

# Palm Sunday

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021** 

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Sue Danielson Bretheim, Carolyn Deters, Bill & Carol Kaemmerer,

Tim Wicker, Kristin Young

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Children's Message Annika Coyle

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Johan Christopherson, Amelia Coyle, Mark Lofthus, Tom O'Mara,

Marti Priest, Tim Wicker, Greg Winter

Narration Director Marti Priest Camera/Recording Dana Lonn

**In our prayers this week:** Casey Austad, Linda Austad, Marcia Stevens Casterton, Rich Gronner, Jennifer Harris, Mary Hurney, Dee Levine, and Erin Sachsenmaier; Mission Partners: Trinity and St. Peder's Lutheran churches, Community Emergency Service (CES), and Wapo Bible Camp.

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Place of Worship, Space for Questions.

# **NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)**

### PALM SUNDAY/SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

MARCH 28, 2021 10:00 A.M.

### **GATHERING**

PRELUDE "'Toccata' from Partita on 'All Glory, Laud and Honor'" Burkhardt

WELCOME

### **GATHERING**

- L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
- **C:** Hosanna in the highest!

### PALM SUNDAY NARRATIVE READING

Luke 19:29-44

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven.

and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

### **BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

"Blessed Is the One"

Jan Richardson

L: Blessed is the One who comes to us by the way of love poured out with abandon.

Blessed is the One who walks toward us by the way of grace that holds us fast.

Blessed is the One who calls us to follow in the way of blessing, in the way of joy.

C: Amen



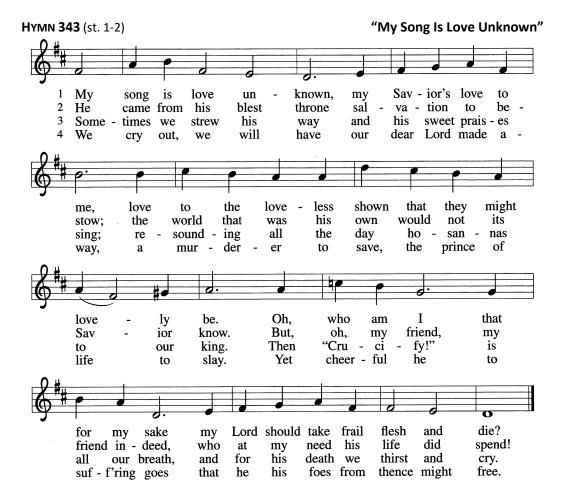


### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- L: We pray together:
- C: Faithful God, your Son entered Jerusalem knowing the trials that awaited him. May we follow faithfully through this week of sorrows, knowing that your promised redemption awaits us, through Jesus our Lord. Amen

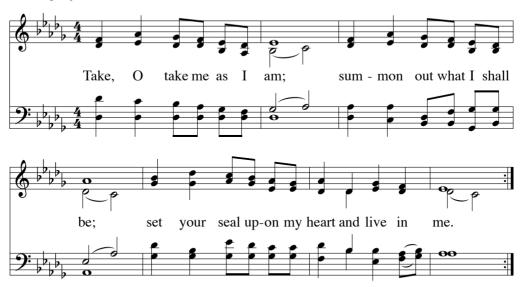
### **SERMON**



### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Introduction

L: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.



L: You come into town to the cheering of crowds, but their cries will soon turn against you. Forgive us our faith that falters when it's not convenient or popular, and give us strength to follow despite fear.

Mighty God,

### C: hear our prayer.

L: As our Jewish sisters and brothers begin their celebration of Passover, we remember how you did the same with your disciples in Jerusalem. Bridge the divides of religion and tradition and unite your children of faith in our shared efforts to spread your love and justice.

Mighty God,

### C: hear our prayer.

L: The stones are crying out for deliverance of this suffering planet. Use our talents, innovation, and creativity to devise ways to live sustainably on this earth that we have used and abused.

Mighty God,

### C: hear our prayer.

L: As people of old cried out to you on the road to Jerusalem, we cry out to you today; that justice might reign in our world, that the oppressed might be unburdened, that peace and equity would be a way of life for all people. We pray especially for the family of George Floyd, for those who seek justice in the upcoming trial, and for our city, that all people will walk the streets in safety. Mighty God,

### C: hear our prayer.

L: To all who suffer isolation or difficulty with interacting socially, grant the comforting presence of your Spirit and courage to reach out to those whom they trust. Send your healing to all those who truly need it, especially... (here we pray for members and friends in need of prayer).

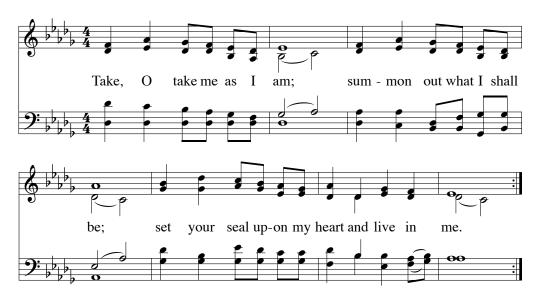
Mighty God,

### C: hear our prayer.

### Conclusion

L: You hear all your children's prayers and gather the lost into your loving arms. Teach us to put our trust in you, and in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### C: Amen



### LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

### **SHARING THE PEACE**

- L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

**OFFERING** 

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Manz

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

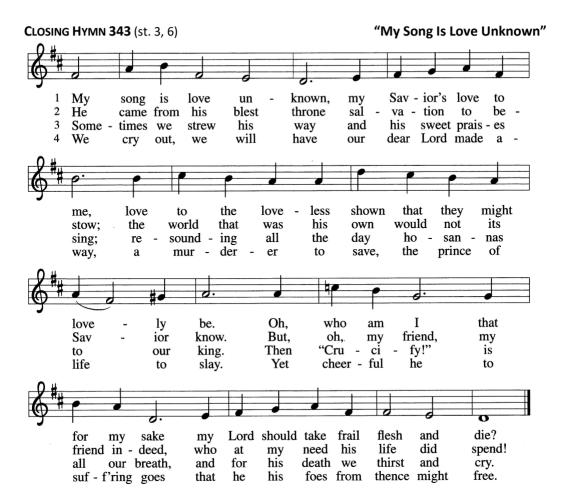
- L: Faithful God,
- C: We ask your blessing upon these gifts, but you ask us to open our eyes to the things that make for peace.

  Let us not believe that our service ends with giving, but compel us to work toward justice in your world, in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen

### SENDING

### **BLESSING**

- L: The Lord bless you and keep you;
  The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you;
  The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C: Amen



- In life no house, no home
  my Lord on earth might have;
  in death no friendly tomb
  but what a stranger gave.
  What may I say? Heav'n was his home
  but mine the tomb wherein he lay.
- Here might I stay and sing—
   no story so divine!
   Never was love, dear King,
   never was grief like thine.
   This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
   I all my days could gladly spend!

### SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks he to God!

Moment of silence

#### **POSTLUDE**

### "My Song Is Love Unknown"

Osterland

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