



**Welcome to St. Luke's  
Sunday, March 28, 2021**

**Our Vision:  
To Know God and To Make Him Known**



**St. Luke's Church**

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## Call to Worship

### “All Glory Laud and Honor”

Chorus: 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 prayers 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 prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.

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Celebrant: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

**All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Dear brothers and sisters, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation; that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **Blessing of the Palms**

Celebrant: We praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

Sanctify these branches with your blessing, we humbly pray, that they may be for us signs of his victory. Grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **Distribution of the Palms**

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **Processional Hymn**

#### **“Hosanna, Praise is Rising”**

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You  
We turn to You  
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You  
We long for You

Pre-Chorus:

Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away  
Washed away

Chorus:

Hosanna, Hosanna, You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You  
We turn to You  
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new  
You make us new

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**Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the Cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Praise and Worship**

**“The Lion and the Lamb”**

He's coming on the clouds, Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Chorus:

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Bridge: Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)

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### **“Here For You”**

Let our praise be Your welcome, let our songs be a sign  
We are here for You, we are here for You  
Let Your breath come from heaven  
Fill our hearts with Your life  
We are here for You, we are here for You

Chorus: To You our hearts are open, nothing here is hidden  
You are our one desire  
You alone are holy, only You are worthy  
God, let Your fire fall down

Let our shout be Your anthem, Your renown fill the skies  
We are here for You, we are here for You  
Let Your Word move in power, let what's dead come to life  
We are here for You, we are here for You (Chorus)

We welcome You with praise, we welcome You with praise  
Almighty God of love be welcomed in this place  
We welcome You with praise, we welcome You with praise  
Almighty God of love be welcomed in this place

Let every heart adore, let every soul awake  
Almighty God of love be welcomed in this place  
We welcome You with praise, we welcome You with praise  
Almighty God of love be welcomed in this place

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### **“Praise Adonai”**

Who is like Him, the Lion and the Lamb, s  
Seated on the throne?  
Mountains bow down, every ocean roars,  
To the Lord of Hosts.

Chorus: Praise Adonai! From the rising of the sun  
Till the end of every day.  
Praise Adonai! All the nations of the earth  
All the angels and the saints sing Praise!

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### **The Lessons**

*At the end of each reading the lector says:*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22:1-21

Philippians 2:5-11

### **The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark**

*[The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all please stand.]*

Narrator: When they reached a place called Gethsemane, he said to his disciples...

Jesus: Sit here while I pray.

Narrator: He took Peter, James, and John with him. Horror and dismay came over him, and he said to them...

Jesus: My heart is ready to break with grief; stop here and stay awake.

Narrator: He went forward a little, threw himself on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, this hour might pass him by.

Jesus: Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee; take this cup away from me. Yet not what I will, but what thou wilt.

Narrator: He came back and found them asleep; and he said to Peter...

Jesus: Asleep, Simon? Were you not able to stay awake for one hour? Stay awake, all of you; and pray that you may be spared the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Narrator: Once more he went away and prayed. On his return he found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know how to answer him. The third time he came and said to them...

Jesus: Still sleeping? Still taking your ease? Enough! The hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed to sinful men. Up, let us go forward! My betrayer is upon us.

Narrator: Suddenly, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared, and with him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests, lawyers, and elders. Now the traitor had agreed with them upon a signal:

Judas: The one I kiss is your man; seize him and get him safely away.

Narrator: When he reached the spot, he stepped forward at once and said to Jesus...

Judas: Rabbi.

Narrator: And kissed him. Then they seized him and held him fast. One from the party drew his sword, and struck at the High Priest's servant, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus spoke...

Jesus: Do you take me for a thief, that you have come out with swords and clubs to arrest me? Day after day I was within your reach as I taught in the temple, and you did not lay hands on me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.

Narrator: Then the disciples all deserted him and ran away. Among those following was a young man with nothing on but a linen cloth. They tried to seize him; but he slipped out of the linen cloth and ran away without any clothes. Then they led Jesus away to the High Priest's house, where the chief priests, elders, and doctors of the law were all assembling. Peter followed him at a distance right into the High Priest's courtyard; and there he remained, sitting among the attendants, at the fire. The chief priests and the whole Council tried to find some evidence against Jesus to warrant a death-sentence but failed to find any. Many gave false evidence against him, but their statements did not tally. Some stood up and gave false evidence against him to this effect...

**CONGREGATION: We heard him say, "I will pull down this temple, made with human hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands."**

Narrator: But even on this point their evidence did not agree. Then the High Priest stood up in his place and questioned Jesus...

High Priest: Have you no answer to the charges that these witnesses bring against you?

Narrator: But he kept silent; he made no reply. Again, the High Priest questioned him...

High Priest: Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?

Jesus: I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of God and coming with the clouds of heaven.

Narrator: Then the High Priest tore his robes and said...



High Priest: Need we call further witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What is your opinion?

Narrator: Their judgment was unanimous: that he was guilty and should be put to death. Some began to spit on him, blindfolded him, and struck him with their fists, crying out,

**CONGREGATION: Prophecy!**

Narrator: And the High Priest's men set upon him with blows. Meanwhile Peter was still below in the courtyard. One of the High Priest's serving-maids came by and saw him there warming himself. She looked into his face and said...

Serving Maid: You were there too, with this man from Nazareth, this Jesus.

Peter: I know nothing. I do not understand what you mean.

Narrator: Then he went outside into the porch; and the maid saw him there again and began to say to the bystanders,

Serving Maid: He is one of them.

Narrator: And again, he denied it. Again, a little later, the bystanders said to Peter...

