



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH
A Growing Family of Faith
April 5, 2020
PALM SUNDAY



INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We are called together to worship today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

P. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! **C. Hosanna in the Highest!**

P. The Holy Gospel according to Luke 19:28-40: **C. Glory to you, O Lord.** ²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here." ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

P. The Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF THE PALMS P. We praise you O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

C. Bless these branches and we who carry them.

P. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that joined to his death and resurrection we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen**

P. Let us go forth in peace, **C. In the name of the Lord.**

P. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! **C. Hosanna in the Highest!**

GATHERING SONG "Amazing Grace"

RESPONSIVE CONFESSION

P. Lord Jesus Christ, when our words and actions reflect a reluctance to confess you publicly as Lord of our lives: **C. Forgive us.**

P. When we fear that humbling ourselves would be seen by others as weakness, **C. Forgive us.**

P. When we have betrayed your love for us through our lack of love for you, for others and for ourselves: ***C. Forgive us.***

P. When we find ourselves glossing over the events of your passion and death because we look forward to Easter as a time to enjoy holidays and have fun: ***C. Forgive us.***

P. Lord Jesus Christ, fix your mind in us; ***C. remake us in your likeness;***

P. Empty us of all that hinders us from following you ***C. to where pain and suffering, exploitation and injustice exist.***

P. Gracious and loving God, empower us with the Holy Spirit so that our lives continually glorify you and our tongues forever confess Jesus as Lord. ***C. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MESSAGE Pastor Michael Birnbaum, (on Facebook *Livingwordkingman*) special video: "Hope"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/OFFERING PRAYER

P. Let us pray, ***C. The crowds offered you their coats to walk on; they waved palm branches, honoring your presence. Today we honor you, Lord with these offerings. We lay these gifts before you, humble tokens of our love. Amen***

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER, CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS, LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

BLESSING/BENEDICTION

P. Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C. Thanks be to God!

Amazing Grace

1-Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

2- Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

3- When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun