



## PROCESSION OF PALMS

*All gather around the processional cross.*

### GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** Hosanna to the Son of David.

### COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

Most merciful God, 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.

**C** Amen.

### HOLY GOSPEL - *John 12:12-19*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

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

**P** <sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So 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!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** in the name of the Lord.

### ENTRANCE HYMN – #442 - All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*All arrive at their places.*

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** Hosanna in the highest.

*A time of silence is observed to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.*

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY – page 156

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,

You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,

to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross.

Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection;

through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** – *Zechariah 9:9–12*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**GRADUAL**

You hold my | right hand.\*

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to |  
glory.

Truly God is good to | Israel,\*  
to those who are | pure in heart.

**EPISTLE** – *Philippians 2:5–11*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who,  
though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing  
to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant,

being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**TRACT** – *Psalm 22:1, 4-5*

My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?\*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

In you our fathers | trusted;\*

they trusted, and you de- | livered them.

To you they cried and were | rescued;\*

in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

**VERSE** – page 157

**HOLY GOSPEL** – *Matthew 27:11-54*

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup>Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” <sup>18</sup>For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. <sup>19</sup>Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word

to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" <sup>23</sup>And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

<sup>24</sup>So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup>And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup>Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup>And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

<sup>30</sup>And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.

<sup>31</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup>Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup>And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." <sup>38</sup>Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the

cross.”<sup>41</sup> So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,<sup>42</sup> “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.”<sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”<sup>44</sup> And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup> Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.<sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”<sup>47</sup> And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.”<sup>48</sup> And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink.<sup>49</sup> But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”<sup>50</sup> And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup> And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.<sup>52</sup> The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised,<sup>53</sup> and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.<sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

**HYMN OF THE DAY - #440 - Jesus, I Will Ponder Now**

**SERMON**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*P: Let us pray to the Lord; C: Lord, have mercy.*

We pray for our Shut-ins -

Elwood Kaminsky, Kathy Krahenbil & Kathy Shurvell  
Also Eileen Wiens and others we know to be in need.

**OFFERTORY** – pages 159-160

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

*If you are not a member of Lutheran Church Canada or a sister church, please feel welcome to come up during the Supper to receive a blessing. Indicate you would like a blessing by crossing your arms over your heart. If you would like to commune with us in the future, please speak to the Pastor after the service and express your holy desire.*

**COMMUNION LITURGY** – pages 160-163

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** – #542 – When I Behold Jesus Christ

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** – #617 – O Lord, We Praise Thee

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT & BENEDICTION** – page 166

**CLOSING HYMN** – #444 – No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

**POSTLUDE**

At the Voters' meeting on February 1st, the Building Committee provided a services proposal from Relèven. The proposal is for assisting Lutheran Church of The Redeemer with the first phase of the Building Committee's work to meet the mandate given to it by the Voters at the meeting held May 25, 2025. The purpose of the first phase is to help the congregation understand, agree and activate a new property strategy roadmap, in the context of our wider missional, neighbourhood and charitable objectives. The proposal from Relèven was approved by the Voters on February 1st.

We have executed a service contract with Relèven and have begun working with them to help us envision the next phase of our life together as a congregation. This process will help us more clearly connect our mission and vision with the assets we have been entrusted with, so that we can steward them wisely and ensure the long-term sustainability and impact of our ministry in the community.

Relèven's consultants Dave Harder and Mike Wood Daly will be leading a congregational workshop designed to help us reflect on who we are, what we are called to do, and how our buildings, land, and resources can best support that calling. Through a series of creative and engaging exercises, they will listen carefully to the congregation, challenge our thinking, and help us explore practical possibilities for aligning our assets with our mission and future direction.

Your voice in this process is important and valued. The strength of this conversation comes from hearing the hopes, insights, and perspectives of the congregation.

Date: April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Time: 12:30pm to 2:30pm

*Should you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Barrie Davidson (Chair, Building Committee) or any other member of the Building Committee (Pastor Manning, Doug Ross, David Borger, Bonnie Kletke, Tim Lach).*

# REDEEMER REPORTER

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Holy (Maundy) Thursday: 7pm  
Good Friday (Chief Service): 11am  
Easter (Resurrection) Sunday: 11am

## CONGREGATIONAL WORKSHOP:

As mentioned inside of back cover of Bulletin:

Date: April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Time: 12:30pm to 2:30pm

## EVANGELISM WORKSHOP:

Evangelism Workshop to help God's people grow in sharing Jesus with others. Using 'Every One His Witness', a Lutheran Evangelism Program, attendees will be trained by the circuit pastors in how to listen, ask, seek, share, invite and encourage those the Lord has put in their lives.

Location: here @Redeemer

Dates: Two Saturdays 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of April  
Time: 9:00am-1:00pm (with lunch provided).

## BIBLE STUDY:

Church History (*and why it's relevant*) is back on at 10am Sundays.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION:

This is offered on Saturday mornings 10am-11am at the church.