



# DIVINE SERVICE

## *Palm Sunday*

*5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2020*

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**LAIDLEY, ROPELEY, LOCKROSE AND TABEL MINISTRY AREA**

## PRELUDE OF THE SERVICE

### AT 147 To God be the Glory

#### Chorus

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory! great things he has done!

1/3

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life in atonement for sin  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

2/3

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God!  
And every offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

3/3

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

## WELCOME

Brothers and sisters in Christ: for the five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for this ceremony Of commemorating of our Lord's suffering and death. Today, together with the whole God's church on the earth, no matter where they are, we begin this Holy Week by welcoming our Messiah and walk with him to the cross.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, as we remember how Christ the King entered Jerusalem to the sound of joyful shouts, increase our faith and listen to our prayers, so that we may praise you every day, by living always in Christ our Lord and Saviour who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## SONG

### AT 211 Hosanna

#### Chorus

Lord we lift up your name  
With hearts full of praise;  
Be exalted, O Lord my God!  
Hosanna in the highest!

1. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

2. Glory, glory, glory to the king of kings!  
Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

## OPENING WORDS

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

**C. Hosanna to the Son of David**

We are gathered in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

## GREETING AND PRAYER

The Lord be with you

**C. And also with you.**

Let us pray:

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts by which you have given us life everlasting; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PALM GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus' triumphal entry

*After the gospel:*

R. This is the gospel of the Lord

**C. Praise be to you, O Christ.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great 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 as acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them and grant that we may ever welcome him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace.

**In the name of the Lord.**

(Entering the church)

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

**Psalm 118:1,2,19-20**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

**His love endures forever.**

Let Israel say:

**"His love endures forever".**

Open for me the gates of the righteous;

**I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord

**Through which the righteous may enter.**

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

**You have become my salvation.**

The stone the builders rejected

**Has become the cornerstone;**

The Lord has done this,

**And it is marvellous in our eyes.**

The Lord has done it this very day;

**Let us rejoice today and be glad.**

Lord, save us!

**Lord, grant us success!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
**From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

The Lord is God,

**And he has made his light shine on us.**

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession

**Up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God and I will praise you;

**You are my God, and I will exalt you.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**His love endures forever.**

Glory to the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forevermore. **AMEN**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

*Friends in Christ: Let us confess our sins to God our Father, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us:*

**Lord God our heavenly Father, I am a sinner and I have sinned against you, not only in my words and actions but also in my secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully know or understand, but which you know completely.**

**I am sorry that I have displeased you and repent of all my evil. For the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me, and graciously help me in my weakness. Amen.**

### ABSOLUTION

On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his command, I forgive the sins of all of you who repent and believe, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

**Amen.**

### CANTICLE

Saviour of the World (Salvator Mundi)

#### Chorus

Hear us now, we pray, O Jesus,  
Help us in your mercy, Lord.

1/5

By your precious blood you have saved us,  
Lamb most holy, Jesus Christ.  
On the cross of death you redeemed us,  
suffering for the sin of the world.

2/5

On the restless sea, your disciples  
Cried to you to still the waves,  
Fearing death, they sought your protection.  
In your love, you spared their lives:

3/5

Jesus look on us with compassion.  
Free us from our sin, we implore.  
By your mighty power, now deliver  
all who call upon your name:

4/5

Christ, we pray, now dwell with your people.  
Guide us with your gentle hand.  
Shield us by your powerful presence.  
Guard your church from every foe:

5/5

Lord, when you return in your glory,  
in the fullness of your power,  
so transform our mortal bodies  
to be like your own in light:

♪ LORD HAVE MERCY

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy.

♪ PRAISE Praise to God Who Reigns on High

1. Praise to God who reigns on high;  
Peace on earth to men he loves.  
We praise and thank and worship You,  
Lord our God, our heavenly king,  
God the Father, mighty one.
2. Only Son, Lord Jesus Christ  
Lamb of God, the Father's Son,  
You take away the people's sin;  
You that sit at God's right hand,  
Hear us and have mercy, Lord.
3. You alone are holy, Christ,  
Only you are Lord of all;  
For, with the Spirit, You alone  
Share the Father's glory, Christ.  
Praise the Lord most high! Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a The obedience of the Lord's servant  
*After the reading:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 31:9-16

