

Lent 6: Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 24, 2024

Church Bells - Organ Prelude: Dubravko Pajalic
Welcome

Pastor (P):

In the name of God, the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen.

Gathering Hymn # 344: 1 – 4: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Call to Confession:

P: Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and to our neighbour.

Prayer of Confession

P: Most merciful God,

C: Lead us on pathways of reconciliation and peace

P: We have willfully misused your gifts of creation:

C: Holy God, have mercy on us.

P: We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid:

C: C: Holy God, have mercy on us.

P: We have condoned evil and dishonesty and failed to strive for justice:

C: Holy God, have mercy on us.

P: We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others:

C: Holy God, have mercy on us.

P: We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves

C: Holy God, have mercy on us.

P: For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

C: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Declaration of Forgiveness:

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Saviour, Brother and Friend.

C: Amen.

Kyrie pg. 203 (sung by all):



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

Words from Psalm 118:

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

C: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

P: I thank you for answering me and have become my salvation.

C: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

P: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

C: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

C: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

A reading from the New Testament, Philippians 2: 5 – 11: The Same Mind

The Gospel according to Mark 21, 1 - 11

Congregation: (response after the announcement) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Reading of the Gospel:

As they approached Jerusalem, near the towns of Bethphage and Bethany, they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of his disciples on ahead with these instructions: "Go to the village there ahead of you. As soon as you get there, you will find a colt tied up that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. And if someone asks you why you are doing that, say that the Master needs it and will send it back at once." So they went and found a colt

out in the street, tied to the door of a house. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders asked them, **“What are you doing, untying that colt?”** They answered just as Jesus had told them, and the crowd let them go. They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the animal, and Jesus got on. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches in the field and spread them on the road. The people who were in front and those who followed behind began to shout, **“Hosanna! Praise God! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! God bless the coming kingdom of King David, our father! Praise be to God!”** Jesus entered Jerusalem, went into the Temple, and looked around at everything. But since it was already late in the day, he went out to Bethany with the twelve disciples.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn 344: 5: Their praises you accepted

Sermon
Hymn of the Day # 346: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

P: With the whole church let us confess our faith:
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**
Sharing of Peace

Prayers of Intercession
Concluding: Lord, in your mercy **C: Hear our prayer**
Lord's Prayer - Benediction

Announcements
Sending Hymn # 347: 1 – 4: Go to Dark Gethsemane

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**



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