESSING OF PALMS**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- P Let us worship in peace,
- C in the name of Christ. Amen.

## HYMN

# Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



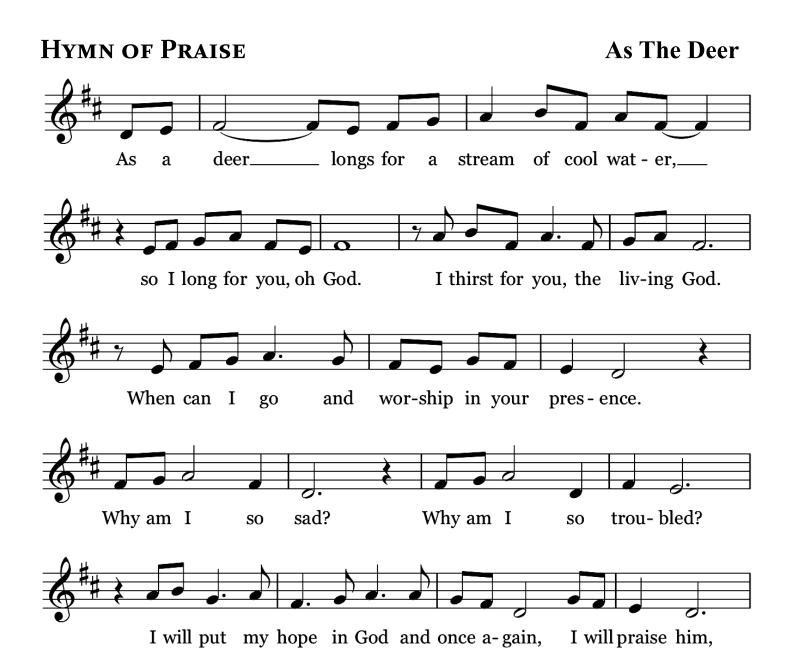
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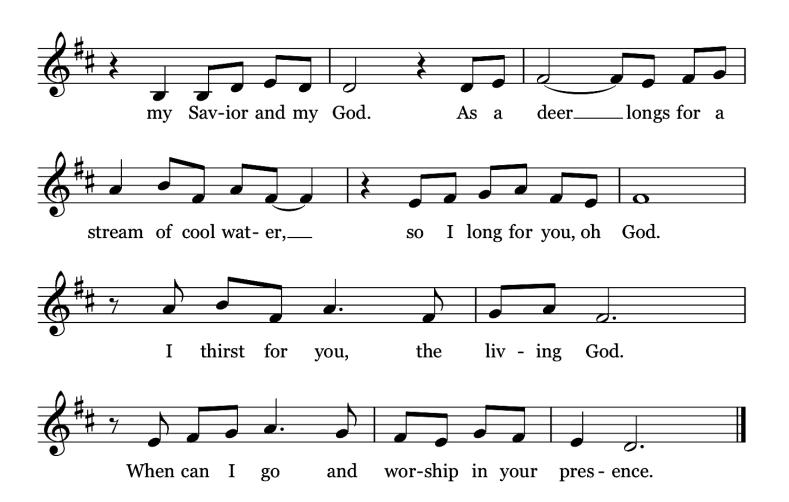
# **KYRIE (SPOKEN IN UNISON)**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- A. Let us pray. O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The 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 wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I 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.

<sup>7</sup>The 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; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM Psalm 31:9-16

The Psalm will be spoken in unison.

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief, and my <sup>1</sup> years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones <sup>1</sup> are consumed.

<sup>1</sup>I 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.

<sup>12</sup>Like the dead I am forgotten, <sup>|</sup> out of mind; I am as useless as a <sup>|</sup> broken pot.

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is <sup>|</sup> all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to <sup>|</sup> take my life.

 $^{14}$ But as for me, I have trusted in  $^{\mid}$  you, O LORD.

I have said, "You | are my God.