- <sup>9</sup>Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress;  
**my eyes grow weak with sorrow,  
my soul and body with grief.**
- <sup>10</sup> My life is consumed by anguish  
**and my years by groaning;**  
my strength fails because of my affliction,  
**and my bones grow weak.**
- <sup>11</sup> Because of all my enemies,  
**I am the utter contempt of my neighbors**  
and an object of dread to my closest friends—  
**those who see me on the street flee from me.**
- <sup>12</sup> I am forgotten as though I were dead;  
**I have become like broken pottery.**
- <sup>13</sup>For I hear many whispering,  
**"Terror on every side!"**  
They conspire against me  
**and plot to take my life.**
- <sup>14</sup> But I trust in you, LORD;  
**I say, "You are my God."**
- <sup>15</sup> My times are in your hands;  
**deliver me from the hands of my enemies,  
from those who pursue me.**
- <sup>16</sup>Let your face shine on your servant;  
**save me in your unfailing love.**

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and will be for evermore. Amen.**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11 Christ- obedient servant and exalted Lord

*After the reading:* This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Christ 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**

(Phil 2:8,9 NRSV)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL FOR PASSION SUNDAY**

Matthew 27:11-54 The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

*After the reading... This is the gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**PRAYER**

*Thank you, Lord Jesus, for suffering and dying for us. Remember us and save us.*

**Amen.**

**GOSPEL SONG** LH 86 All Glory

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| <p>1. All glory, laud, and honour<br/>To Thee, Redeemer, king,<br/>To whom the lips of children<br/>Made sweet hosannas ring.<br/>Thou art the king of Israel,<br/>Thou David's royal Son,<br/>Who in the Lord's name comest,<br/>The king and blessed one.</p> <p>3. To Thee before Thy passion<br/>They sang their hymns of praise;<br/>To Thee now high exalted<br/>Our melody we raise.<br/>Thou didst accept their praises;<br/>Accept the prayers we bring,<br/>Who in all good delightest,<br/>Thou good and gracious king.</p> | <p>2. The company of angels<br/>Are praising Thee on high,<br/>And mortal men and all things<br/>Create make reply.<br/>The people of the Hebrews<br/>With palms before Thee went;<br/>Our praise and prayer and anthems<br/>Before Thee we present.</p> <p>4. All glory, laud and honour<br/>To Thee, Redeemer, king,<br/>To whom the lips of children<br/>Made sweet hosanna ring.<br/>Thou art the king of Israel,<br/>Thou David's royal Son,<br/>Who in the Lord's name comest,<br/>The king and blessed one.</p> |
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**PASTOR JINGS MESSAGE:**

**NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We

believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who spoke through the prophets. We believe in the only holy catholic\* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

\*catholic means at all times and in all places

OFFERING HYMN

LH 11

The Advent of Our King

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| <p><b>1. The advent of our King<br/>Our prayers must now employ,<br/>And we must hymns of welcome sing<br/>In strains of holy joy</b></p> <p><b>3.O Zion's daughter, rise<br/>To meet thy lowly king;<br/>Nor let thy faithless heart despise<br/>The peace He comes to bring.</b></p> | <p><b>2. The everlasting Son<br/>Incarnate deigns to be;<br/>Himself a servant's form puts on<br/>In strains of holy joy</b></p> <p><b>4. As judge on clouds of light,<br/>He soon will come again,<br/>And His true members will unite<br/>With Him in heaven to reign.</b></p> <p><b>5.All glory to the Son,<br/>Who comes to set us free,<br/>With Father, Spirit, ever one,<br/>Through all eternity.</b></p> |
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OFFERING PRAYER

P. Let us pray

**C. Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanks what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions – as signs of your goodness and symbols of our love. Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ, who offered himself for us. Thank you, loving Father, that your Son was obedient all the way to the cross, and suffered and died for us. Make us humble and self-giving, serving others as he served us. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

....Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

SONG

LH 62

My song is love unknown

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| <p>1.My song is love unknown,<br/>My Saviour's love to me,<br/>Love to the loveless shown,<br/>That they might lovely be.<br/>O who am I,<br/>That for my sake<br/>My Lord should take<br/>Frail flesh, and die?</p> <p>3.Sometimes they strew His way,<br/>And His sweet praises sing;<br/>Resounding all the day<br/>Hosannas to their king.<br/>Then 'Crucify!'</p> | <p>2. He came from His blest throne,<br/>Salvation to bestow;<br/>But men made strange, and none<br/>The longed- for Christ would know.<br/>But O, my friend,<br/>My friend indeed<br/>Who at my need<br/>His life did spend!</p> <p>4. They rise, and needs will have<br/>My dear Lord made away;<br/>A murderer they save,<br/>The prince of life they slay.<br/>Yet cheerful He</p> |
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Is all their breath,  
And for His death  
They thirst and cry.