**CONGREGATION: Surely you are one of them. You must be. You are a Galilean.**

Narrator: At this he broke out into curses, and with an oath he said...

Peter: I do not know this man you speak of.

Narrator: Then the rooster crowed a second time; and Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the *rooster* crows twice, you will disown me three times." And he burst into tears. As soon as morning came, the chief priests, having made their plan with the elders and lawyers in full council, put Jesus in chains; then they led him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him...

Pilate: Are you the king of the Jews?

Jesus: The words are yours.

Narrator: And the chief priests brought many charges against him. Pilate questioned him again...

Pilate: Have you nothing to say in your defense? You see how many charges they are bringing against you.

Narrator: But, to Pilate's astonishment, Jesus made no further reply. At the festival season the Governor used to release one prisoner at the people's request. As it happened, the man known as Barabbas was then in custody with the rebels who had committed murder in the uprising. When the crowd appeared asking for the usual favor, Pilate replied...

Pilate: Do you wish me to release for you the king of the Jews?

Narrator: For he knew it was out of malice that they had brought Jesus before him. But the chief priests incited the crowd to ask him to release Barabbas rather than Jesus. Pilate spoke to them again...

Pilate: Then what shall I do with the man you call king of the Jews?

**CONGREGATION: Crucify him!**

Pilate: Why, what harm has he done?

Narrator: But they shouted all the louder,

**CONGREGATION: Crucify him!**

Narrator: So, Pilate, in his desire to satisfy the mob, released Barabbas to them; he had Jesus flogged and handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers took him inside the courtyard and called together the whole company. They dressed him in purple, and twisting a crown of thorns, placed it on his head. Then they began to salute him with...

**CONGREGATION: Hail, King of the Jews!**

Narrator: They beat him about the head with a cane and spat upon him, and then knelt and paid mock homage to him. When they had finished their mockery, they stripped him of the purple and dressed him in his own clothes. Then they took him out to crucify him. A man called Simon, from Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they pressed him into service to carry his cross. They brought him to the place called Golgotha, which means, "Place of a Skull".

**[ALL STAND]**

Narrator: Then they fastened him to the cross. He was offered drugged wine, but he would not take it. They divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should have. The time of the crucifixion was nine in the morning, and the inscription giving the charge against him read, "The king of the Jews." Two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. The passers-by hurled abuse at him, wagging their heads...

**CONGREGATION: Ha! You would pull the temple down, would you, and build it in three days? Come down from the cross and save yourself!**

Narrator: So too the chief priests and lawyers jested with one another:

**CONGREGATION: He saved others, but he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the king of Israel, come down now from the cross. If we see that, we shall believe.**

Narrator:

Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. At midday darkness fell over the whole land, which lasted till three in the afternoon; and at three Jesus cried aloud...

Jesus: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Narrator: Which means, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders, on hearing this, said...

**CONGREGATION: Hark, he is calling Elijah.**

Narrator: A man ran and soaked a sponge in sour wine and held it to his lips on the end of a cane.

Man: Let us see if Elijah will come to take him down.

Narrator: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and died.

***[SILENCE IS KEPT FOR A FEW MOMENTS]***

Narrator: And the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion who was standing opposite him saw how he died, he said...

**CONGREGATION: Truly this man was the Son of God.**

## **The Message**

### **The Confession and Absolution of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Comfortable Words**

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1-2)

**The Offertory:** (Tithes and offerings are collected at this time)

### **“Hosanna”**

I see the King of glory coming on the clouds with fire  
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes yeah

I see His love and mercy washing over all our sin  
The people sing, the people sing

Chorus: Hosanna hosanna, Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation rising up to take their place  
With selfless faith, with selfless faith

I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek  
We're on our knees, we're on our knees

Bridge: Heal my heart and make it clean  
Open up my eyes to the things unseen  
Show me how to love like You have loved me  
Break my heart for what breaks Yours  
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause  
As I walk from earth into eternity

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Celebrant: All things come of you O Lord  
**All: And of Your own have we given You.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*(We invite all baptized Christians to join us at the Lord's table.)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the Cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and by his suffering and death he became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## The Sanctus

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest!**

## The Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved.

By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory; that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Celebrant or Deacon: Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**All: We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord:

**All: Face to Face.**

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

**All: Our Father Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as 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, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

**All: We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

### **The Prayer of Humble Access**

**All: We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God, for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving. The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

**Sung: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

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### **Music During Communion:**

#### **"Hands of Kindness"**

Oh your hands of kindness are here for me  
And I have heard they are silken and can carry me



Chorus: How I love you, all I am is you, King of love I bow

Oh your hands of mercy were scarred for me  
And your body was broken so that I go free

Oh your love that burns me, deeper than the sea  
And the treasure I find here, the savior's love for me

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### "Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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### Post Communion Prayer

**All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: All our problems

**All: We send to the cross of Christ**

Celebrant: All our difficulties

**All: We send to the cross of Christ**

Celebrant: All the devil's works

**All: We send to the cross of Christ**

Celebrant: And all of hopes

**All: We set on the risen Christ**

## The Blessing

## The Recessional

### “Build Your Kingdom Here”

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your church, we need Your power in us

Chorus: Build Your kingdom here let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here we pray

We seek Your kingdom first, we hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives for You're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released  
The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are Your church, we pray revive this earth (Chorus)

Unleash Your kingdom's power reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church, we are the hope on earth (Chorus)

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## The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **The Peace**

Deacon: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Deacon: Exchange with one another the Lord's Peace.

**Readings for April 4: Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24,  
Acts 10:34-43, Mark 16:1-8**