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SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT ~ PALM SUNDAY

Victory in the Valley—Share the Victory

April 13, 2025

AS WE GATHER

In the 23rd Psalm, the Holy Spirit through King David reminds us that each of us walks daily in the valley of the shadow of death. That shadow follows us our entire lives; we will not escape it.

The message of God to us during the Season of Lent, however, is that Jesus also walked through that same valley for us. And while it consumed Him in our place, He also came out the other side as our eternal living Lord!

We will continue to live in the valley of the shadow of death until we breathe our last or until Jesus comes again. Until then, we thank God that by His Spirit, Jesus walks with us in the valley to assure us that we, too, will come through to live with Him forever.



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINANCE SERVANT RECOGNITION

During each of the upcoming months, we will be recognizing various servant leaders in the congregation, giving thanks for their faithful service. Today we give thanks for those who serve in the area of church finances, including offering counters. Your faithful use of your time and talents for this important work of the church is a blessing to this congregation and to those whom you serve. God bless you for your service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED

All: 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.

OPENING PRAYER

SONG OF PRAISE

“All Glory, Laud and Honor” (vs. 1, 3-5)

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 Blessed One.
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.**

† **GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY** †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 32:36-39

(ESV page 206)

³⁶For 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.
37 Then he will say, 'Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,
38 who 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.'"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL READING

John 12:12-19

(ESV page 1068)

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!”

¹⁶His 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. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TALK

LITTLE WORSHIP (*Children from 5-10 years old are welcome to follow the Little Worship leaders for a worship time all their own during the sermon.*)

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Lamb of God”

**Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died;
The humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**I was so lost I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood. Till I am just a lamb of God.**

SERMON

“Share the Victory”

Philippians 2:5-11

Confident that Jesus lived, died and rose for us, we constantly look for others who need to be uplifted by that Good News.

Sermon Text: Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV page 1165)

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 emptied himself, by 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, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

CONFESSION OF SIN

All: Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us faith in Jesus so that we can come to You each day without fear. Today we confess to You that we have neglected to take every opportunity to show that we belong to You. We are sorry for our words and actions that have offended You and others. We are also sorry for the many times we have said and done nothing when something should have been said or done. We humble ourselves before You today and ask You to be merciful to us. In Jesus' name; Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF THANKS

“You Are My All in All”

**You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all. Seeking You as a precious jew'l,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!**

**Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless Your name;
You are my all in all. When I fall down You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!
Worthy is Your name! Worthy is Your name!**

OFFERING (*You are invited to place your financial gifts to the Lord in the offering plates as they are passed through the pews. You can also give your one-time or recurring gifts to the Lord through the "Vanco Mobile" app for your phone or by clicking on the "Give" tab on our website.*)

FOLLOWING CHRIST IN APRIL—Matthew 5:16

*As we continue our 2025 Ministry Focus on the second portion of our Mission Statement, we focus on Jesus' mandates in Matthew 5:16: **“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”***

*How will I listen to and obey Jesus' mandate to **“LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE”** during the month of April? With the help of God, I will . . . _____*

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PRAYERS OF THE DAY *(After each petition Pastor John will say, “Lord, in Your mercy,” to which the congregation is invited to respond, “Hear our prayer.”)*

LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in Jesus’ name and as He has taught us:

All: 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

Pastor: 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 His favor and † give you His peace. *(Numbers 6:24–26)*

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG

“In the Valley / What Wondrous Love Is This”

**When You lead me to the valley of vision, I can see You in the heights.
And though my humbling wouldn't be my decision, it's here Your glory shines so bright.**

**So let me learn that the cross precedes the crown, to be low is to be high,
That the valley's where You make me more like Christ.**

**Let me find Your grace in the valley. Let me find Your life in my death.
Let me find Your joy in my sorrow, Your wealth in my need,
That You're near with ev'ry breath in the valley.**

**So let me learn that my losses are my gain, to be broken is to heal,
That the valley's where Your power is revealed.**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great “I AM,”

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,

While millions join the theme, I will sing.

**Let me find Your grace in the valley. Let me find Your life in my death.
Let me find Your joy in my sorrow, Your wealth in my need,
That You're near with ev'ry breath in the valley.**

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: THANKS BE TO GOD!

POSTLUDE

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