

# PALM SUNDAY

## Sunday March 24, 2024

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#### Procession of the Palms

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 Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

#### The Triumphal Entry

1st Gospel Reading John 12:12-19

#### *The Triumphal Entry*

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So 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!” <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!”

#### Keeping Vigil for Easter - Holy Saturday Evening (Mar 30, 2024)

The congregation, the pastor and his assistant gather at the rear of the darkened church. The large Paschal candle is lit and from it the congregation lights their individual candles. We then move into the darkened church led by the paschal candle. The assistant sings, “The Light of Christ!” and we sing back: “Thanks be to God!” The service on this night is a slow and steady reversal of yesterday’s (Good Friday’s) darkness. This night, the congregation is gathered in the darkness of the tomb, but there's a light shining now that's beginning to glow and to grow.

The assistant sings a note of joy, “Rejoice now, heavenly choirs of angels! Rejoice now, all creation! ... Let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people!”

We listen to Bible readings which tell us of God's love for the human race: about how God called light out of darkness (Gen. 1), judged a faithless world but also provided an ark of grace (Gen. 7–9). We'll hear foretold a Redeemer who will stand at last on the earth and call his own from the grave (Job 19). And much, much more. And we'll know that all of this was not about some other people and some other time, but about us and our God and His gifts.

The Vigil then moves to Baptism and we renounce anew the devil and his works and ways and confess our faith in the triune God.

After the Litany, we hear the Easter acclamation “Alleluia! Christ is risen!” We respond, “He is risen indeed. Alleluia!” The lights are turned on, the altar candles lit, and we sing the joyous hymn of praise “This is the feast of victory for our God.”

As we come forward to receive Jesus' own body and blood, we know that we are receiving the One who spoke and created all things.

- the One who is our Ark of rescue from the flood of judgment.
- the One who is the Lamb provided by God in our place.
- the One who, like the pillars of fire and cloud, leads us to our promised land.
- the One who is the bread that comes only as a free gift.
- the One who gives us new life in the baptismal waters.
- the One who is the Resurrection and who will raise us.
- the One who even now is gathering His people into a feast that never ends, where He will sing over them His eternal love song.

Having received His body and blood, the Vigil is over. We leave knowing that tomorrow our God has even more joys for us!

**Lutherans are uniting in Trinity Lutheran Church, Toronto and Prince of Peace, Burlington** for the Easter Vigil on Mar 30 @ 7:00 p.m.

Those who are enthusiastically looking for attending a vigil of Easter are welcome to join other Lutherans at any of these two locations. You may contact Pastor Joseph if you are eager to attend at any of the locations.

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**IN OUR PRAYERS:** \*Ruth & Brian Miller \*Edgar Rapp \*Maria Pohlmann \*Marlet Wardly \*Letilia Sterling \*Hans & Anna Schroedter \*Gabriel Civitillo \*Trudy Marquardt \*Deva Singh \*Peter Haug \*Tomdaiya \*Bill & Shila Mandel \*Jairam Ganpat \*Nila \*Razack \*Paul Alexander \*Indra Seemadray \*Marlin \*Sam \*Dawood \*Hilda Singh \*Pr Basil Christi \*Pr. Roberto Munoz and family \*Shiny Nath

If you or members of your family would like to be included in this list or if you feel that it's time to be removed from this list, please e-mail, phone or speak to Pastor. We encourage members and/or their families to call when sick or in need of pastoral care. The elders and Pastor is also dependent on the eyes and ears of the congregation to notice member absences.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** *God's Word teaches that in this Holy Supper our Lord Jesus Christ offers to us His true body and blood with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. Those having been Baptized and Confirmed, possessing an active faith in Christ and His words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins", receive His body and blood worthily. The Bible clearly teaches that one must examine oneself before partaking of this Sacrament. This means that we recognize and are sorry for our sins, trust in Jesus as Lord and Saviour, and plan, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to change our sinful lives. Holy Communion is also an expression of our unity of faith as we have learned it in confirmation.*

*Those who hold to this teaching are welcome to partake with us. Those who have questions about this teaching are encouraged to speak with pastor or an elder. Those who have not completed Confirmation are encouraged to come to the altar rail, cross their arms, and receive a blessing.*

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS TODAY.** We are overjoyed that you are here. Please make your visit known to us by introducing yourself to us after the Service and by signing the guest book that is on the lectern in the narthex. The Lord be with you in worship this

morning! For nursing mothers and parents of young children, we have a child-friendly area located in the back of the church should the need arise. This area is equipped with a speaker, couch and a few toys so that parents may continue to see, hear and worship with us. **For safety and security reasons, we ask that parents remain with their children and not leave them unaccompanied in this area during the service.**

We have two large print hymnal sets available. They are located in the second pew from the back (left-hand side). Please keep this pew reserved for the visually impaired and those with wheelchairs or walkers.