To suffering goes,  
That He His foes  
From thence might free.

5. Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear king,  
Never was grief like Thine!  
This is my friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend.

### IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.....

### ♪ WE LIFT UP OUR HEARTS

**1. We lift our hearts with joy,  
We lift them to the Lord.  
We give you thanks, our God,  
For that is right and good.**

**2. Yes, it is truly good,  
Our duty and delight,  
That we should everywhere  
And at all times give thanks.**

**3. And so we thank You now,  
Our holy Father, Lord,  
Eternal, mighty God,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**4. Who died upon the cross  
To save us all from sin,  
And rose from death again  
To bring eternal life.**

**5. With all the angels, then,  
With saints throughout all time,  
We praise Your wondrous name,  
Adore you evermore:**

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

You fill all of heaven and earth; save us, God on high!

Let us praise the One who comes in the name of God.

Praise! Praise! Praise! Praise! Praise to You on high!

### PRAYER

P. Gracious Father, we remember the sacrifice of our Lord in our faith, as we remember His body and blood with bread and wine. We rejoice that we received all He has done for us in his life and death, His resurrection and ascension; and we wait for His coming again to share with us the heavenly feast which will last forever and never can be stopped. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we who once have received the body and blood of Christ may live as true members of the body of your Son.

**C: Amen.**

### ♪ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,  
Your name be kept holy,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

And give us this day our bread for today.  
Forgive our sins as we forgive  
all those who sin against us.  
And help us when tempted,  
and save us from evil.  
For kingdom, power, and praise are Yours forever.  
Amen.

### PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen**

Let us praise the Lamb of God:

### ♪ JESUS LAMB OF GOD

**1. Jesus, Lamb of God,  
You take away our sin:  
Have mercy on us, Lord.**

**2. Jesus, Lamb of God,  
You take away our sin:  
Have mercy on us, Lord.**

**3/3.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
You take away our sin:  
Give us your peace. Amen.**

### SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood once strengthened and preserved you in body and soul will keep you in faith today unto life eternal. Go † in peace.

**C. AMEN**

### ♪ THE THANKSGIVING

1. Now, Lord, You let Your servant go  
In peace, according to Your word;  
For I have seen Your saving love,  
Which You have shown to all of us.

2. For your salvation now is seen  
By all the nations of the earth:  
A light to show Your way to all,  
For glory to Your chosen race.

3. All praise to God the Father now,  
All praise to Jesus Christ the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit praise,  
Both now and evermore. Amen.

### PRAYER

**All: Almighty and merciful God, you love us and make all things new in Christ. Transform  
The poverty of our nature by the riches of your kindness which you have shown to  
us in the holy sacrament. Make known your heavenly glory in the renewal of our  
lives. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### ♪ The Blessing

**The grace of Jesus Christ  
The love of God the Father  
The Holy Spirit's fellowship**

**Be with us all.  
Amen**

THE AARONIC BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; The LORD look upon you with favor† and give you peace.

**C. Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

AT 135 Bitter was the night

Chorus

Bitter was the night  
Before the break of day.

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| 1. Bitter was the night,<br>Thought the cock would crow for ever: | 2. Saw you passing by,<br>Told them all I didn't know You:      |
| 2. Told them all a lie,<br>And I told it three times over:        | 4. What did Judas do?<br>Sold Him for a bag of silver:          |
| 5. What did Judas do?<br>Hanged himself upon an alder:            | 6. Bitter was the night,<br>Thought there'd never be a morning: |
| 7. Bitter was the night,<br>Thought the cock would crow forever:  |   |

ANNOUCEMENT

- Remember Maundy Thursday Story by reading Bible
  - Exodus 12:1-14
  - Psalm 116:1-2,12-19
  - 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26
  - John 13:1-17, 31b 35
- Good Friday Service- online, Service Order Handout is only available on [www.lvlp.org](http://www.lvlp.org)
- Easter Sunday Service- online Service. Service resources are also available as DVD disc, USB stick and print hardcopy.

