

King of Kings Lutheran Church

Connecting People to Christ Now and Forever

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Thank you for worshiping at home with us at King of Kings! Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will draw you closer to the living God through your time of worship today and strengthen your connection to Christ our Savior.

HONORING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

King of Kings believes firmly in the biblical principle of honoring God through our tithes and offerings. We consider giving to be an act of worship that both expresses and exercises our love and trust in the Lord as the source of all He has entrusted to us. If you are our guest today please know you are under no obligation to give. The mission and ministry of this church is supported by those who have committed themselves to this community of faith. If you do desire to give we ask only that you do so with a joyful heart. King of Kings offers a variety of ways to give:

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Prelude

Processional Gospel

John 12:12–19

- P** The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out,
- C** **"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"**
- P** And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,
- C** **¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"**
- P** His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another,
- C** **"You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."**
- P** Hosanna!
- C** **Hosanna to the Son of David!**
- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
- C** **Hosanna in the highest!**

Processional Hymn

Lift High the Cross – LSB 837

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

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Welcome

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** On this Passion Sunday, we join with the crowds welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem knowing the full payment for sin is soon to be paid. With true repentance and contrition let us make our confession before the Lord.
- P** We confess before You, Lord, that we have sinned against You.
- C** **We have sinned not only against You but one another, with what we have thought, what we have said, and by what we have or have not done.**
- P** We unseat You and put ourselves on the throne that belongs only to You.
- C** **Our pride in these and all sins deserves Your punishment, yet today we approach Your throne of grace, asking for Your mercy. Amen.**
- P** So I ask you now: are you sincere in this, your confession before God, and promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."
- C** **Yes, with the help of God.**

P Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday to show His love for you at the cross. At the cross, He showed His passion for you by dying for your sins and paying the price we could not pay. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen! Thank You, Lord, for Your passion for us.

Hymn of Praise

All Glory, Laud, and Honor – LSB 442

All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessèd One.
All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

The company of angels is praising You on high,
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.
All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before You we present.
All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

To You before Your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

As You received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, our good and gracious King.
All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Collect

P Most merciful God,

C as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Service of the Word

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

³⁶ The LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. ³⁷Then he will say, "Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, ³⁸who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection!

³⁹"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

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Psalms

Psalms 118:19–29

- 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. I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.**
- P** The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
- C** **This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- P** This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- C** **Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!**
- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless You from the house of the LORD.
- C** **The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**
- P** You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;
- C** **You are my God; I will extol You.**
- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
- C** **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Choral Anthem

In the Shadow of the Palms

The King of Kings Choir

"Hosanna!" they cry, as they welcome their King,
In majesty He rides into town.
See how the children line the streets;
Watch how Jerusalem bows down
But in the shadow of the palms, evil hands lie in wait.
In the shadow of the palms, darkened hearts are filled with hate.

Blessed is He who comes in the Lord,
In glory and splendor He reigns!
Coats and branches placed in the street;
See how the palms are laid!
But in the shadow of the palms, crowds of anger and hatred scheme.
In the shadow of the palms, pain and death remain unseen.

"Hosanna!" they cry, as they welcome their King,
In majesty He rides into town.
See how the children line the streets,
Watch how Jerusalem bows down.
See how Jerusalem bows down.
See in the shadow of the palms.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty – LSB 441

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

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

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

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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Sermon

The Return of the King

Apostle's Creed

☩ 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.

Prayer for the Offering

Prayer of the Church

P Almighty God, King of the universe, we come before You humbly asking that You would hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will.

We bow before You and give unto You our worship and praise.

C **We worship You not because we love You, but You loved us first and gave the King's ransom to pay our sin's debt. Thank You, Jesus, for loving us so much.**

P We thank You for the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives both to bring us to faith and keep us in the faith.

C **Continue to open the eyes of our hearts and those around us, that we might see Your entry with palms for what it really was—Your passion to save us.**

P As we near the day of Your return, we see a world in turmoil.

C **Help us, Prince of Peace, amid all the chaos, to keep our eyes fixed on You.**

P We lift up those who are sick and those who are suffering, [*including . . .*].

C **Be with them, ease their pain, and bring relief from sicknesses through doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles to accomplish Your will in their lives.**

P For Your church in all places, that the Gospel would be powerfully proclaimed this week, and the Holy Spirit stir faith in the hearts of many,

C **use us according to Your will, that others may see the life of Jesus in us.**

P Before Your throne, almighty King, we lift these and all petitions of our hearts, trusting You will answer all according to Your will.

C **We pray in the name of Jesus, who with the Father and Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

C **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

P 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.**

Closing Hymn

No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet – LSB 444

No tramp of soldiers' marching feet with banners and with drums,
No sound of music's martial beat: "The King of glory comes!"
To greet what pomp of kingly pride no bells in triumph ring,
No city gates swing open wide: "Behold, behold your King!"

And yet He comes. The children cheer; with palms His path is strown.
With ev'ry step the cross draws near: the King of glory's throne.
Astride a colt He passes by as loud hosannas ring,
Or else the very stones would cry "Behold, behold your King!"

What fading flow'rs His road adorn; the palms, how soon laid down!
No bloom or leaf but only thorn the King of glory's crown.
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, the streets with tumult ring,
As Pilate to the mob replies, "Behold, behold your King!"

Now He who bore for mortals' sake the cross and all its pains
And chose a servant's form to take, the King of glory reigns.
Hosanna to the Savior's name till heaven's rafters ring,
And all the ransomed host proclaim "Behold, behold your King!"

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Announcements

Sending

- P** With boldness and courage we go now, believing this eternal truth...
- C** **God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and authority to do the good works He has prepared for us to do. Amen.**

Postlude

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