<sup>15</sup>My times are | in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine up- | on your servant; save me in your | steadfast love."

## **SECOND READING**

Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God

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as something to be exploited,
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,
     taking the form of a slave,
     being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
     <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself
     and became obedient to the point of death—
     even death on a cross.
<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him
     and gave him the name
     that is above every name,
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus
     every knee should bend,
     in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
"and every tongue should confess
     that Jesus Christ is Lord,
     to the glory of God the Father.
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GOSPEL Matthew 27:11-54

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

## C Glory to you, O Lord.

11Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." 12But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. 13Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" 14But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

15Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. 16At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. 17So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" 18For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. 19While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." 20Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. 21The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." 22Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" 23Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

24So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." 25Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" 26So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

27Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's head-quarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. 28They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 29and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 30They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. 31After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

32As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. 33And when they came to a place

called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), 34they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. 35And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; 36then they sat down there and kept watch over him. 37Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

38Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. 39Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads 40and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." 41In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 42"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. 43He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" 44The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

45From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 46And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" 47When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." 48At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. 49But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." 50Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

51At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. 52The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. 53After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.

54Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping

watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

## **HOMILY**

Gary N. McCluskey, Pastor

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence. After each portion of the prayers the Assistant will say:

A Hear us, O God,

The congregation will respond with:

C Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

- P According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

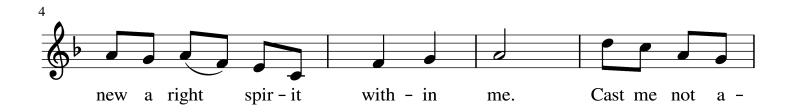
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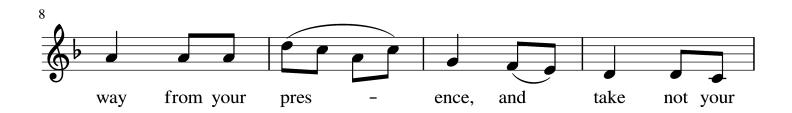
- P The peace of Christ be with you all.
- C And also with you.

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY**











## **OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray. Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

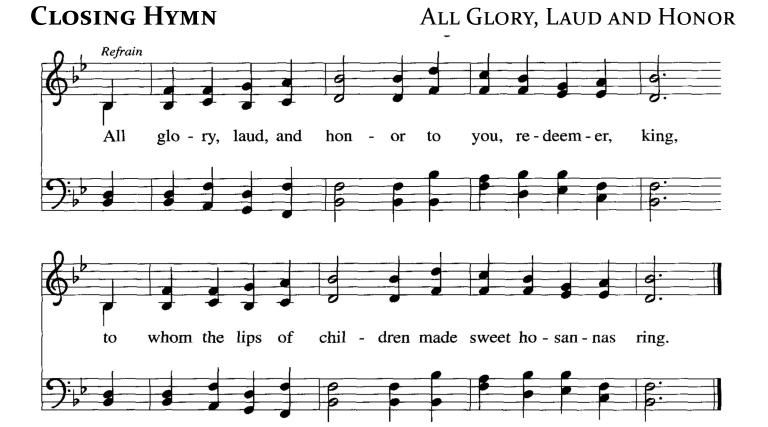
## C Amen.

Thank you to all who continue to support our ministry through your prayers, your calls, emails, and texts. Thank you to all who continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts. We know some in our community have lost their jobs and others have had theirs significantly scaled back. We continue to have the same needs of financial support along with a few additional costs as we operate much differently during this time. You may contribute financially on line through our web site by clicking on the Give+ icon and following instructions. You can also mail in your gifts to University Lutheran Church, 340 E. 15th Street, Tempe, AZ 85281. Thank you!

## BENEDICTION

- P Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation.

  Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, + bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.
- C Amen.





## **SENDING**

- A Be at peace. Serve the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** 

Aiko Yamada Mancini

# Participants in Worship

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