## MESSAGE FROM LCA BISHOP JOHN HENDERSON Video Script #3, 2 April 2020

The peace of the Lord be with you.

I'm John Henderson, bishop of the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand.

This is my third video message to the church during this pandemic. Today I am speaking particularly to those of you in Lutheran schools and early childhood services, aged care, and community service organisations.

I want to encourage you with the words of the prophet Isaiah:

... those who trust the Lord will find new strength. They will be strong like eagles soaring upward on wings; they will walk and run without getting tired.

Tired is certainly how you might be feeling, and with no end yet in sight.

I acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of early childhood education and care workers, school teachers, medical staff, carers for elderly, disabled and vulnerable people, community workers, chaplains, support staff and leaders in Lutheran schools, early childhood, aged and community care services across Australia. Thank you for your dedicated service to the young, the ageing and the vulnerable.

You represent diverse organisations, working across a variety of sectors, serving in many places and among many people – urban and rural, wealthy and not-so-wealthy, young and old, families and singles, employed and unemployed, those who are healthy and those who are ill. Yet we all work in a common cause. Whether you share our Lutheran expression of faith or not, you are part of the extended family of our church. Thank you for your service to those in your care, and for going the extra mile in this time of need.

God calls every one of us together in love and service, and we need to follow that call now, more now than ever. Together, we do what we can for the benefit of others, in the name of Jesus.

As you show love and care in these extraordinary days, know that God loves you. He loves those in your care. He is the rock who keeps us safe. You are professional people who also support one another, encourage one another and pray for one another. Ask God for those extra reserves of energy you need. You already know these things, and I want to encourage you in what you do – it's important.

God bless you in your determination to care, to make a difference, and not to give up. Our resolve, and our faith, will be tested. We will need to give up some things. I'm sure we will also gain other things, even if we aren't clear what they might be just yet.

I conclude with these words in Romans chapter 8:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

May the same Christ be with you all, now and forever.

## Welcome Jesus your King and Lord

(Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 27:11-54; Psalm 31:9-16)

Palm Sunday Service, Year A

Grace and peace to you from the Father, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen. Let us pray: Lord God, sanctify us in the truth; your word is truth. Amen.

The 40 days Lent is ended today on Palm Sunday. How is your Lenten Journey so far? If you are telling me that everything is fine and you are still on a good track of your daily routine, then you probably missed out a great opportunity of spiritual growth. But if you are telling me that there have been many struggles happened in your physical and spiritual life— I won't be surprised by that—then congratulations! you are on the way of growth.

No matter what you have experience during the last 40 days in your fasting, praying, and almsgiving, one thing for sure is that you need Jesus our Saviour to help with your weakness, to deal with your sinfulness, and to deliver you the peace and hope which is so valuable in the midst of fear and anxiety caused by the raging of Coronavirus COVID-19. Without Jesus helping with your weakness, dealing with your sinfulness, and giving you peace, you will very quickly get into desperation.

The whole purpose of 40 days Lent is to let us repent, knowing that we cannot justify ourselves by our works like fasting your chocolate, doubling your praying time or even sharing toilet paper with your neighbour, if any. God wants us grow in faith, believing in Jesus Christ as the Lord and King in our daily lives.

God's time is moving on no matter we are ready or not. Today is the turning point. The season of Lent is over on today while the season of Holy Week starts from today. You may find it is a bit mix of feelings when you heard the Gospel readings today.

Three titles are given to Jesus in the first Gospel reading today (Matthew 27:5-11): *King, son of David, and Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee*. What more can demonstrate that Jesus is *the Messiah*? He is God's promised Saviour from sin whose coming is frequently foretold in the Old Testament Scriptures. Jesus is God's appointed and anointed ambassador. The crowd in Jerusalem can endorse this truth when they were shouting out:

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven! (Matt 27:9)

Hosanna, a Hebrew word *Hoshi'a na*, initially means "save please," or "Salvation! thank you," more commonly used as "Praise the Lord." A beautiful word in worship and prayer. But as we see, the enthusiastic of welcoming Jesus by the Palm Sunday crowd quickly shift just in five days, when the much the same group of people— the Good Friday crowd— shouted, "Let him be crucified!"

