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## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## WELCOME

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people

spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom  
of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>11</sup>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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Fountain of living water,

**pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-10

<sup>9</sup> 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.  
<sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from  
Ephraim  
and the warhorse 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 118:26-29

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.  
<sup>27</sup> **The Lord is God, and he has given us light.**  
**Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**  
<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.  
<sup>29</sup> **O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,**  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

## GOSPEL: Mark 14:1-9

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; <sup>2</sup>for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."  
<sup>3</sup> While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. <sup>4</sup>But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money

given to the poor." And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. <sup>9</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **PRAYERS**

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

In Jesus you came among us as a suffering servant. Give your church humility. Redeem your people from pride and the certainty that we always know your will. Heal us and empower us to confess Christ crucified. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In creation, life springs from death. Redeem your creation awaiting resurrection: restore lost habitats and endangered species. Create new possibilities for areas affected by climate change, grant relief from natural disasters, and nurture new growth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Jesus was handed over to the powers of this world. In all nations, instruct the powerful, that they would not exploit their power but maintain justice. Sustain soldiers, and guide those who command them, that they serve those in greatest need. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Abide with those who are condemned to death. Defend those who are falsely accused. Console and strengthen those who are mocked or bullied. Accompany all who suffer; especially we remember those in our hearts and minds, grant respite and renewal. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You called followers to tend Jesus' body in death. Sustain hospice workers and funeral directors. Bless this congregation's ministries at times of death: those who plan and lead funerals, those who prepare meals, all who offer support in grief. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You inspired the centurion to confess Jesus as your Son. We praise you for the faith you have given to people of all places and times. Give us also such faith to trust the promises of baptism and, with them, to look for the resurrection of the dead. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

## BENEDICTION

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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**This week please hold in prayer:** Karl & Oneta Wiechers, Mary Lou Zwiebel, Rick Ford, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

**NO BIBLE STUDY:** This week Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Holy Week 2021 Schedule**

- Palm Sunday- We will gather in the parking lot for a Palm Procession at 8:30am. You are welcome to walk around the building (distanced) or to stay in your cars and honk your horns! Worship will continue at 9am online.
- Maundy Thursday- Dinner Church is one of my favorite things and I will be sharing it with you online! We will eat together, share stories about important meals in our lives, do a liturgy for remembrance of communion, and witness the stripping of the altar. You are invited to make spaghetti so that we are all eating the same thing and have bread, water, a candle and a Bible for the remembrance of communion. If you need spaghetti and sauce, reach out and we can provide it. For the best experience, gather on zoom (it will be shared to Facebook, but it won't be as fun there).
- Good Friday- A community worship service will be available on Facebook at noon.
- Easter Sunday- We will gather at Meyerholtz Park (1799 W Riverview) at 7am for Sunrise Easter Worship including Holy Communion. Bring a chair and dress for the weather.
- Easter Worship will be on Facebook and Zoom at 9am with drive thru communion from 10-11am. Bring your own elements if you would like!

**JOIN US** in reading the New Testament in chronological order in 2021! This week's readings are:

March 28: Mark 11

April 1: Mark 14:12-72

March 29: Mark 12

April 2: Mark 15:1-41

March 30: Mark 13

April 3: Mark 15:42-47

March 31: Mark 14:1-11

### **Lenten Micro Practices**

- Be Uncomfortable - 3-29 - Day 35 - MORE

Growth happens in places where we are uncomfortable, and it's easy to stay in the places of comfort. **Push yourself to find new opportunities to live your faith, especially if it means doing something new.**

- Church Staff - 3-30 - Day 36 - PRAY

Lent and Holy Week are especially busy times for church staff. **Pray for their well-being.**

- Wonder - 3-31 - Day 37 - FAST

**Take a break from having all the answers.** Spend the day noticing, wondering, and questioning the world around you.

- Support - 4-1 - Day 38 - Maundy Thursday - GIVE

**Support a local school or teacher with a note, goodies, or supplies.** You can go to [donorschoose.org](http://donorschoose.org) to support specific school projects.

- Practice Grace - 4-2 - Day 39 - Good Friday - MORE

**Practice grace in everything you do today.** Extend some to your family if they irritate you, to the slow people in your checkout line, or to the cars that pull out in front of you. Notice where you need grace extended to you, too.

- Prayer Walk - 4-3 - Day 40 - PRAY

**Walk around your neighborhood and pray for what you see, hear, touch, and smell.**

- Presence - 4-4 - Easter Sunday - MORE

**Reach out to someone in your church or neighborhood who could use a call or visit.**

This might include an elderly church member, a stay at home parent, someone who has recently lost their job, or someone who is grieving.

- Reflect

**What practices have been meaningful for you?**

**How can you incorporate them into your daily life now that Lent is over?**

**How have you been changed by engaging with these practices over the last six and a half weeks?**

### **Devotionals**

*Portals of Prayer* and *Christ In Our Home* are available. There are both regular and large print editions. They will be available in the mailbox by the back doors. Please help yourself to your favorite devotional book.

### **Offering**

If you are interested, you may sign up for Simply Giving through Vanco by contacting treasurer Julie Kohout, or send your offering to Emanuel Lutheran Church, PO Box 501, Napoleon, OH 43545. **Please do not send cash in the mail!**

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