By His Wounds We Are Healed

A Service for Palm Sunday

Order of Service

Jesus is accused of taking power and glory for himself.

Opening Response

- P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
- C Hosanna in the highest!
- P Christ was oppressed and he was afflicted,
- C yet he did not open his mouth;
- P like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
- C and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent.
- P Christ was wounded for our transgressions,
- C crushed for our iniquities;
- P upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
- C and by his wounds we are healed.

Processional Hymn ... "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children make sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son, Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The company of angels is praising you on high; Creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went.

Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. Refrain

To you, before your Passion, they sang their hymns of praise.

To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. Refrain

Confession and Forgiveness

- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- C Most merciful God, we confess to you that we have broken your commandments by our own thoughts, words, and deeds. In our inner hearts, we have desired glory only for ourselves and not for you alone. We have not loved our brothers and sisters as we ought, and we have not cared for your creation. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, and give us the healing power of your love that we may walk again in your ways and live to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P God is gracious and merciful, and he desires that we be made free of the burden of our sins. Through Jesus Christ, who bore the cross for our sake and for the sake of the whole world, there is healing, hope, and life. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Hymn ... "Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty"

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hear all the tribes hosanna cry; O Savior meek, your road pursue, with palms and scattered garments strewed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your triumph now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your last and fiercest strife is nigh. The Father on the sapphire stone awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die, Bow your meek head to mortal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Old Testament Reading ... Exodus 20:17

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Epistle Reading ... Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading ... John 12:12-19

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!"

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:
"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.
Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!"

Sermon Hymn ... "By Your Wounds We All Are Healed"

Jesus, Savior of the people, giver of unending grace,
Heal our lives that now are feeble; bless us in this holy place.
You have come to earth convicted as a child of gentle reign.
By your wounds we all are heal-ed; sing the song of glad refrain!

Jesus, by your teaching, healing, sharing meal with one and all,
You invite all those believing, everyone who hears your call,
Warming hearts in hope unbounded, spreading love throughout the plain.
By your wounds we all are heal-ed; sing the song of glad refrain!

When the cries to crucify you were the wounding words to hear, Even then, you made all things new with forgiveness, love, and cheer! By our sin you were afflicted, on the cross you bore death's pain, By your wounds we all are heal-ed; sing the song of glad refrain!

Sermon

Creed

C 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, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will 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

Offering

Prayers of the People

P Let us pray for the Church, for all in need, and for the whole of God's creation. That as we now enter this holiest of weeks, you may give your people hope that it is Jesus, our Lord, who leads the way and takes into his body on the cross the sins of the whole world.

C Heal us, O God.

P That we may put away our own false desires, and boast only of the cross of Christ.

C Heal us, O God.

P That all who seek righteousness may find the hope of righteousness in our Lord who bore the cross for them and for all.

C Heal us, O God.

P That we may honor all people as our brothers and sisters and share Christ's blessing of peace and salvation.

C Heal us, O God.

P For those who have made the procession from life to death, that they may join the endless chorus of praise at the throne of God.

C Heal us, O God.

P Into your healing, wounded hands for our sake, we commend all for whom we pray.

C By Christ's wounds, we are healed. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

P May the healing presence of almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn ... "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; sing the ending of the fray. Now above the cross, the trophy, sound the loud triumphant lay; Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer, as a victim won the day.

Faithful cross, true sign of triumph, be for all the noblest tree; None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit your equal be; Symbol of the world's redemption, for your burden make us free.

Unto God be praise and glory; to the Father and the Son, To the eternal Spirit honor now and evermore be done; Praise and glory in the highest while the timeless ages run.

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