What a big shifting of attitude of the residents of Jerusalem. They were waiting for a king like David, rescuing them from the Romans, but they received a humble Messiah riding on a donkey. They were waiting for a mighty saviour to lead them defeating the enemies, but they were disappointed to see that Jesus is willingly to be tied up by the soldiers.

Too many contradictions of human understanding towards Jesus Christ. But whether people properly understand it or not, Jesus is a certain kind of king, unique among the kings of recorded history. To be sure, He is omniscient—well-informed, all-seeing, all-knowing. He is aware of the

location of two donkeys (v. 2). To be sure, He makes majestic claims: "The Lord needs them" (v.3). To be sure, He is welcomed with shouts and palm branches and garments. But this King comes humbly, and "mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." His action is a concrete symbol of the truth we heard in the second reading today (Philippians 2:6-8):

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.

This is the King different to all the earthly kings but he is the King of kings. This is the Lord humbly serving his people but he is the Lord of lords. People of Jerusalem just cannot receive him as the King of kings and Lord of Lords, though the Holy Spirit once moved the crowds of the whole city shouting out "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

But without faith— through which one can perceive or discern Jesus is the Messiah who can save—people will quickly reject him and turn to the false king or god in their lives, because they want to see the visible benefit of following or being fans of somebody.

That is what exactly happened in Jerusalem five days after the crowd welcoming Jesus into the city. Only five days later, they would rather to have obviously a criminal to be released. Ironically and sadly, this criminal is also called Jesus— Jesus Barabbas. God made a dry humour to reveal how bad human sinful nature can be. Two Jesus to choose, one is a criminal, one is the He who comes in the name of the Lord, and people boldly chose the wrong Jesus to release and have the right Jesus to be crucified. But the crucified Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ, the Saviour, the healer, the comforter, the way to the Father, the truth of the world, the life of eternity.

Today in 2020, when we celebrate Palm Sunday, the most important message God gave us through the Scripture is that Jesus Christ comes to us not as a mighty conqueror but as a humble servant in our hard time— the hard time of longing for protection and deliverance from the plague of coronavirus; the hard time of experiencing isolation and separation from close family members, church friends, colleagues, or school mates; the hard time of losing jobs and facing financial hardship, etc. Jesus' coming into our life is not to get all these bad things sorted out. That is the responsibility of governments and social systems which also under God's invisible hands. But Jesus comes to bring peace and hope—the most valuable possessions you can have in this world. Without peace you always worry about not storing up enough toilet paper. Without hope, you always complain the inconvenience caused by the new laws and restrictions imposed recently.

In the beginning of the Holy Week, our heavenly Father reminds us what abundant love He gave to us through the sacrificed Son in Jesus Christ. God will continuously give peace and hope to all of us in the days to come and keep our worshipping of God in the Spirit and in true.

Have a blessed Holy week with our humble King and servant Lord Jesus Christ.

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Jesus willingly submitted to suffer in our place. Let us pray to God our Father, and place in his hands the suffering of the world.*

Heavenly Father: we pray for your church on earth, that all Christians may bear their cross and follow Jesus.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who have no faith, like the crowds. Bless the witness of your church this holy week that the word of your Son's death and resurrection may be clearly portrayed before the world.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who have sinned, like Peter.

Teach us to be sorry for our sins, and forgive us for Jesus' sake.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for prisoners and criminals like Barrabas. May they find true freedom by changing the way they live.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for people in government, like Pilate.

May they be responsible and serve truth and justice.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who are dying, like the thieves who died with Jesus.

May they die with Jesus by their side, and be received into your kingdom.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for parents like Mary who have lost a child.

May they bear their suffering and know the comfort of your love.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the whole human race, that we may all come to know Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, bring healing and comfort for people around the world suffering from Coronavirus COVID-19. Speed their recovery and slow the spread of the virus. We thank you for the efforts of all those involved in treating, testing and caring for patients, and ask your protection over them as they go about their work. Give wisdom to governments around the world as they manage this outbreak. We ask for your peace when we are tempted to panic or become anxious about this disease. Help us to place our trust in you, knowing that our life is safely hidden in you and that you are the Lord of all creation. Enable us to show your love to others, sharing the hope we have in you, praying and caring for the sick and needy as best we can in the name of Christ. Amen.

