Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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PALM SUNDAY

April 5, 2020 (Worship: **8:30am**, **10:00am**, 5:00pm)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Guests, please sign in at the "Welcome Table" and receive a gift. For young children, a nursery is available. Sign in and grab a pager. We also love children in worship and Sunday school (children may leave after children's message for Sunday school and return at Holy Communion).

TODAY is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. We remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. May God's Spirit help us to fully enter in to this Holy Week and understand deeply the amazing love of God.

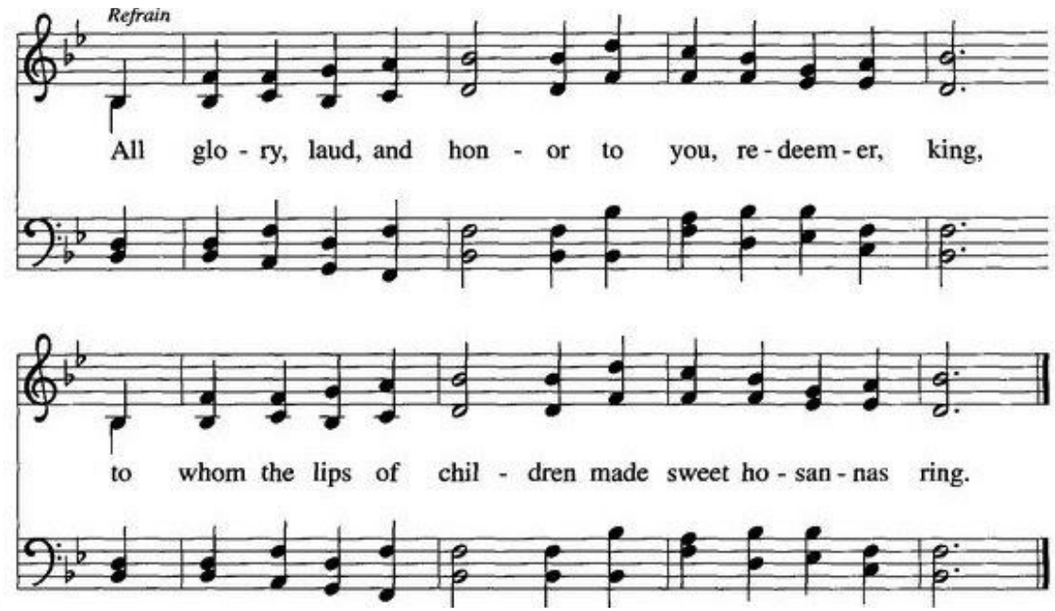
PRELUDE MUSIC: *A Song of Life* by Lani Smith Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist
Prelude on "Innsbruck" by Arthur Franckenpohl

THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (People read **bold** words.)
We follow Jesus into Jerusalem and enter this Holy Week.
This is the day that the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna to the humble King!
This is the day that the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

With Palm branches and shouts of Hosanna, we worship You, O God of grace.
This is the day that the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

THE GATHERING HYMN: ***All Glory, Laud, and Honor*** #344 vv.



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You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. (Refrain)

The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. (Refrain)

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. (Refrain)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.
Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor David R. Mattson

THE VIDEO PRESENTATION

THE FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12
Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.
(Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**.)

THE SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 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. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 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. (Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**.)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.) Page 189
Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. (Repeat)
Save us as You promised; we will trust Your word.
Let Your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the 21st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**
THE GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-10
When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "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." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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 the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**.)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: *That Priceless Grace* #591

That priceless grace, that priceless grace,
that priceless grace, which gave me life:
Jesus' life is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.

That priceless blood, that priceless blood,
that priceless blood was shed for me:
Jesus' blood is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.

