PALM SUNDAY March 24, 2024

## St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** Let us rejoice as our Servant King rides on to accomplish our salvation.

Thank you for joining us as we gather to be fed by Jesus! If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or the pastor.

**SERVICE THEME** *Rethinking Religion: Rethinking Real Strength* 

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**OPENING HYMN**Exult Today, Jerusalem | 415

FIRST LESSON Zechariah 9:9-12

The prophet Zechariah foretold a king who is both infinitely strong and perfectly humble. He would enter Jerusalem riding on the colt of a donkey.

Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! Look! Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation. He is humble and is riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His kingdom will extend from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will release your prisoners from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to the stronghold, you prisoners who have hope. This very day I declare that I will restore double to you.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL Mark 11:1-10

The almighty Son of God demonstrates real strength by humbly riding into Jerusalem knowing he will soon be put to death.

As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and told them, "Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it, and he will send it back here without delay.'" <sup>4</sup> They left and found a colt on the street, tied at a door; and they untied it. <sup>5</sup> Some who were standing there asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" <sup>6</sup> The disciples answered them just as Jesus had instructed them, and the men let them go. <sup>7</sup> They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their garments on it, and Jesus sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their garments on the road. Others spread branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup> Those who went in front and those who followed were crying out, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty | 411

## "Shame on You...Shame on Jesus"

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**CLOSING HYMN** 

All Glory, Laud, and Honor | 412 v 4, 5

The special Palm Sunday bulletin covers are given to the glory of God by John & Renee' Rickert family in memory of Elroy & Dorothy Schroeder

"No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet" by David W. Music

No tramp of soldiers' marching feet with banners and with drums, Sound of music's martial beat; "The King of glory comes!" To greet what pomp of kingly pride no bells in triumph ring, No city gates swing open wide; "Behold, behold your King!"

And yet he comes. The children cheer; with palms his path is strown. With every step the cross draws near: the King of glory's throne.

Astride a colt he passes by as loud hosannas ring,
Or else the very stones would cry "Behold, behold your King!"

What fading flowers his road adorn; the palms how soon laid down!

No bloom or leaf but only thorn the King of glory's crown.

The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, the streets with tumult ring,

As Pilate to the mob replies, "Behold, behold your King!"

Now he who bore for mortals' sake the cross and all its pains And chose a servant's form to take, the King of glory reigns. Hosanna to the Savior's name till heaven's rafters ring, And all the ransomed host proclaim "Behold, behold your King!"

## **SECOND LESSON (sermon text)**

Hebrews 12:1-3

Jesus demonstrated strength by enduring the cross. He did so for the joy set before him; redeeming us from our sin.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us get rid of every burden and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and let us run with patient endurance the race that is laid out for us. <sup>2</sup>Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the author of our faith and the one who brings it to its goal. In view of the joy set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God's throne. <sup>3</sup>Carefully consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinful people, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.