

# † Palm Sunday †

“Into Jerusalem”



**“Jesus Wept Over the City”**

**Luke 19:11-48**

# ✠ The Divine Liturgy ✠

“Love the Creator & His Creation Like Jesus”

Saint Luke Lutheran Church | April 10, 2022

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## Invocation

Father, Creator of all heaven and earth, ✠ **you save us from our selfishness and make us your children through Baptism, Repentance, and Communion.** ✠ Through your Son Jesus, who is your Word embodied in flesh, ✠ **we die to Civilization's Way of arrogance, fear, and violence.** ✠ Through your Holy Spirit, who dwells among us and within us, ✠ **we are reborn in Jesus's Way of faith, hope, and love.**

## Processional Song ✠ *LSB 444 “No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet”*

- ♫ *No tramp of soldiers' marching feet with banners and with drums, no sound of music's martial beat: `The King of glory comes!' To greet what pomp of kingly pride no bells in triumph ring, no city gates swing open wide: `Behold, behold your King!'*
- ♫ *And yet he comes. The children cheer; with palms his path is strown. With every step the cross draws near: the King of glory's throne. Astride a colt he passes by as loud hosannas ring, or else the very stones would cry `Behold, behold your King!' ♪*
- ♫ *What fading flowers his road adorn; the palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but only thorn the King of glory's crown. The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, the streets with tumult ring, as Pilate to the mob replies, `Behold, behold your King!'*
- ♫ *Now he who bore for mortals' sake the cross and all its pains and chose a servant's form to take, the King of glory reigns. Hosanna to the Savior's Name till heaven's rafters ring, and all the ransomed host proclaim `Behold, behold your King!' ♪*

## Palm Sunday Litany

Behold! Lord Jesus came to his people in Israel! ✠ **Hosanna! He comes to save us!**  
Behold! Christ Jesus is still coming among us today! ✠ **Hosanna! He comes to save us!**  
Behold! King Jesus will come to set all things right! ✠ **Hosanna! He comes to save us!**

## † Baptism — The Way of Faith †

### Surrendering to the Creator

Jesus says, “You must be born again through water and the Spirit ✠ **to enter the Creator's Rule.**” ✠ Father, Son, & Holy Spirit ✠ **I surrender to you all of my mind, all of my heart, and all of my body and soul.**

(we make the sign of the cross, touching forehead, heart, and shoulders)

Jesus says, “If you love your self, family, or nation more than me, ✠ **you cannot be my disciple.** ✠ If you hold onto your life, you will destroy it, ✠ **but if you let go of your life, you will save it.**” ✠ Father, into your hands ✠ **I commit my spirit.** ✠ Father, not my will, ✠ **but your will be done.** ♫ *Take my life and all my heart, take my whole soul ev'ry part. Take my mouth and let it be, filled with your truth and mercy. ♫ Take my hands and let them love, with compassion from above. Take my feet and let them go, on the Way that Jesus showed. ♫ Take my money and fam'ly, give me faith and set me free. Take my life and teach me how to love all creation now. ♫ (LSB 783)*

## Prayer of the Day

Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them."

(the Christ candle is lit to remind us that Jesus is present among us)

♩ **All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One.** ♪ (LSB 442)

The Lord Jesus be with you. ✠ **And also with you.** ✠ Let us pray. Heavenly Father, help us to have compassion for all those in the world who have gone astray from you. In the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

## Listening to the Creator

Jesus says, "Come to me, all of you who are tired and burdened. Learn from me and practice my teachings and you will find rest for your souls. Those who listen will live." ♩ **Listen to what Jesus teaches, listen to him every day. Listen as you walk and follow, listen also as you pray. Listen to him every moment, listen with an open mind. Listen to find peace and patience, listen so you will be kind.** ♪ (LSB 770)

## Remembering the Saints & Martyrs ✠ Rufina & Secunda

Father, we give you thanks for the great cloud of saints and witnesses who have gone before us and have embodied the Way of Jesus. Today we remember Rufina and Secunda who were daughters of a Roman Senator. When persecutions arose both of their fiances renounced Jesus, but Rufina and Secunda were steadfast and were beheaded in 257 AD for their faith. Help us learn from their faith and example, **Amen.**

## Chanted Psalm ✠ *Psalm 119 Kaph*



♩ **My soul longs and waits for your | salvation;**  
\* **my eyes are tired of waiting | for your word,**  
**Though I wither away, I will | not forget.**  
\* **When will you bring justice | to the world?**  
**The arrogant have dug | pits for me,**  
\* **they almost removed me | from the earth.**  
**But I did not forsake | your teachings.**  
\* **Revive me according to your | faithful love.** ♪

