



The crowds that went ahead of Him
and those that followed
shouted, "*Hosanna to the Son of David!*
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Matthew 21:9

*The purpose of our Community is:
❁❁❁ “Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ” ❁❁❁*

Prelude

Pianist: Aretta Engelhardt or Shirlene Everhart

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Every worship service opens by invoking the name, the presence, and the power of the one true God, the God in whose name and by whose power we became members of the Holy Christian Church in our Baptism.

(Pastor) In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Everyone) Amen.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

We pray to confess our sin to God and ask His forgiveness to remain humble before Him.

(Everyone) Gracious Heavenly Father, on this Palm Sunday, we are thrilled to once again experience Your Son’s dramatic entrance into Jerusalem! We also realize that our own lives have been a meaningful journey in which we have given all praise and glory to Jesus Christ! Yet, we also know that we have often transgressed Your will and fallen in weakness. We have sinned in what we think, what we say, and what we do. Our language has not always been appropriate, nor have our thoughts always been pure. For all these sins we come now in confession, and humbly seek Your pardon and mercy. As we today begin Holy Week in Your name, please forgive us, for the sake of Christ’s suffering and death on our behalf, and may our lives continue to serve our Savior in great joy and peace. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

We remember the Good News that God forgives our sin because of Jesus.

(Pastor) The Bible tells us that we are to penitently and sincerely confess our sins. Having done so in faith, we now humbly seek the forgiveness of Almighty God, for Jesus’ sake. Christ has paid the price for our sins through His suffering and death at Calvary. Thus, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and according to His Word and promise, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Hymn

All Glory, Laud and Honor # 95

We Worship Through Our Giving

We express our gratitude to God as we give to support the work of the church so that more people may hear the Good News about Jesus. Please ask an usher if you need an envelope.

Offertory

We Worship Through Speaking and Hearing the Word of God

We read the Word of God to strengthen, encourage, and challenge us for the week ahead.

Old Testament Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-10 (NKJV)

⁹“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He *is* just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion *shall be* ‘from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.’

Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11 (NKJV)

⁵Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. ⁹Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11 (NKJV)

¹Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose *them* and bring *them* to Me. ³And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.” ⁴All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: ⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.’” ⁶So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set *Him* on them. ⁸And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. ⁹Then the multitudes who went before and those

who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Hosanna in the highest!”¹⁰ And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?”¹¹ So the multitudes said, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.”

We Respond to God’s Word by Confessing Our Faith

As we recite together the words of the Apostles’ Creed, we join the worldwide chorus of followers of Jesus, who, for centuries, have confessed their faith through this simple declaration.

(Everyone) 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 is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall 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.

Sermon Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God, # 145

Sermon:

*‘Divine, yet unpretentious royalty!’ Matthew 21:9
Pastor Robert McDonald*

Message Notes: _____

Benediction

A blessing we receive to send us out into the world once again.

Sending Hymn

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us, # 450

(Pastor): Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.

(Everyone): Thanks be to God

Postlude

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## ***Things going on during the week:***

Please pick up Food Bags today to use or to distribute to others.

**Monday-Friday: 7:15 am to 5 pm Little Blessings Christian Preschool**

**Thursdays: Choir**

## ***Birdhouse = Building Fund Donations***

Please place all and any donations for the Building Fund in the Birdhouse. This fund is needed to replace 'The Shack' and build for the future of this church. Being more visible to Mission Avenue we hope to attract Christians looking for a new home and non-Christians looking for what is missing in their life.

## ***Mark Your Calendars!***

**March 28 - Palm Sunday...Please wear purple or dark blue to worship service.**

**April 1, Thursday, - Mauday Thursday, 7 pm Worship Service**

**April 2, Friday - Good Friday, 7 pm Worship Service**

**April 3, Saturday Women's Bible study, 10 am, *Book of Acts***

**April 4, Sunday - Easter Sunday, 10 am Worship Service**

***April 17, Saturday - Free Food Distribution***--At the Shack from 9 to 10 am. If you know of someone who could benefit from the free food distribution, please let them know. Also, if you can help with set-up, please come at 8:30 am. If you can come later and stay until about 11:00 am to help with putting away leftover food, tables and chairs, your help will be greatly appreciated. *Join us in thanking God for the continuation of this ministry!* The Blue bin on the North wall of the Church is for the collection of can goods for the Food Distribution.

## ***May 2, Sunday - Love Offering ... for Missions***

Once a quarter, we will be collecting a special offering in the 'Missions Giving Box' on your way out of the Sanctuary for our Missionaries. This offering is above and beyond our regular giving. In planning ahead, we will repeat the Love Offerings in 2020 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.



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## Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ

**Little Blessings Christian Preschool: (760) 722-1705**

**Preschool Schedule: Tuesday – Friday ... 7:15 am to 5:00 pm**

Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director

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Weekly Schedule:

Sundays:	10:00 am	Worship Service & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Community Fellowship Time
	12:00 pm	Council Meeting, The <u>Third</u> Sunday of each month
Thursdays:	5:00 pm	Choir practice
Saturdays:	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
		The <u>First</u> Saturday of each month.
	9:00 am	Free Food Distribution
		The <u>Third</u> Saturday of each month, 9:00-10:00 am

For more information, please visit:

Website: www.cloceanside.com

Facebook Page: **Community Lutheran Oceanside**

*AFLC [Association of Free Lutheran Congregations]: aflc.org



Prayer Chain Requests

Please mark the Connection Card very clearly ... your request is for Pastor only or you want the prayer chain to pray for your request.

Children's Activity Items

These are available for younger children during the service. They are in the cabinets at the back of the church to the left of the Prayer Room.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor
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!

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.

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 praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King!

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God,
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts,
And blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son and Him who now reigns
With them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Just As I Am, without One Plea

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
Thy wisdom so boundless, Thy mercy so free,
Eternal Thy goodness for naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render, O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Just as I am! Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am! Thy love unkown
Hast broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear the children when they pray;
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Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor, Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
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