



WELCOME TO  
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

He humbled Himself and became obedient  
to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

*Philippians 2:8b*

## Palm Sunday

March 29, 2015

### A Service of Word and Sacrament

TLH (hymns 1-660) is the RED book, WS (hymns 701-800) is the TAN book  
(If you have difficulty standing, please feel free to remain seated as needed)

Preservice Devotion: Psalm 24, forepart of TLH p.128

### PROCESSION OF PALMS

**John 12:12-19**

#### OPENING HYMN

**WS 725**

*No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet*

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

*1 John 1:5b-2*

**C If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

M If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

M Let us pray.

**C Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us.**

**Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

M Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for our only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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

#### KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

M In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

M For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

M For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

M For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

M Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

♪ Sing (w intro, TLH 146:3):

Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer,  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

M The Lord be with you.

*Luke 1:28*

**C And also with you.**

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

M Let us pray, ... one God, now and forever,

**C Amen.**

#### THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MARK

From the Passover to the Death of the Cross

**Mark 14:1–15:47**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

Luther's Explanation to the 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

What does this mean?

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

**He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.**

**He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## HYMN

**TLH 172:1-4,10**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

## SERMON

### **Philippians 2:5–11**

<sup>5</sup> Let this same mindset be in you, namely, the mindset of Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> who, although he was existing in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be seized for his own gain, <sup>7</sup> but rather he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And appearing as a man, he humbled himself and became submissive to the point of death, even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> For this reason, God has also exalted him and granted him the name which is above every name <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow – of those in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth – <sup>11</sup> and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

### **A Second Article Mindset**

*what does this mean?*

**I believe that Jesus Christ,  
true God, and also true Man, is my Lord.**

M The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen. *Philippians 4:7*

## OFFERTORY

*Psalm 51:10-12*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## HYMN

WS 721

*Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow*

## GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. In that saving name we come boldly knowing our unworthiness has been cleansed by the blood of Christ who now lives and reigns over all things for the sake of His Church.

For that Church of Christ in and throughout the world, that God the almighty Father would gather and guide it so that those who fear Him may worship Him in peace and confidence, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our pastors, teachers and all leaders of the Church, and for all the people of God, that they may faithfully fulfill their callings, neither adding nor subtracting from the saving Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our families, for parents, and for schools of the Church, that the Word of God may guide and govern the lives of our children, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way of salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who serve in public office and for our government, that God would guide them in what is good and right, serving us all with peace and freedom in our society, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our armed forces that Christ would protect them and use them to secure peace and justice, and bring them home in safety to their families, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all confirmands and catechumens being instructed in the faith, that they be given grace to keep their vows faithfully and stand, at last, before the throne of God, having confessed Christ to the end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are in need of our prayers, [] that Christ would comfort them by His Spirit, grant them rest from their ailments, and give them trust in the sure promise of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O God, unite our prayers and praises to the ceaseless petitions of Him who is eternally blessed before You. Hosanna in the highest. In that blessed name we also pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is 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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen!**

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**M** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

**TLH 162**

*Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty*

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**Welcome!** We wish a warm welcome to our guests this morning. It is our mission to share the good news that God gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him has eternal life (John 3:16-17). May that good news go with you. Feel free to sign our guest book in the entry way. For more information about our church see the visitor comment cards and brochures in the entry way or visit our website at [AscensionBatavia.org](http://AscensionBatavia.org). We hope to see you again!

### **Participating in this Service of the Word**

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