

“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

Palm Sunday, April 5th 2020

Call to Worship and Approach to God. *You are invited to light a candle.*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.**

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.** *Psalms 118:26-29.*

❖ **Hymn 1:** *All glory, laud and honour*

❖ **Prayer of approach** (ending with the Lord's Prayer: *say this in whichever language or version you prefer.*)
Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Word of God

❖ **Children's address**

❖ **Holy Scripture:** Matthew 21:1-16, *Read by Thorsten Koenig*

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.^[a]” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd^[b] spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

¹²Then Jesus entered the temple^[c] and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer’; but you are making it a den of robbers.”

¹⁴The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard^[d] the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry ¹⁶and said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?’”

- ❖ **Music in worship:** *Lift up Your Heads, O Ye Gates* - William Mathias.
- ❖ **Sermon:** The Narrative of a vulnerable God *Followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 2:** In the Lord I'll be ever thankful.
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession** led by Thijs Glasz
- ❖ **Prayer of dedication**
- ❖ **Hymn 3:** Make way, make way
- ❖ **The Apostles' Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of the saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

❖ **Narrative of the Institution and the Invitation**

❖ **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

<i>The Lord be with you</i>	and also with you
<i>Lift up your hearts</i>	we life them up to the Lord
<i>Let us give thanks</i>	It is right to give
<i>to the Lord our God</i>	our thanks and praise

... with earth and sea and sky, and all the heavenly host we join praising you...

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
 Hosanna in the highest!
 Blessed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest!**

❖ **Prayer of Consecration**

❖ **Eating the bread and drinking the wine**

❖ **Prayer**

❖ **Hymn 4:** Ride on! Ride on in majesty

- ❖ **Blessing:** Go in peace to love and to serve God;
and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us and unite us, now and always. Amen.