Father, may the suffering and death of Jesus lighten the burdens of all those who suffer. Lead us in the way of the cross, so that, as we suffer with Jesus, we may rise to life in his glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

LETTER FROM YOUR CHURCH LEADERS (Repeated):

27 March 2020

Dear brothers and sisters

As our regular worship is suspended due to the outbreak of COVID-19, our financial sustainability is under threat. Your continuing support to the church by your tithe offering is vital for our daily operation.

Regular Electronic Giving (REG) is a great way to make our offerings to the congregation and wider church. The LLL administers REG free of charge as a service to the Lutheran Church of Australia, using the LLL direct debit system.

- REG means that you don't have to scramble for cash on Sunday mornings.
- It means that your offering is received even when you can't get to church every Sunday or are on extended leave.
- You can set up your REG giving to coincide with your regular income (eg salary, pension, dividends), weekly, fortnightly, monthly, even half-yearly.
- REG is completely confidential; no-one but you will know how much or how frequently you give.
- If you are registered with REG but still want to put something on the plate on Sundays, you can use REG offering cards, which we can provide for you.

To register for REG you will need to complete the online application form on the LCA website. The REG brochure gives you full instructions, and you can call the LLL if you require any assistance.

Please consider if you can commit to regularly giving to God's work through our congregation and wider Lutheran Church. If you would like more information about REG, please ask us or Bernie Muller (our LLL rep) on 54651268 for a brochure.

Yours in Christ

Jing Luan  
Pastor of Laidley, Ropeley, Lockrose and Tabeel Ministry Area

Ross Steinhardt  
Chairperson of Redeemer Laidley

Ross Wessling  
Chairperson of Immanuel Ropeley

Donald Bichel  
Chairperson of Green Pastures Lockrose

Rosie Boughen  
Chaplain of Tabeel Lutheran Aged Care

## **Novel Coronavirus (COVID- 19) Know the facts**

The COVID- 19 novel coronavirus is a new strain of coronavirus affecting humans. Some coronavirus can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases such as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS)

This novel Coronavirus is still new and as such we are still learning more about it.

### **Signs and Symptoms:**

Symptoms reported in identified cases of COVID- 19 novel coronavirus includes:

- Fever
- A cough
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath

Anyone who has travelled overseas in the past 14 days, and feels unwell, should see a doctor immediately, Before your appointment, please call ahead and advise of your symptoms and recent travel so they can prepare for your visit.

### **Who is most at risk**

In Australia, the people most at risk of getting the virus are those who have:

- Recently travelled overseas
- Been close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID- 19

Based on what we know about coronaviruses, those most at risk of serious infection are:

- People with compromised immune systems (such as people who have cancer)
- Elderly people
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders peoples (as they have higher rates of chronic illness )
- People with chronic medical conditions (such as asthmas, diabetes)
- People in group residential settings (such as Tabeel)
- Pregnant Women

### **Preventions**

You might catch novel coronavirus if:

- Someone with the virus sneezes or coughs onto you
- Someone with the virus coughed or sneezed onto a surface (like a door handle) that you touch, and you get the infected them to your mouth, nose or eyes when you touch your face or eat.

There are 5 ways we can all help to stop the spread of viruses

1. Clean your hand regularly with soap and water or alcohol- based hand rubs.
2. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or bent elbow when coughing or sneezing.
3. Avoid touching your face, nose and mouth. And avoid shaking hands.
4. Stay home is you are unwell.
5. Practice social distancing, which includes staying 1.5m away from others as much as you can.

Looking after yourself by eating healthy, balanced diet, getting regular physical activity, sleeping well and reducing stress is important all the time.

More information can be found at [www.qld.gov.au](http://www.qld.gov.au)



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Matthew 27:  
57-61

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Matthew 27:  
45

**THE ROAD TO EASTER**

WHAT HAPPENED  
DURING HOLY WEEK?

9  
Matthew 27:  
32-44

5  
Matthew 26:  
50-56

6  
Matthew 26:  
69-75

7  
Matthew 27:  
11-14

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Matthew 27:  
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Matthew 26:  
46-49

Starting with Palm Sunday, put the events in the order in which they happened.

