

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND MISSION

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

STANDING STRONG + GROWING TOGETHER + REACHING OUT

Palm Sunday & Sunday Of The Passion

March 28, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Sunday, "the eighth day of the week," is celebrated by Christians as the first day of the eternal life into which they were baptized. 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.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" arranged by Michael Burkhardt

David Garcia, *organ*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

Pastor Stephen Heimer

INVOCATION

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 Hosanna to the Son of David!

C Hosanna in the highest!

P Blessed is He who comes,

C who comes in the name of the Lord.

P Hosanna!

C Hosanna in the highest!

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

(The triumphal entry)

John 12:12-19

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So 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!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His 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. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So 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!

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P We praise You, God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today we remember that He entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and palm branches along His way. Bless these palm 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 may enter into life with You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
 The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
 For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
 The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state.
 Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
 Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
 And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

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CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

- 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.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
- C** **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our creator and preserver, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are stained by sin from our very beginnings. We have sinned again and again in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves and have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for all of our many sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us victory over all that oppresses us, and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**
- P** In His boundless mercy, God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him for restoration and renewal. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, and grant you a life on earth in which you tell of His greatness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray. Lord God, on this day Your Son entered the Holy City, Jerusalem, to fulfill Your will by His death on the cross. Help us to follow Him through this week and all our days that we may be drawn closer to You by a faith full of the knowledge of the sacrifice and victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(The coming King of Zion)

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice 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.

¹⁰I 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. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

(Every knee should bow at the name of Jesus.)

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"At the Name of Jesus" v.1-3,7 LSB 512



1 At the name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
2 At His voice cre - a - tion Sprang at once to sight,
3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, To re - ceive a name
△ 7 Glo - ry then to Je - sus, Who, the Prince of light,



Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now.
All the an - gel fac - es, All the hosts of light,
From the lips of sin - ners Un - to whom He came,
To a world in dark - ness Brought the gift of sight;



'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call Him Lord,
Thrones and bright do - min - ions, Stars up - on their way,
Faith - ful - ly He bore it Spot - less to the last,
Praise to God the Fa - ther; In the Spir - it's love



Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.
All the heav'n - ly or - ders In their great ar - ray.
Brought it back vic - to - rious When from death He passed;
Praise we all to - geth - er Him who reigns a - bove.

Please open your Bible or the Bible located in each pew at Zion to page 850. Young children will find passion readings beginning on page 395 in "The Story Bible".

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

"Ready to Rebuild"

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

OFFERTORY

"We Give Thee But Thine Own" v.1,6 LSB 781



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
 6 And we be - lieve Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 What - e'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it un - to Thee.

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OFFERING

"Hosanna" arranged by Betty B. Garee

Zion Handbell Choir, Organ

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 President Joe Biden and 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, [*especially . . .*]. Deliver all who endure persecution for faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

Individual petitions may be added here.

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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

MORNING COLLECT

P Faithful God, whose mercies are new to us every morning, we humbly pray that You would look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. Keep safe our going out and our coming in, and let Your blessing remain with us throughout this day. Preserve us in Your righteousness, and grant us a portion in that eternal life which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

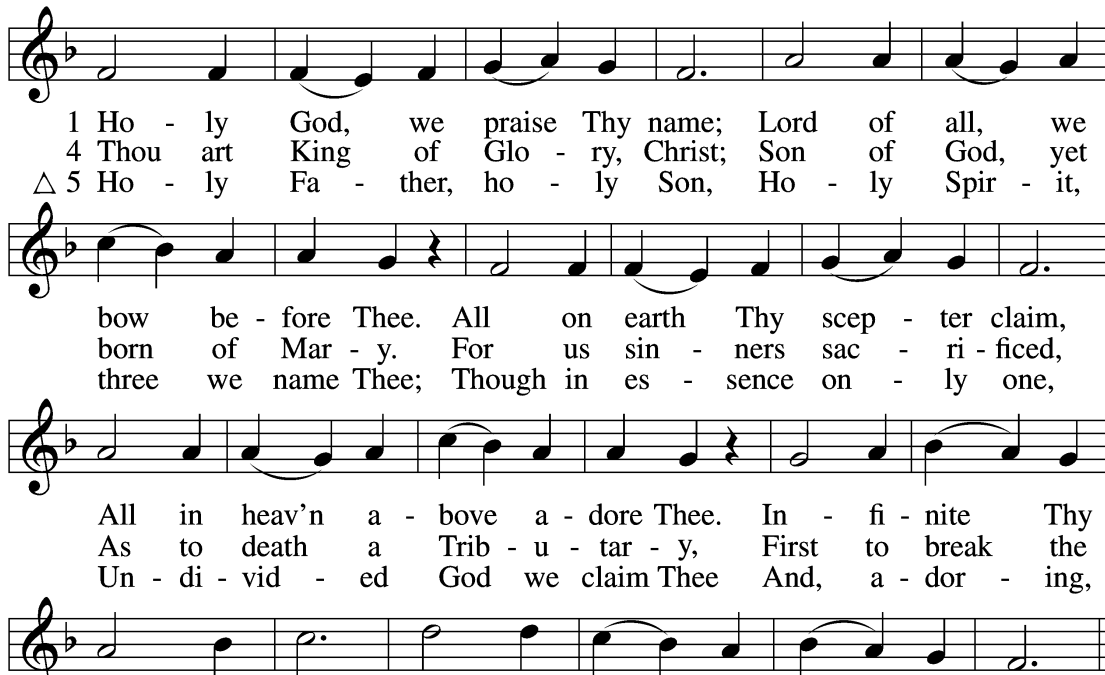
P Let your eyes be fixed on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" v.1,4-5 LSB 940



