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Bulletin for Palm Sunday

ORDER OF SERVICE WITHOUT HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN 86 ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOUR

1
All glory, laud, and honour
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed one.

2
The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present.

3
To Thee before Thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.

4
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To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
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Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed one.

THE CONFESSION

Dear friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord. **He made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord. **Then He forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess to You that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Most merciful God, You have given Your only Son to die for us: Have mercy on us, and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By Your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of You and Your will, and make us obedient to Your Word, so that by Your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He has given the right to become the children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.

THE INTROIT

Open to me the gates of righteousness! I shall enter through them. I shall give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD, through which righteous people will enter.

I shall give thanks to You. For You have answered me, and You have become my Salvation.

The Stone that the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone.

This has come from the LORD. It is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, please give us success!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you all from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and has given us light. Tie the festive procession together with leafy branches as far as the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I shall give thanks to You. You are my God. Let me honour You highly.

Give thanks to the LORD! For He is good. For His mercy endures for ever.

Psalm 118:19-29

THE GLORY TO THE FATHER

Glory to the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and will be for evermore. Amen.

THE LORD HAVE MERCY

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

THE GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Glory to God in the highest.

And on earth peace, among men with whom He is pleased. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God, the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord, You alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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 for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

The First Reading for _____ is written in chapter _____ of _____, beginning at verse _____.

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING

The Second Reading is written in chapter _____ of _____, beginning at verse _____.

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord.

Christ humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death; even death on the cross.

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel is written in the _____ chapter of the Gospel according to _____, beginning at verse _____.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 36 JESUS, NAME OF WONDROUS LOVE

<p>1 Jesus, name of wondrous love, Name all other names above, Unto which must every knee Bow in deep humility.</p>	<p>3 Jesus, name of priceless worth To the fallen sons of earth, For the promise that it gave: Jesus shall His people save.</p>	<p>5 Jesus, only name that's given Under all the mighty heaven, Whereby man, to sin enslaved, Burst his fetters and is saved.</p>
<p>2 Jesus, name decreed of old: To the maiden-mother told, Kneeling in her lowly cell, By the angel Gabriel.</p>	<p>4 Jesus, name of mercy mild, Given to the holy child, When the cup of human woe First He tasted here below.</p>	<p>6 Jesus, name of wondrous love, Human name of God above; Pleading only this, we flee, Helpless, O our God, to Thee.</p>

SERMON - The Mind of Christ Philippians 2:5-11

HYMN 169 THE HEAD THAT ONCE WAS CROWNED WITH THORNS (5 verses Only)

<p>1 The head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now: A royal diadem adorns The mighty victor's brow.</p>	<p>4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is given; Their name an everlasting name, Their joy the joy of heaven.</p>
<p>2 The highest place that heaven affords Is His, is His by right, The King of kings and lord of lords And heaven's eternal light;</p>	<p>5 They suffer with their lord below, They reign with Him above, Their profit and their joy to know The mystery of His love.</p>
<p>3 The joy of all who dwell above, The joy of all below, To whom He manifests His love, And grants His name to know.</p>	<p>6 The cross He bore is life and health, Though shame and death to Him: His people's hope, His people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.</p>

THE PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour, and give us peace. **Amen.**

HYMN 87 RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

<p>1 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark, all the tribes Hosanna cry! O Saviour meek, pursue Thy road With palms and scattered garments strowed.</p>	<p>2 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin, O'er captive death and conquered sits.</p>
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Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

4

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed Son.

5

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

By now, I pray you are all settled into the big changes we have had to make. Almost every day, further restrictions are placed on our nation, and these restrictions could easily become tighter. I was hoping that if anyone desired the sacrament of Holy Communion, they could easily come to my home and I would be willing to administer it, but with further tightening, and the government now asking that the elderly stay isolated, and that families pretty much stop mixing with others, it may not be such a good idea. But don't despair! While the Lord's Supper is certainly given for our forgiveness and strengthening of faith, remember, God's Word is still effective. We can still read the Word and find comfort for our sorrows, and strength for our faith. Luther writes, "*Among all gifts the gift of the Word of God is the most valuable. For if you take this away, it is like taking the sun away from the earth. For if the Word were removed, what would the world be but a hell and a mere realm of Satan, though people of wealth, lawyers, doctors, etc., dwelt in it? What can and do these people accomplish without the Word? For only the Word keeps a joyful conscience, a gracious God, and all of religion, since out of the Word, as from a spring, flows our entire religion. Indeed, the Word sustains the entire world. Without the Word and Christ the world would not continue to exist for one moment. Therefore though there are many great gifts of God in the world, given for the benefit of man, yet the one gift which includes and sustains all the others is the Word, which proclaims that God is merciful and promises forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. But, I ask you, could this life still be considered life if we had to dispense with these blessings?*" We have the Word. Cling to it, and all will be well 😊

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

We are in the process of performing some upgrades to the website, in order to make the latest information a little easier to navigate. So keep an eye out for these changes made over the next couple weeks.

A few of you who receive your weekly material via post didn't receive last week's posting in time for last Sunday. If this happens again, please contact pastor. Australia Post may be a little bit slow over this period, so he will see what he can do, and will deliver material direct to people's mailboxes if need be. We are also going to begin burning the weekly worship service onto DVD, so if any of you would like a DVD sent along with the printed materials, or know of anyone else who would, please let pastor know.

Finally, if anyone wishes to have a face to face conversation, pastor is also available on Skype. Contact him on rev.ziebell.