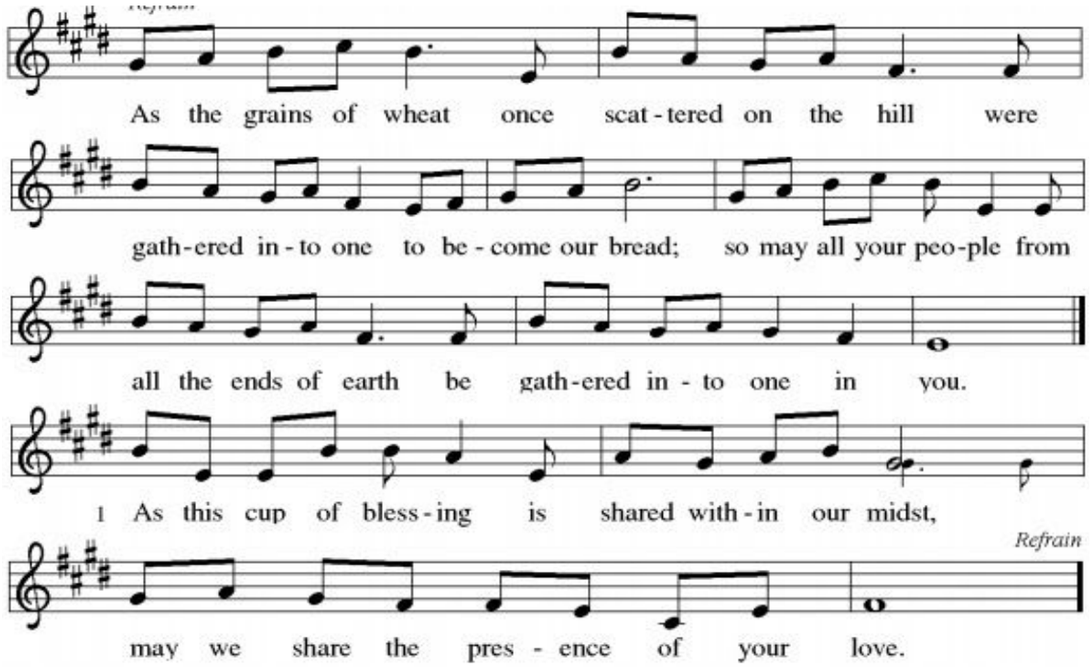
That painful death, that painful death,
that painful death took sins away:
Jesus' death is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.

That precious word, that precious word,
that precious word, which brought me light:
Jesus' word is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.

THE MESSAGE *"We Still Celebrate"* Pastor Sabrina Vasta

THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Ride on King Jesus* Melody Versoza

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: ***As the Grains of Wheat*** (Please stand.) #465 v. 1



OFFERTORY PRAYER

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer - Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING PRAYER - *The Prayer of Saint Francis*

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace; Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console; To be understood, as to understand; To be loved, as to love; For it is in giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: ***We're Marching to Zion*** #625 vv. 1-3

**Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.**

**Refrain: We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

**Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God:
but children of the heav'n-ly King, but children of the heav'n-ly King
may tell their joys abroad, may tell their joys abroad. (Refrain.)**

**The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heav'n-ly fields, before we reach the heav'n-ly fields,
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. (Refrain.)**

POSTLUDE MUSIC: *Trumpet Tune* by Michael Helman Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

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CHURCH STAFF: Senior Pastor: David R. Mattson; Associate Pastor: Sabrina Vasta; Preschool Director: Shelli Parajeckas; Children & Family Director: Barb Collins; Congregational Life Director: Susie Boland; Youth Director: Paige Gulck; Music Director: Kathy Person; Organist: Fred Johnson; 5pm Music Leader: Matt Sears; Administrative Assistant: Carol Weinhardt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: **(MAY CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19)**

- Palm Sunday - April 5 - virtual worship.
- Maundy Thursday - April 9, download the devotion, *Reflections on the Stations of the Cross*, on the Gloria Dei website.
- Good Friday Worship (noon - 3pm) - April 10: Brief service with 7 Last Words of Christ, Prayers, and Blessing. See website for "your" time.
- Easter Sunday Worship: Trumpets, Special Music, and more. Go to website: mygloriadei.org to see information on "live streaming" this Celebration of the Resurrection.

ONLINE WORSHIP - Go to website, mygloriadei.org to learn how to stream a live worship service.

LENTEN COIN BOXES - Return boxes to the Welcome Table or office by Palm Sunday (April 5).

DAILY DEVOTIONAL - "Christ in our Home" available at Welcome Table.

COLUMBARIUM registration has begun! 34 niches purchased. Once payment is made, choose the location (space for two remains). Forms at Welcome Table. This is also for a memorial plaque as well.

CONFIRMATION - will meet virtually on Sunday, April 5 from 11:00am - 12:00pm.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - virtual opportunity to continue the study of Matthew's gospel on Wednesdays at 3pm. If interested, call the church office or email Pastor Sabrina: pastorsabrina@mygloriadei.org.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY will meet online. Stay at home for the breakfast and join us for the study. All men are welcome. Email pastordavid@mygloriadei for information re. signing on.

CONCERT CANCELLATIONS: SCCS (San Clemente Choral Society) spring concert canceled for April 25. South Coast Singers concert canceled for June 20.

WOMEN'S TEA - Annual women's tea will be rescheduled for later in the spring or summer.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Gen2Gen Hayfever Hoedown - May 16; Vacation Bible School - June 15-19.

ELECTRONIC GIVING - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-Dana Point. For Text to Give, text $ amount to *949-356-5326*. First time, initial set up instructions texted back. Once set up, simply text donation. You can also give via credit card or debit card through our secure site - go to mygloriadei.org/donate.