

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem*

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**March 28, 2021**

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

#### **PSALM 118: 19-23** (Read responsively)

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

**C: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

L: This is the gate of the LORD;

**C: the righteous shall enter through it.**

L: I thank you that you have answered me

**C: and have become my salvation.**

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**C: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

### **OPENING GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 19:29-40**

#### **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**

**ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR**

**ELW 344**

#### **GREETING**

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

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**C: and also with you.**

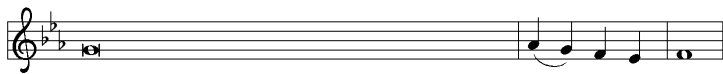
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



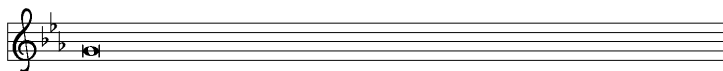
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Let us pray: Hosanna, King, **Blessed are you, our king, who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven! Even if our voices were silenced, creation itself would rise up to praise you! Hosanna in the Highest! Amen.**

**GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 22: 39-53**

**HYMN** **MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN** **ELW 343**  
Sung to the tune "Rhosymedre" We will sing verses 1-3

**SERMON**

**HYMN** **MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN** **ELW 343**  
Sung to the tune "Rhosymedre" We will sing verses 4-6

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the keeper of the covenant,  
the source of steadfast love,  
our rock and our redeemer.

**Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Fountain of living water,  
**pour out your mercy over us.**  
**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**  
**Rebuild what we have ruined**  
**and mend what we have torn.**  
**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**  
**Make us alive in the Spirit**  
**to follow in the way of Jesus,**  
**as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails.  
The promise rests on grace:  
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,  
the wisdom and power of God,  
your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more.  
Journey in the way of Jesus.

**Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** After each petition the pastor will say, "Lord, in your mercy," Please respond with "**hear our prayer.**"

## **GENEROSITY MOMENT**

**CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS:** After the words of institution you will be invited to partake in the body and blood of Christ. We believe that God is present with us wherever we share in this sacred meal.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.  
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

## 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.**

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

### BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ be with you now and forever. Amen.

**PRAYER** God of steadfast love, **at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 22:54-23:56**

**SENDING HYMN**

**WERE YOU THERE?**

**ELW 353**

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

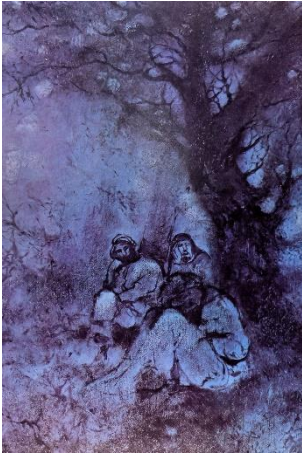
### BLESSING

You are what God made you to be:  
created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
chosen as holy and beloved,  
freed to serve your neighbor.  
God bless you † that you may be a blessing,  
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.  
**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Eileen Anderson, Paul Mikaelson, Gloria Skog, Einar Norman, Merle Pearson.



Maundy Thursday worship will be held at 7:00 on Thursday, April 1st in the Sanctuary. Worshippers hear the words of individual absolution as well as receive an anointing with oil. We will celebrate Holy Communion as we remember that it was on this night Jesus instituted the sacrament. Finally the altar area will be stripped of furnishings as a sign of Jesus' abandonment by his followers and friends.



Good Friday worship will be held at 7:00 on Friday, April 2nd in the Sanctuary. **Tenebrae (Latin for darkness)** was the name given to the medieval predawn morning prayer service celebrated by monks during the last three days in Holy Week. More recently Christians have transferred this service to the afternoon or evening of Good Friday where it continues the journey through the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. At the heart of this service is the passion reading. This year we read the story according to Luke. As Jesus draws all people to himself, we pray for the whole world for which Christ died. Finally, we

honor the cross as the sign of forgiveness, healing, and salvation. With all God's people we are invited to bow before this mystery of faith. Christ has died so that we may live.



Easter Sunday Worship will be held at 9:00 on Sunday, April 4. We will celebrate with several families as their children participate in their First Communion. Children and their families will kneel at the railing. All other worshippers will remain in their pews for communion.



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Save the Dates: April 14 (Tater-Tot Hot Dish) & May 12 (Pulled Pork Sandwiches)!! **Reservation Deadlines are April 7 and May 5 at 1:00 (you know the drill!)** Also—many thanks to our volunteers who made our March 10 Community Dinner so successful. We prepared and served about 325 meals, give or take a few.



Mark your calendar for the **Vasa Rummage Sale** to be held on **April 22-23**. Items (including clothing) may be dropped off at the Lutheran Center beginning Sunday, April 18.



**American Red Cross**

### **Vasa Lutheran Blood Drive**

April 29 1:00pm – 7:00pm

April 30 9:00am – 2:00pm

Schedule your appointments!

Parish Pulse:

**March 21**

Participating in Worship: All – In Spirit

(29 in-person + 12 for Lenten Worship 3/24)

Total Offerings: \$1,525.00

