

The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Matthew 21:9

The purpose of our Community is: ాండి "Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ" ఆడితి

Prelude Shirlene Everhart

Welcome and Announcements

WELCOME ON THIS PALM SUNDAY!

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.**

A Palm Sunday Greeting

Pastor: On this glorious Palm Sunday Festival,

All: we bow our heads before Christ, the King, who is passing by! Pastor: Blessed is the One who comes to complete our redemption.

All: Hosanna to Christ, our Savior!

A Palm Sunday Collect

Pastor: May the King of Kings be with you on this Palm Sunday!

People: And may He also be with you as well!

Pastor: Merciful Father, as the people of Jerusalem greeted Your Son, grant that we

may also hail Him as our Lenten King and Savior as well;

All: for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forev-

er. Amen.

Confession of Sins

(Everyone) O Lord, on this joyful Palm Sunday celebration, we cry to You this day: Hosanna! Forgive us now, we pray! Forgive us for we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. Although we praise a Savior this morning who

entered Jerusalem in humility, yet sinful pride and arrogance on our part have still been our downfall. We are often selfish with our time and talents, and have occasionally made ethical or moral decisions which are questionable. We realize that our sins condemn us: and we know that we cannot save ourselves.

Thus, we implore You to be merciful to us and forgive us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Forgive us for we have sinned against You by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us, for we have not loved You with our whole heart. For the sake of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and our only Savior, have mercy on us. Forgive, renew and cleanse us by Your Holy Spirit; and enable us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

Pastor: Jesus Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, so that through faith in Him we could receive life and salvation. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. Jesus entered Jerusalem in humility so that our sins could be forgiven! Thus, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and acting under Christ's command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. On this Palm Sunday, peace be with you. Amen.

Opening Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor, #95

Children's Sermonette:

'Happy stones!'

Pastor McDonald

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. ¹⁰ I 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.'

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

Choir Anthem

On That Day When He Rode into Jerusalem

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11 [NKJV]

¹ Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying 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. ³ And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." ⁴ All 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.' " ⁶ So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set *Him* on them. ⁸ And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. ⁹ Then 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

Beautiful Savior, #177

Sermon

"Christ the King: Divine, yet unpretentious royalty!" Matthew 21:9, Pastor Robert McDonald

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General Prayer

Communion Hymn

Just As I Am, without One Plea, #417

We Worship at the table of the Lord's Supper

Communion — If you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please hold up 2 fingers when you reach the person with the cups.

Everyone who confesses Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior is welome and invited to join us. Together we receive anew the love and grace that God pours out to us through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Come hold in your hands and taste on your lips the love He poured out for you.

Pastor: The Words of Our Lord...(Consecration of the Elements)

(Everyone) 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!

Distribution

Benediction

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

Sending Hymn

God Be with You Till We Meet Again, #251

[Pastor]: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.

[Everyone]: Thanks be to God

Postlude

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 School

Theme: Easter; Bible: Jesus washes the Disciples feet

Maunday Thursday: 7 pm - Lenten Service

Good Friday: 7 pm - Lenten Service

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!

April 16, 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 1, 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.

May 7, Saturday - Women's Bible Study - 10 am

May 21, 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.

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Little Blessings Christian Preschool: (760) 722-1705

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

Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director



Weekly Schedule:

Sundays: 10:00 am Worship Service & Sunday School

11:00 am Community Fellowship Time

12:00 pm Council Meeting, The Third Sunday of each month

Maunday Thursday: 7 pm - Lenten Service

Good Friday: 7 pm - Lenten Service

Saturdays: 10:00 am Women's Bible Study

The First Saturday of each month.

9:00 am Free Food Distribution

The **Third 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!

Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown!

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fairer is the moonlight And the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer;
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Just As I Am, without One Plea

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, come.

Just as I am, tho' tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt, Dread fears within, and strife without, O Lamb of God, I come, come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to find O Lamb of God, I come, come.

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

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

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels guide, uphold you. With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again, 'Neath His wings protecting hide you, Daily manna still divide you, God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again