



**Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020  
Live Stream Worship  
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth**

**GATHER**

**PRELUDE**

*Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless*

arr. David Cherwien

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

ONE: Gracious and loving God, In the beginning, you created humanity and declared creation very good. Humans began in Africa. All of our beginnings are rooted there.

**MANY: We are all related. We are all your children.**

ONE: Through the prophets you showed us how to love you: to loosen the bonds of injustice and to free the oppressed. Yet white people in the United States created religious, economic and judicial systems that continue to exploit people of color.

**MANY: Guide us toward actions of justice that create freedom for all people.**

ONE: In great love you sent Jesus, who was born with brown skin and in poverty. Jesus welcomed those who were different and marginalized—the foreigners, the sick, and the poor.

**MANY: You teach us that in Christ, “There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female.” In Christ, all are loved.**

ONE: We are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**MANY: We are all captive to the sin of white privilege. In a nation built on the genocide of indigenous people and the slavery of Africans we confess our part in the continued racism and injustice.**

ONE: The Church exists to proclaim Jesus Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection means freedom for the world. As the church, we fall short of God’s dream. In the midst of our sin and inaction we seek to repent.

**MANY: We will pursue justice by building a society where diversity is truly valued;  
we will pursue justice by addressing how race influences political decisions on immigration, crime, and environmental pollution;  
and we will pursue justice so that economic forces work for people of color in housing, medical care, education and employment.**

ONE: Our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We ask Jesus for the strength to live into our repentance. We trust in God’s compassion and mercy.

**MANY: We pray this, as your children. AMEN**

VIDEO: PALM SUNDAY STORY

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples 2 and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. 3 If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here.’” 4 They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, 5 some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” 6 They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

SONG

*Little Grey Donkey*

Natalie Sleeth

*Little grey donkey, little grey donkey, little grey donkey, Ho!*

*Do you know just who it is you carry on your back?  
'Tis no ordinary load, no mean or common pack.  
You are blessed of all beasts to carry into town  
Christ the Lord of Galilee; He wears no earthly crown.*

*Little grey donkey, little grey donkey, little grey donkey, Ho!*

*Once you were a simple beast of poor and lowly state.  
Christ himself has chosen you and honored is your fate.  
Though your path with palms is spread, make haste along the way;  
You were destined here to ride on this triumphal day.*

*Little grey donkey, little grey donkey, little grey donkey, Ho!*

*Yonder is a grassy hill; it's known as Calvary.  
Up against the cloudless sky a barren cross you see.  
Little grey donkey, little grey mare, don't hide your head in shame.  
For you bear the Lamb of God and Jesus is His name.*

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.  
9 Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,  
“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”  
11 Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**MANY: Thanks be to God! Hosanna in the Highest!**

Verses 1, 3, and 4

*We wave our palm branches high in praise of Jesus!*

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: On this day of great rejoicing, when we welcome you as our King and Savior. Grant us grace and courage to follow you from cross to resurrection, from darkness to light. In Jesus' name we shout,

**MANY: "Hosanna!"**

SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:3-8

While Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as Jesus sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar filled with nard, the very costly ointment. She broke open the jar and poured the ointment on Jesus' head. 4 But some were there said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? 5 For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. 6 But Jesus said, "Leave her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. 7 For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. 8 She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

## +PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: Since COVID-19 began affecting communities across the world, we have seen how interconnected we are as humans. Simple practices, like handwashing and social distancing, have become the most basic duty we owe to our friends and strangers. Finding thoughtful ways to care for one another amidst the tumult, may our prayers renew us in faith and embolden our actions.

*Silence*

ONE: God of action, come to our aid as the coronavirus spreads globally, heal those who are sick, and protect their families and friends from being infected. Open our minds beyond fear that we might see our neighbor's needs. Lord in your mercy,  
**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: God of healing, strengthen and encourage those in the medical profession and all who commit themselves to caring for the sick and their families. Lord in your mercy,  
**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: God of vocation, sustain all workers and business owners who suffer loss of livelihood due to shut-downs and closures. Guide the leaders of nations that they speak the truth, halt the spread of misinformation, and act with justice so that all your family may know healing. Lord in your mercy,  
**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: God of the journey, comfort individuals and families as we shelter in place and empower those who are needed for the continued functioning of our communities. Help us to see how we are all in this together and that we are surrounded by God's love. Lord in your mercy,  
**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: Holy Spirit, you work among us in ways we do not understand. We name before you, aloud and in our hearts, those we know who are in need of your healing and comfort ...

ONE: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**MANY: AMEN**

+SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**MANY: And also with you.**

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

### MEAL

OFFERING

*Ride On, King Jesus*

African-American Spiritual

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

**MANY: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. AMEN**

+WELCOME TO THE TABLE

## HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*How Good and Pleasant it Is*

David Cherwien

*Sung in harmony*

How good and pleas-ant it is ———— when kind - red live to - geth-er in u - ni - ty.

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## COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

### SENDING

#### +BENEDICTION

ONE: Let us pray together the Prayer of Good Courage.

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**MANY: AMEN**

#### +DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God!**

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### POSTLUDE

*DIADEMATA*

arr. Robert J. Powell

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