### SUMMARY OF THE READINGS

#### *The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory*

The King of Israel comes into His royal glory by the path of humble obedience "to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:8). He "goes as it has been determined" (Luke 22:22), according to the Scriptures, willingly submitting to His Father's plan for the salvation of sinners. "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9). His suffering and death open the way of repentance for the forgiveness of sins because He goes to the cross bearing the sins of the world. In His resurrection, God the Father vindicates His people and has compassion on His servants (Deut. 32:36). He kills to make alive; He wounds in order to heal. In remembrance of Him, we praise God, confessing "that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:11).

### THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOUR

Sunday Mar 24	10 a.m. No Bible Class 11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 11 a.m. No Sunday School
Thursday Mar 28	2- 6:30 p.m. Food Bank 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Communion
Friday Mar 29	11 a.m. Good Friday Service
Saturday Mar 30	7 p.m. Easter Vigil @ Trinity LC, Toronto
Sunday March 31	11:00 a.m. Easter Worship with Communion Lunch following Service

**EASTER LILIES:** The altar guild once again requests donations of Easter Lilies which may be brought to the church during holy week prior to any of the services.

## The Meaning of Holy Week

Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter Sunday. It is a time for personal reflection and contemplation on the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross. In the cross we see the true depths of our sin but also the true love God had for us sinners in sending his Son to die such a death for our salvation. It is only through contemplation of our Lord's betrayal and then agony in the Garden on Maundy Thursday and then His sufferings on the cross chiefly considered on Good Friday that we can really know the joy of His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday marks Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where the crowds, waving palm branches, proclaimed him as the Messiah. On Maundy Thursday we commemorate the institution of the Lord's Supper, as Jesus ate a final meal with his disciples before his death. On Good Friday we remember Jesus' trial, crucifixion and suffering, death, and burial, all done for our sake. Holy Saturday, the day Jesus rested in the tomb, should be a day of quiet meditation. The Saturday evening Easter Vigil service begins the celebration of the resurrection. This celebration becomes complete on Easter Sunday as we celebrate that because He lives, we shall live also, because He died for our sins and rose again, we also, although dead in our sins, will likewise rise to eternal life.

## Holy Week & Easter Services

**Maundy Thursday:** Mar 28, 2024. Holy Communion Service 7:30pm  
My Close Friend (Psalm 41:9)

**Good Friday:** Mar 29, 2024. English Worship 11:00 am  
Be Gracious to Me (Psalm 41:10)

**Easter Saturday Vigil,** Mar 30, 2024 Contradiction (Psalm 41:11)

**Easter Sunday,** Mar 31, 2024: Easter Worship (English) 11:00 am.  
Easter: Because of My Integrity (Psalm 41:9-13)

**Theology of the Body** A doxology Seminar presented by Risen Christ Lutheran Church on **Saturday, April 20, 2024.** A seminar for both Laity and Clergy. **The Registration deadline is Friday, April 5, 2024.** 4090 Dixie Road, Mississauga. On Tele 905-625-5117

To register go to: [risenchrist.lutheranchurchcanada.ca](http://risenchrist.lutheranchurchcanada.ca) Please see the flyer at the Narthex.

<sup>16</sup> His 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. <sup>17</sup> The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup> The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

## Procession of Palms by children

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OT Reading: .....Zechariah 9:9-12

## THE GRADUAL:

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thus securing an eternal re- | demption.

Therefore, he is the mediator of a new | covenant, \*

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal in- | heritance.

He sent redemption to his | people; \*

he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.

Epistle Reading: ..... Philippians 2:5-11

The Verse (spoken by all)

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**INTROIT** Ps 24:7-10; antiphon Ps. 118:26

Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the LORD! \*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors, \*

that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory? \*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors, \*

that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory? \*

The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of | glory!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning, \***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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**COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God,

You sent Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,

to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross.

Mercifully grant

that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience

and be made partakers of His resurrection;

through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. **Amen.** (L28)

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**READINGS**

John 12:12-19 (Palm Sunday Procession)

Zechariah 9:1-12

Psalms 118:19-29 (antiphon: v. 26)

or Psalm 31:9-16 (antiphon: v. 5)

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47 / or Mark 15:1-47 or John 12:20-43

**GRADUAL**

Heb. 9:12a, c, 15a; Ps.

111:9a

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**VERSE**

Phil 2:8b

He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.