



# Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church



March 24, 2024

**PALM SUNDAY**

9:30 am

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Chancel Choir*

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:1-11 (READ IN PEWS OR BACK OF SANCTUARY)

<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 the 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.”

## PALM PROCESSION

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*“All Glory, Laud and Honor”*

#### Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

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

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

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

4 To you, before your passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

5 Their praises you accepted;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

## WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*As we begin, all may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

**A Amen.**

L Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L Holy God,

**A we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

L Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through Jesus Christ.

**A Amen.**

### GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**A And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

**A And also with you.**

L Let us pray, Everlasting God,

**A 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.**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Courage and Grace"*

*Jubilee Ringers*

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

L The Word of the Lord.

**A Thanks be to God.**

**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 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, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L The Word of the Lord.

**A Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*“Body Mind Spirit Voice”*

Pastor Aaron Holmgren

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”*

ELW 712

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L Hear us, O God.

**A your mercy is great.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**A And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

*“Blessed Is He Who Comes”*

Chancel Choir

**DOXOLOGY**

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

ELW 885

**OFFERING PRAYER**

L Generous God,

**A you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the means of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

A Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*"Now the Silence"*

ELW 460

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L We thank you, O God,

A that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

*"Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now"*

ACS 930

## SENDING GOSPEL: MARK 11:12-18

<sup>12</sup>On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. <sup>13</sup>Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see whether perhaps he would find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. <sup>14</sup>He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it. <sup>15</sup>Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves; <sup>16</sup>and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. <sup>17</sup>He was teaching and saying, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." <sup>18</sup>And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching.

## BLESSING

## DISMISSAL

L Go in Peace. Christ is with you.

A Thanks be to God!



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**MARCH 28 - 7:00 PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE**  
**MARCH 29 - 7:00 PM**

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 31 - 9:30 AM**  
**(Followed by Continental**  
**Breakfast)**

### ***Welcome Guests & Visitors!***

*We hope you found the worship service meaningful. If you or someone you know would like information about Salem; program offerings, perhaps looking for a church home or some other need: Please contact the church office (651-457-6661) or Diane Hueller (651-451-0307)*