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet
△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,
bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,
All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,
vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

David Garcia, *organ*

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ZION STEWARDSHIP OF + TIME + TALENT + TREASURE

Preacher & Liturgist: Pastor Stephen Heimer
Organist: David Garcia
Elder: Jim Smith
Reader: Sharon Amastae
Acolyte: Gabryelle Rodriguez, Haley Nathan
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Sound Director: Brenna Rodriguez
Offering Counters: Terry & Linda Chaumont

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THIS WEEK AT ZION

3/30	Tuesday	5:30 PM	Confirmation Class
4/1	Thursday	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
4/2	Friday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
		7:00 PM	Good Friday Service
4/4	Sunday	8:00 AM	Outdoor Easter Sunday Communion Service
		9:00 AM	Easter Breakfast by Zion's Youth
		10:30 AM	Indoor Easter Sunday Communion Service

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You can contribute offerings using three main methods:

Online donations: You can make a secure contribution from your credit card or bank account at www.zionelpaso.org. We use Vanco, a reputable agency which specializes in donations to churches and nonprofits. Your contribution can be set up to be recurring, such as each week or month, or as a one-time donation.

Mail donations: Mail your check to the Zion church office at 2808 Pershing Drive, El Paso, TX 79903. The mail is checked every day.

Donations via an app: If you prefer using your phone or tablet, you can download the Vanco Give Plus app. You can easily set up an account and donation through the app.

Your offerings and support are crucial to our congregation and we are very grateful for your support!

Holy Week and Easter. Throughout the remainder of Holy Week, Zion will have services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. On **Easter Sunday**, we will have an outdoor service, followed by a neighborhood flower distribution, Easter breakfast, and indoor worship service and livestream. Communion will be served at both the indoor and outdoor Easter service. Here is our schedule for Holy Week:

- **Maundy Thursday Communion Service** - April 1st, 7:00pm
- **Good Friday Service** - April 2nd, 7:00pm
- **Easter Sunday, April 4th:**
 - Outdoor Communion Service* – 8:00am
 - Easter Breakfast by Zion's Youth* – 9:00am
 - Indoor Communion Service* - 10:30am

We would love to see you in-person or online at any of our Holy Week services! We would appreciate it if you filled out an RSVP form through our website prior to attending a service, however it is not required. If you have any questions, please call the church office at (915) 566-4667. We look forward to worshipping with you!

Sponsor an Easter Lily! You can honor a loved one, event, or anything else you would like by sponsoring a lily this Easter! We will include all sponsors in the Easter Sunday bulletin. **Each lily will cost \$10.** If you attend church in person, we can provide you with an envelope for your Easter lily offering. Otherwise, Easter lily offerings can be mailed to the church or sent online. You can also call the church office to provide us with the message you would like in the bulletin. **You will be able to take your lilies home after the service on Easter Sunday, April 4th!**

Lenten Food Collection for the Ysleta Lutheran Mission: LWML is collecting non-perishable food items to assist YLM in their weekly food distribution during the Season of Lent. We are, once again, inviting the congregation to join us in this Lenten outreach project. Items may be placed in the designated location in the Auditorium or dropped off at the church office.

Food items most needed right now are: small bags of rice, beans, and flour, as well as boxes of cereal. Thanks, in advance, for your support of this project!



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