



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PALM SUNDAY

March 28, 2021 +++ 8:30am, 10:00am

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. We remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. **Weather permitting, we will begin outside** and then process into the sanctuary. May God's Spirit help us to fully enter into this Holy Week and understand deeply the amazing love of God.

THE CARILLON BELLS PLAY TO CALL US TO WORSHIP

(We stand as the processional cross is brought in from the courtyard/walkway and the following dialogue is repeated.)

THE 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.**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

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. 1-2

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

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 Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)
THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: *Just As I Am* arr. by Larry Sue

Gloria Dei Bell Choir

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9

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. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 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. 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

(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.)

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.

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The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark the 11th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-10

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this,

‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.)**

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Annette Fettis

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FIRST COMMUNION BLESSING

THE HYMN: *That Priceless Grace*

#591

THE MESSAGE: “*The Donkey Commandeering Committee*”

Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Ride On King Jesus*

Christian Try, Soloist

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Friend of Sinners,

Today begins Holy Week and our contemplation of the deeds of love with which You brought light and salvation to the world. In response to Your work upon the cross, we gratefully offer You our lives and these resources. May they be used to further Your work of grace throughout the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe that Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children may come forward for a blessing. For those that prefer, white grape juice is located in the center of each tray. Please wear a face covering and enter down the center aisle as the ushers guide you.)

THE HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION: Lamb of God Page 191

Lord Whose Love in Humble Service #712;

Come Let Us Eat #491

THE SENDING HYMN: We're Marching to Zion

#625 vv. 1-2

**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.)**

SENDING WORDS: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Tune on "St. Theodulph"* by Miachel Helman Fred Johnson, Organist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Dave & Susan Warneke in loving memory of Susan's mother, Bette Hopkins.

CONGRATULATIONS to Reed Jensen and Landon St. Martin on receiving their 1st Communion training. We celebrate with you and your family when you receive the Sacrament.

DEVOTIONALS - April - June Devotional books are located on the Welcome Table or contact the office to have it sent to you.

BACK INSIDE - Worship is now inside the sanctuary (25% capacity), sit wherever you see a bulletin and outside in the courtyard. Face masks are required. Thanks for following Gloria Dei's guidelines.

SEASON OF LENT - "REVEALED" Art Exhibit on display in Bankson Hall. The art, along with Scripture, will be our Lenten emphasis. Every Wednesday, worship at noon (livestreamed and in person).

LENTEN COIN BOXES at Welcome Table, coins for World Hunger. Bring them back by today, Palm Sunday.

LENTEN SOUP RECIPES - Highlighting some simple soup recipes that church members could make at home. Pick up at the Welcome Table or access via the newsletter on the website: mygloriadei.org.

SUMMER MINISTRY STUDENT from C.L.U. will be joining us in June. Housing needed - looking to rent a one bedroom or studio apartment. If you have a rental connection, please call the office.

NEW MEMBERS! Welcome to the following people: Bret & Maria Boyd; Til Dancker; Mark, Liz, Cole and Samantha Flippin; Kevin, Ashleigh, Reed & Easton Jensen; Mike & Dellita Kobold; and Cathy Savage. May God bless your lives through the Gloria Dei family. Photos are at the Welcome Table.

BRASS MUSICIANS - Calling all brass players! All levels of ability are welcome! Rehearsals Tuesday at 4pm starting March 2nd. Contact Pastor David for more details. pastordavid@mygloriadei.org

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS - Not feeling well or at risk (pre-existing conditions/elderly), please watch the livestream. Extra masks & hand sanitizers available at Welcome Table.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH - April 16, 6pm. We will meet to prep care packages for our shut-ins, followed by game night & bounce house fun! Contact Paige for more info youth@mygloriadei.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Begins again April 25 at both morning services. Outdoor story and activity immediately following the children's sermon. They will return to their parents in church, following their Sunday School activity. Facemasks will be worn by all.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - Join us April 25, 9:30am. We will have lambs, bunnies & other small animals to pet between morning services. A petting zoo for the "good shepherd in all of us" to enjoy!

OFFERING - Place check/money in boxes, or **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.

UPCOMING: Mother's Day-"Daisy a Day" (May 9); Ministry Celebration and Lunch (June 27).

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Communion Assistant: Denise Boyd & Sharon Guilliams; Lector: Henri Nurminen; Ushers: Carol & Chuck Weinhardt; Welcome Table: Gene Rathbun

10am: Communion Assistant: Mary Jane Rylaarsdam-Pike & Jim St. Martin; Lector: Scott Lund; Ushers: Roger Grefsrud & Scott Lund; Welcome Table: Dave Warneke

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH 28 - APRIL 3, 2021

Today: Worship (8:30am & 10am); 1st Communion (10am)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Brass Practice (4pm); Heart Lifters (6:30pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am);

Thursday: AA Men (7am); Maundy Thursday Prayer and Candle Lighting (8am-11am and 6pm-7:30pm); Bell Rehearsal (6:30pm)

Friday: Good Friday Tenebrae Service (12pm & 7pm)

Saturday: Prayer Shawl Group (9am)

CHURCH STAFF: Pastor David R. Mattson; 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; PM Music Leader: Micaela Lum; Administrative Assistant: Carol Weinhardt