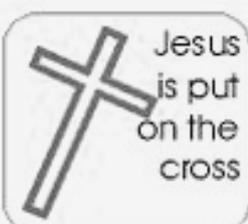
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Matthew 26:  
26-30

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Matthew 21:  
12-17

**START**  
PALM SUNDAY  
  
Matthew 28: 1-11

SundaySchoolKids.com



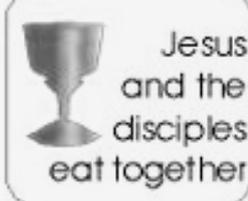
Jesus is put on the cross

Jesus Prays in Gethsemene

Jesus is wrapped in linen cloth

Jesus is questioned by Pilate

Cutting clue: cut the whole row first, then cut apart the squares



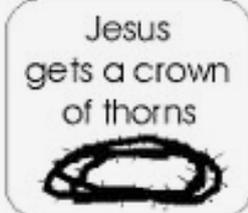
Jesus and the disciples eat together

Judas kisses Jesus

Jesus cleans up the temple

There is darkness at noon

cut out these squares and glue them on the road in the correct order



Jesus gets a crown of thorns

Jesus is Arrested

Peter denies Jesus knowing Jesus

in which they happened

Use the Bible verses to get the right answer

### Special prayers for these people in need of good Health

Brooke Kirkwood, Gwen Diете, Joan and Alex Body, Ann Rickuss, Marlene Staatz, Grace Norman  
Prayer points

- for a fearless witness to the cross of Christ
- \* for all who will worship this week here and throughout the world
- \* for those who will be baptised or confirmed at Easter
- \* for the world, that it may receive the one who comes in the name of the Lord
- \* for the rulers of the world
- \* for the courts of our land, for judges, magistrates and lawyers
- \* for all who are in distress/dying/sick, that they may be strengthened by the sufferings of Christ
- \* for all Christians, that they may follow the way of the cross

### REDEEMER BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY

During April we remember the following children on the anniversary of their Baptism in our prayer:

- Lilly Thompson, daughter of Kyrle and Shane, sister to Cameron
- Paige Knight, daughter of Karla and Brendan

### Announcements

- **TABEEL-** Tabeel Lutheran Home is on PUBLIC LOCK OUT until Easter, as this stage no residents are ill. It is a precautionary move by Lutheran Services. Shirley Klinge, Committee of Service, Chair.
- **Lutheran Women of Queensland Convention Retreat** has been cancelled for July and money paid will be refunded. A day of convention will be held 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 from 9am- 3pm approx. at Redeemer Lutheran Church Laidley
- **Lockyer Valley Bus Trips** are cancelled for the next two months. For further information phone Dawn Dodt- 5462 2561
- **There will be NO CATERING in ANZAC Day (Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April)**
- **Redeemer Church Cleaning-** It is that time of year when we ask for donations towards church cleaning. This year we have a total of 15 times (costing \$50 each time) we need to employ the church cleaner. We understand and realise that many work and many are unable to due health and age to assist with the task. Our church is commented on a by many who use it for its tidy grounds and clean church. So, if you can assist in anyway please place your donation in an envelope marked church cleaning. Thank you for support in this matter.

### CHURCH CLEANING- 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

Laidley- Carol Scheiwe and Val Davenport

Ropeley- Karen Laffey and Debbie Bachmann

### Dates to Remember –April

- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April- Maundy Thursday** – No Online Services.
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April - Good Friday-** Online Services but NO Service Order be made available.
- **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Sunday-** Online Services and Service Order Handout will be made available.
- **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter-** Online Services and Service Order Handout will be made available.
- **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April- Redeemer Harvest Festival-** Event maybe postpone due to government restrictions.
- **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May- 5pm Redeemer Fellowship BBQ** Event maybe Postpone due to government restrictions.

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### Next Weeks Reading Holy Week

#### **Maundy Thursday**

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14- The institution of the Passover  
Psalm 116:1,2,12-19  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 The institution of the Lord's Supper  
Gospel Reading: John 13:17,31b-35 Jesus washes his disciples' feet

#### **Good Friday**

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-52:12 The Suffering Servant of God (Fourth 'Servant Song')  
Psalm 22  
Second Reading Hebrews 10:16- 25 Jesus, our priest and sacrifice  
Gospel Reading John 18:1-19:42 The passion according to St John

#### **Easter Sunday**

First Reading Acts 10:34-43 Summary of the Jesus's life and ministry  
Psalm 118:1,2,14-24  
Second Reading Colossians 2:1-4 Your life is hidden with Christ in God  
Gospel Reading John 20:1-18 Mary finds the tomb empty and Jesus appears to her