

# **Vasa Lutheran Church**

## *Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem*

Pastor Maureen Hagen    Accompanist – Austin Ferguson

**April 14, 2019**

**Prelude Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen (BWV 1093) - J.S. Bach**  
*Performed by Austin Ferguson*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 21:1-17**

### **BLESSING OF PALMS**

**P:** Let us pray. **We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Bless these branches and those who carry them. 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. Amen**



# ENTRANCE HYMN

# HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

Jennette Threlfall, 1873

ELLACOMBE 7 6 7 6 D.  
Gesangbuch. Württemberg. 1784

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang;  
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, And chant - ing clear and loud;  
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n, our King;

To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,  
The Lord of men and an - gels Rode on in low - ly state,  
O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,

The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice! A - men.

## GREETING

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray: Righteous God, **you brought your son Jesus into Jerusalem to show people the radical grace of your love. show us this grace, and give us eyes to see your goodness. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **RECITATION BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN**

Deborah and her brother James were playing very hard. They suddenly looked up to see two tall men in the yard.

"Your donkeys, Son," the first man said. "We've come here to get them." "No!" Deborah said emphatically. "James! We mustn't let them."

"Children, you don't understand." The second man was kind. "The Master needs them right away. We know that you won't mind."

"These are the very animals. The Master sent us here. What was foretold will be fulfilled—the prophet's words are clear."

"The Master?" Deborah asked thoughtfully, "Is Jesus Christ His name? I sat upon His knee one time. Is that who?" "Yes the same."

"Good-bye," James whispered tenderly to his little pet. "The Master needs you, so be brave and good, now don't forget."

An hour or two afterwards, Deborah and James heard suddenly some mighty shouts and stopped playing their games.

"I've never seen such crowds before" said Deborah, amazed. "They're shouting out hosannas! Who on earth is being praised?"

People waving branches of palm trees they'd cut down—It looked like they were going to make a pathway through the town.

With branches from the trees, and cloaks, they spread them on the way. Some very special person must be coming through today.

"Who is it?" But the answer came as He rode into view. Jesus! The prophet of Nazareth on the donkey that they knew.

"Hosanna!" James joined with the crowd. "Hosanna!" Deborah shouted. And the Master smiled for them just then they never doubted.

"Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord." Still rang the joyous songs as gradually the multitudes became more distant throngs.

"To think!" the children said in awe, "Our pet the Master rode. Jesus Christ, the Son of God became his first full load."

## **SONGS BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN**

**Psalm 24** (Read responsively)

L: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;

**C: for he has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.**

L: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?

**C: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.**

L: They will receive blessing from the LORD,  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**C: Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

L: Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.

**C: Who is the King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle.**

L: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of  
glory may come in.

**C: Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.**

**ANTHEM FROM THE ADULT CHOIR**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 26: 36-46**

**SERMON**

**HYMN**

**My Song is Love Unknown**  
Sung to the tune "*Rhosymedre*"

**ELW 343**

**EXTENDED GOSPEL READING:**

- 1. Matthew 26:47-56**
- 2. Matthew 26:57-68**
- 3. Matthew 26:69-75**
- 4. Matthew 27:1-14**
- 5. Matthew 27:15-23**
- 6. Matthew 27:24-37**
- 7. Matthew 27:38-44**

**RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING including a Generosity Moment:**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Merciful God, **receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

**THE 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.

**GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 27:45-54**

**SENDING HYMN**

**WERE YOU THERE?**

**ELW 353**

We will sing verses 1, 2, 3, and 5.

**DISMISSAL**

Marked with the cross of Christ,  
go forth to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Reminder – No Faith Life Night this week!**

**POSTLUDE: Psalm XVIII, 'The Heavens Declare the Glory of God' - Benedetto Marcello**

*Performed by Austin Ferguson*

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** David Broin, Evans Josephson, Scott and Kerry Sorenson (sons of Sterling & Sharyn)



**SERVING US TODAY**

**Ushers:** Rick Samuelson, Duane Hanson, Bruce Tiderquist, and Rodney Nelson

**Readers:** Jessica Anderson | **Greeters:** Teri Mandelkow

**PARISH PULSE:** April 7, 2019 \$1,822 Worship Attendance: 83

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT VASA

**April 14:** Palm Sunday 9:00 AM held in the church sanctuary.

**April 14:** First Holy Communion class will bake flatbread at 10:30 AM at the Center.

**April 15:** Executive Team meeting time to be announced

**April 18:** Maundy Thursday Service 7 PM in the church sanctuary. Foot washing, 5th Grade First Communion and the stripping of the altar occur as a part of this worship service.

**April 17:** WELCA Bible Study, this group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Room. For additional information contact Jeannette Anderson.