## Law & Prophets ✠ Ezekiel 34:1-10

The Prophets reading comes from Ezekiel 34. ✠ **Blessed are the ears that listen.**  
We do not live on bread alone, ✠ **but on every word from the Lord.**

## Epistle ✠ 2 Peter 3:1-18

The Epistle reading comes from 2 Peter 3. ✠ **Blessed are the ears that listen.**  
We do not live on bread alone, ✠ **but on every word from the Lord.**

## † Holy Gospel † Luke 19:11-48

We stand for the word of Jesus. ♩ **If you lose your life for my sake, you will find it; if you want to save your life, let it go. Take up your cross, deny yourself. Come, follow**

*me, follow me.* ♪ (GC2 688)

The holy Gospel comes from Luke 19. ✠ **Blessed are those who listen to Jesus.**

If you have ears to hear, then listen! ✠ **Lord Jesus, help us to practice your Word.**

## Message

### † Repentance — The Way of Hope †

#### Confronting Our Past

Jesus says, “I know everything you do. Pay attention and remove the log from your own eye. I have called you out of Civilization. Repent, for the Creator’s Rule is at hand!”

(silence for reflection)

For placing our self, family, and nation above you, ✠ **Father, forgive us.**

For trusting the technology and works of human hands, ✠ **Father, forgive us.**

For being hypocrites who misrepresent your name, ✠ **Father, forgive us.**

For not living in restful peace with land, animals, and each other, ✠ **Father, forgive us.**

For not respecting our fathers and mothers in Christ, ✠ **Father, forgive us.**

For being violent to our bodies and your creation, ✠ **Father, forgive us.**

For not keeping our sexuality within marriage, ✠ **Father, forgive us.**

For trying to possess and control your creation, ✠ **Father, forgive us.**

For not being vulnerable and truthful with others, ✠ **Father, forgive us.**

For competing with others and not being content with our lives, ✠ **Father, forgive us.**

Father, turn us back to walking in your Spirit. ♪ ***Lord Father we have wandered and hidden from your face. Rescue your whole creation with your almighty grace. From trust in wealth and weapons and blindness to your Way, save us and all creation with your own hands, we pray.*** ♪ (LSB 449)

Jesus says, “I discipline those I love. Come out of Civilization, my people, so you will not share in its sins and plagues. Not one stone will be left standing, it will all be torn down.” Will you turn away from Civilization’s Way of arrogance, fear, and violence and reaffirm your Baptism into Jesus’s Way of faith, hope, and love? ✠ **Yes, I renounce Civilization’s Way and pledge to follow Jesus.** ✠ Jesus says, “Put your sword away. If you live by the sword, you will die by the sword. But if you forgive others, your heavenly Father will forgive you.” Will you release all debts and grudges that you hold against anyone—including yourself and every member of this church? ✠ **Yes, I forgive all those who have hurt me, frustrated me, or owe me anything.** ✠ Jesus says, “Your sins are forgiven. Get up and walk. Go and sin no more.” ✠ **Amen.**

#### Song of the Day ✠ ***“We Long to Know Peace” (LSB 804)***

♪ ***“We long to know peace!” Jerusalem said As Caesar's great troops filled people with dread. As soldiers and armies marched in with great might, No justice was found and no peace was in sight.*** ♪

♪ ***They welcomed you in, a conquering king, Yet what kind of reign would you really bring? “Hosanna! God saves!” they cried to the Lord. They called him a king and looked for his sword.*** ♪

♪ ***Would he fight their battles and turn things around? Then Christ rode a donkey so meek into town. It wasn't a war horse you rode on that day; A creature of peace***

*carried you on your way. ♪*

♪ *Did those in that crowd expect something more Than one who reached out in love to the poor? Did they think a savior with armies was best, Or did they remember: the peaceful are blessed? ♪*

♪ *“We long to know peace!” O God, we still say, Yet when Jesus calls we turn him away. O God, may we see in this non-violent king The peace that you offer, the life that you bring. ♪*

### Waiting on the Creator

♪ *Our Father, bring your Rule and will to earth. Give what we need for worry-free rebirth. Bring peace among us and forgive us too, as we forgive and love in all we do. ♪ Protect us from all things that will mislead. Keep us from selfishness, violence, and greed. We place our lives into your hands this day. Teach us to listen and to walk your Way. Amen. ♪ (LSB 637)*

(incense is lit to symbolize our prayers ascending to God and as its smell fills this space we are reminded of his presence among us)

Jesus says, “Learn from the birds. They do not store up for tomorrow and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Do not fear or worry about tomorrow. Not a hair from your head will be destroyed. Seek only your Father’s Rule and he will give you everything you need.” *In peace let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy. ♪*

**Our Father in heaven, make your name holy, bring your Rule, make your will be done—on earth as in heaven.** ☩ Father, set us apart from Civilization in all our thoughts, words, and deeds. Take charge of our lives and all those in authority. Use everything that happens to bring your good judgment and healing upon all creation. *Let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy. ♪*

**Give us this day our daily bread.** ☩ Father, provide for us, protect us, and heal our brokenness. Especially this day we remember Charlene Sargent, Jan & Paul Zugelder, Yvonne Brown’s & Joanne Leive’s birthdays, and those we name in our hearts... Father, give us exactly what we need this day and teach us to be content with that. *Let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy. ♪*

**Forgive us our debts as we forgive those in debt to us.** ☩ Father, forgive us and free us from all that enslaves us. Help us to walk away from our anxieties and traumas as well as our addictions to Civilization’s Way, so we may walk in Jesus’s Way. Empower us to love and forgive everyone, even our enemies, in the same way you have loved and forgiven us. *Let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy. ♪*

**Do not abandon us in temptation, but rescue us from evil.** ☩ Father, humble us and remind us that we have no strength apart from you. Stay with us in times of difficulty and save us from our selfishness. Comfort us in the certain hope that your creation and children will be renewed and raised from the dead. *Let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy. ♪*

**For all authority, power, and glory are yours—now and forever.** ☩ Father, help us to let go and surrender everything into your loving hands, trusting that you are working all things to the good of those who love you. ☩ **Amen.**

# † Communion — The Way of Love †

## Sharing the Lord's Peace

Jesus says, “Make peace with each other ☩ **before you come to the Lord's altar.**  
By this all people will know that you are my disciples: ☩ **if you love each other.**”

## Offering

Jesus says, “Do not store up things on earth. To be my disciple you must give up everything you own. Freely you have received from the Lord, freely you must give.”  
We offer all we have to the Lord, while also offering gifts to support this communion.

## Musical Offering

## Pledge of Allegiance

☩ *We come before you, Lord, to bow. We lay our lives at your feet now. All things are yours, we own nothing! Our lives are in your hands this day. Give what we need, O Lord, we pray. Please protect us, provide for us! Watch over us, ever with us, always love us!* ☩ (LSB 816) Jesus says, “If you pledge your allegiance to me before men, then I will pledge my allegiance to you before my heavenly Father.”

**I pledge allegiance to one God, the all-powerful Father, who is the Creator of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**I pledge allegiance to one Lord, Jesus Christ, who is God's only Son. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He loved and he suffered. Under Pontius Pilate, he was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day he was raised from the dead. He ascended to heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He is coming to judge the living and the dead. His rule will not end.**

**I pledge allegiance to the Holy Spirit, who is the giver of life, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the baptism for forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life in the age to come. Amen.**

## Thanksgiving

The Lord Jesus be with you. ☩ **And also with you.** ☩ Lift up your hearts! ☩ **We lift them to the Lord!** ☩ Let us give thanks to our Creator! ☩ **It is right to give him thanks and praise!** ☩ Praise and thanks are due to you, Father, ☩ **for you provide, protect, love, and renew us and all creation!** ☩ We are grateful that you bring heaven and earth together through Jesus's love for all creation!

☩ *Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on in faith. Take up your cross amid the strife, trust in God and lay down your life.* ☩ *Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. O Christ, you conquer death and sin, and your Kingdom will now begin.* ☩ (LSB 441)

## † Words of Our Lord Jesus †

On the night before our Lord Jesus was crucified, he revealed his Way of rescuing all creation from the Way of Civilization. Before supper, Jesus humbly washed the feet of his students and enemies. Jesus said, ☩ **“Follow my example. Love each other, even your enemies, in the same way I have loved you.”** ☩ During supper, Jesus then took

the bread and broke it. He gave it to them, saying, “This is my body which is being given for you. Do the same for each other in my memory.” After supper, Jesus then took the cup and gave thanks. He said, “This is my blood which is being shed for you, for the forgiveness of all of your sin. Do the same for each other in my memory.”