**April 19:** Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00 PM in the church sanctuary. This solemn service includes reading the Passion Story from the gospel of John, as well as stripping the altar and draping the church furnishings in black.

### **April 21: VASA YOUTH TO SERVE EASTER BREAKFAST**

Join in the Easter Celebration at Vasa and have a great breakfast with family and friends at the Lutheran Center Easter morning. The Youth of Vasa will be serving a wonderful menu of: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Assortment of Muffins, Rolls, **Milk**, Orange Juice and Coffee. Serving begins at 7:30 AM continues to 8:30 AM. Worship service will begin at 9:00 AM. The donations collected at the breakfast will be used for to support youth activities and missions for the year. Youth volunteers are needed for Saturday and Sunday. Volunteer schedule will be forthcoming.

**May 8:** Free Community Dinner 5:30 to 6:30 PM Pork Burgers, Brats, & Hot Dogs

**May 12: Undie Sunday** donate toilet paper or new (children or women) underwear.

### **June 24-28: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

### **VASA MUSEUM - SAVE THE DATES**

Root Beer Floats Thursday, July 4 | Swedish Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 26

**Friends of the Museum** is updating their partnership list. When you become a Friends of the Museum partner, you become part of a distinguished group of leaders. Friends of the Museum help make possible the one-of-a-kind exhibitions, programs, and educational resources that people associate with the Vasa. This is group will help with special events such as tour groups, fundraising events, or assisting on Sunday afternoons. A signup sheet is located in the gathering area or you can contact Audrey Rosener by sending her an email at [audmurros@hotmail.com](mailto:audmurros@hotmail.com). Preserving our history for future generations is very important!

### **VASA & WELCH 8-Mile RUMMANGE & BAKE SALE**

It's time for our annual Rummage and Bake Sale fundraiser with Lunch being served on both days!

The rummage sale (April 25-26) is coming soon and there will be a bake sale. If you can donate to the bake sale, we need cookies, bars, quick breads, cupcakes, pies, candies, or anything else you like make or bake. If you don't want to package the items, just bring them to the Lutheran Center and packages will be made for the sale. Last year we didn't have very many baked goods and the crowd looks for our home baked items. At the bazaar in December, a shipper was heard saying that "the Vasa members always make such quality baked goods." She came specifically for baked goods and was very happy when she left with bags full of goodies. Please help! Baked goods can be brought to the Lutheran Center anytime on Monday, April 22, Tuesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> or Wednesday, the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Donation Drop-off dates:** Monday, April 22, noon to 7 PM; Tuesday, April 23, noon to 7 PM; and Wednesday, April 24, noon to 7 PM. *(If you require a different drop-off time please contact Faye at 651-212-3209)*

**Rummage Sale dates/times:** Thursday, April 25, 2019 from noon to 7 PM, and Friday April 26, 2019 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Vasa Lutheran Center) Saturday April 27, 8 to Noon at the Cross of Christ Lutheran Church location only.

**Rummage Sale Items Needed:**

We need gently used clothes (sorted by gender and size for quick placement) books, toys, small furniture items, tools, baby clothing and items, knickknacks linens, jewelry, small appliances, seasonal holiday items, and home decorations.

***Please no exercise equipment, mattresses, TV's or large electronic items as they do not sell.***

2019  
VASA AND WELCH AREA  
8-MILE RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE



THURSDAY, APRIL 25  
12:00 PM – 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 26  
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 27  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

MAPS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT EACH LOCATION

VASA LUTHERAN CENTER WILL PARTICIPATE  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY ONLY

SALES AT VASA LUTHERAN CENTER, ON HIGHWAY 19, AND  
CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ON HIGHWAY 61  
AND AT VARIOUS HOMES ALONG COUNTY ROAD 7  
& BETWEEN BOTH CHURCHES FOR OVER 8 MILES!

LUNCH SERVED DURING SALE HOURS EACH DAY AT BOTH CHURCHES

### ELECTRONIC GIVING:

Information on electronic giving to Vasa Lutheran Church is on the table near the door of the gym or at the back of the church. If you are interested in using this method of giving instead of using weekly offering envelopes, please fill out the *Authorization Form* attached to the information and bring it to the Church Office. Thank you in advance for participating in the electronic giving option.

### SUMMER CAMP:

Good Earth Village Summer 2019 registration is now open! Vasa Lutheran Church offers camp scholarships, so all children have an opportunity to experience the fun of exploring God in creation. Contact Pastor Maureen if you have questions about the camp or if you would like to apply for the scholarship.

[www.goodearthvillage.org](http://www.goodearthvillage.org)



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### Vasa Mission Statement

We the Vasa congregation, called by God, commit to:

Worshipping together,  
Growing in Faith  
Serving others, and  
Welcoming and Loving all!

### CONNECT WITH VASA

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