♫ *When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death Lord Jesus. So as we share this feast may we, remember your love for us. Help us now to follow your Way, and to walk in your goodness. Always make us one in you.* ♫ (LSB 384)

### Invitation to the Table

We gather around Jesus’s table, ✠ **trusting that he is truly giving his whole self to us through this bread, wine, and communion.** ✠ As we receive the Lord’s gifts, ✠ **we commit to laying down our lives for each member of this church in the Way that Jesus has laid down his life for us.** ✠ We invite all Baptized members of the holy universal Church, who give their undivided allegiance to Jesus and are at peace with their brothers and sisters in Christ, to join us in this mysterious communion of heaven and earth. ♫ *Oh come Lord Jesus come and dine and give yourself through bread and wine. Feed us so we may have new birth, and bring your rule ov’r all the earth. Come now, come now! Our Lord Jesus and bring your healing love to us!* ♫ (LSB 357)

### Sharing the Bread & Wine

#### Sent to “Do the Same in My Memory”

Jesus says, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood is united with me and will be raised from the dead.” Christ Jesus, as we feed on you ✠ **we are made members of your Body.** ✠ We no longer live for ourselves ✠ **but you, Lord Christ, live within us.** ✠ As you have laid down your body and blood for us, ✠ **help us to do the same for each other in your memory.** ✠ Help us share our whole lives with the church ✠ **and care for all your creation, including our own bodies.** ✠ Jesus says, “What do you want me to do for you?” ✠ **Lord, open my eyes so that I can see!** ✠ Jesus says, “Your eyes have been opened, ✠ **take up your cross everyday and follow me.” Amen.**

♫ *Go to dark Gethsemane, you who feel the tempter’s pow’r. Your Lord Jesus’ conflict see, watch with him one painful hour. Shun not suff’ring, shame or loss, learn from him to bear your cross. ♫ To his cross go make your climb, there to worship at his feet. It is here his kingdom’s time, his self-sacrifice complete. “God forgive them,” hear his cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.* ♫ (LSB 436)

### Blessing

Jesus says, “Blessed are you in your poverty and suffering, for you are in the Creator’s Rule. Blessed are you in your humility, for you will inherit the earth. Blessed are you when you are merciful and peaceful, for you will find mercy and peace.” ✠ **Amen.**

### Recessional Song ✠ *“Don’t Fear, Little Flock” (LSB 802)*

♫ *“Don’t fear, little flock!” Jesus lovingly told, While fear, greed and hatred might seem now to hold. “For it is your Father’s good pleasure to give.” God offers a kingdom—a new way to live.* ♫

♫ *So sell your possessions, share with the needy, God’s treasure is despised by all the greedy. Make purses that nothing on earth can destroy, which consist of sharing,*

compassion, and joy. ♪

- ♪ *Don't fear, little flock, don't be in a hurry, Light lamps for God's kingdom, and do not worry, When powerful people cause suffering and hurt. Never stop your praying; O Church, stay alert!* ♪
- ♪ *Don't fear, little flock, keep loving your neighbor, God gives us the kingdom, calls us to labor, In ways that are fearless and loving and bold. Help children who need you and cherish the old.* ♪
- ♪ *In this world of suffering beyond all measure, God gives us the kingdom; God gives us treasure. In this world of lying and violence and strife, God gives us the Way and the Truth and the Life.* ♪

- \* Get your Steward nominations into the Council.
- \* Faith & Film: “**Noah**” Apr 25, May 2 @ DG
- \* Faith & Film: “**The Mission**” May 9, 16 @ DG
- \* Scripture Study: Genesis 12—50, starting Apr 20 @ DG

**\* Want to do a retreat at the Disciple Garden?**

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**Weekly Calendar | April 10 - 17, 2022**

<b>Sun, Apr 10</b>	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy   “Jesus Wept Over the City”   Luke 19:11-48
	10:45 am	Food & Fellowship   Text of the Day Study
<b>Mon, Apr 11</b>	6:00 pm	Table Talk: “The Chosen” @ DG
<b>Thurs, Apr 14</b>	6:00 pm	Maundy Thursday @ DG   Luke 22:1-65   <b>POTLUCK</b>
<b>Fri, Apr 15</b>	6:00 pm	Good Friday   Luke 22:66—23:49
<b>Sat, Apr 16</b>	6:00 pm	Holy Saturday @ DG   Luke 23:50-56
<b>Sun, Apr 17</b>	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy   “Why Are You Seeking Life in Death?”   Luke 24:1-12
	10:45 am	Food & Fellowship   Text of the Day Study

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