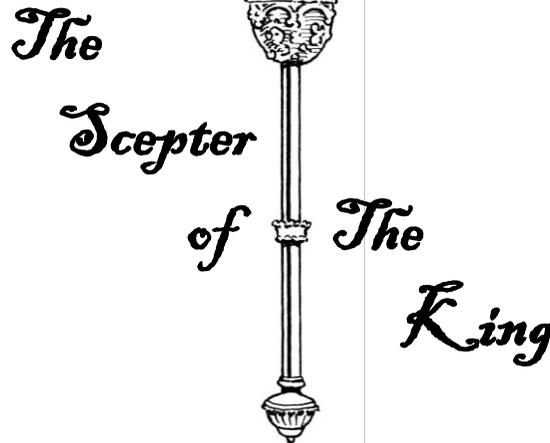


THE SIXTH SUND IN LENT: PALM SUNDAY

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Worship Focus

The Scepter of The King:
A king whose scepter is humility



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INVOCATION and ADMONITION

- M** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
C **(spoken) And also with you.**

M Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's suffering, death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

- M** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
C **(spoken) Hosanna in the highest!**

PALM SUNDAY PRAYER

- M** Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem before his passion and was welcomed as king by those who shouted "Hosanna" and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our words of praise and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King who came to save, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

- C** **(spoken) Amen.**

- M** Let us go forth in peace:
C **(spoken) In the name of the Lord.**

OPENING HYMN

131 - All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Please stand for the final verse



1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
2 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
3 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
4 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
5 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho -
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san - nas ring. You are the King of Is - rael
san - nas ring. The com - pa - ny of an - gels
san - nas ring. The peo - ple of the He - brews
san - nas ring. To you be - fore your pas - sion
san - nas ring. As you re - ceived their prais - es,



And Da - vid's roy - al Son, Now in the
Is prais - ing you on high, And we with
With palms be - fore you went; Our praise and
They sang their hymns of praise; To you, now
Ac - cept the prayers we bring, O Source of



Lord's name com - ing, Our King and bless - ed one.
all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
prayer and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 762–821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.
Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated

LESSON ONE

The King Prophesied

Psalm 72:1-17

- PSALM 72:1 Endow the king with your justice, O God,
the royal son with your righteousness.
- ² He will judge your people in righteousness,
your afflicted ones with justice.
- ³ The mountains will bring prosperity to the people,
the hills the fruit of righteousness.
- ⁴ He will defend the afflicted among the people
and save the children of the needy;
he will crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ He will endure as long as the sun,
as long as the moon,
through all generations.
- ⁶ He will be like rain falling on a mown field,
like showers watering the earth.
- ⁷ In his days the righteous will flourish;
prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.
- ⁸ He will rule from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- ⁹ The desert tribes will bow before him
and his enemies will lick the dust.
- ¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores will bring tribute to him;
the kings of Sheba and Seba will present him gifts.
- ¹¹ All kings will bow down to him
and all nations will serve him.

¹² For he will deliver the needy who cry out,
the afflicted who have no one to help.
¹³ He will take pity on the weak and the needy
and save the needy from death.
¹⁴ He will rescue them from oppression and violence,
for precious is their blood in his sight.
¹⁵ Long may he live!
May gold from Sheba be given him.
May people ever pray for him
and bless him all day long.
¹⁶ Let grain abound throughout the land;
on the tops of the hills may it sway.
Let its fruit flourish like Lebanon;
let it thrive like the grass of the field.
¹⁷ May his name endure forever;
may it continue as long as the sun.
All nations will be blessed through him,
and they will call him blessed.

M This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

**May all kings
fall down
before him,
all nations give
him service.**



Psalm 72:11

HYMN

243 – Oh, Worship the King



1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove;
 2 Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace,
 3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



Oh, grate - ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love,
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py, space.
 Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old,
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
 In you do we trust nor find you to fail.



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 Your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 And round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 Our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, abr., alt.
 Tune: HANOVER (10 10 11 11) William Croft, 1678–1727.



LESSON TWO

The King Arrives

Matthew 2:1-12

MATTHEW 2:1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ “ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.’ ”

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

M This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

370 – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels
 2 Hail him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid
 3 Sin - ners whose love can ne'er for - get The worm - wood
 4 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe On this ter -
 5 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at his



pros - trate fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And
 Lord did call, The God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, And
 and the gall, Go, spread your tro - phies at his feet And
 res - trial ball To him all maj - es - ty as - cribe And
 feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And



crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al
 crown him Lord of all. The God in - car - nate,
 crown him Lord of all. Go, spread your tro - phies
 crown him Lord of all. To him all maj - es -
 crown him Lord of all. We'll join the ev - er -



di - a - dem And crown him Lord of all.
 Man di - vine, And crown him Lord of all.
 at his feet, And crown him Lord of all.
 ty as - cribe And crown him Lord of all.
 last - ing song And crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–92, st. 1-3, abr., alt.; *A Selection of Hymns*, London, 1787, st. 4-5, alt.
 Tune: CORONATION (86 86 86) Oliver Holden, 1765–1844.



LESSON THREE

Matthew 21:1–11

The King Enters

MATTHEW 21:1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Say to the Daughter of Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest!”

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹¹ The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

M This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

133 – Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and
 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs
 ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
 fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his
 pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to



sue your road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - d'ring eyes To see th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 sap - phire throne A - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
 mor - tal pain, Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

SERMON

Matthew 21:1–11

The King whose Scepter is Humility

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Create in Me

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12.

Tune: SCHAFFE IN MIR, GOTT (PM) Johann G. Winer, 1583–1651, adapt.



**“BEHOLD,
YOUR
KING
IS COMING
TO YOU.”**

MATTHEW 21:5, ESV

CREED

Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.**

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O God, our heavenly Father, You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to be the payment for the sins of the whole world. As our Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem to the shouts of "Hosanna," so hear our prayers as we bring them before You now. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You do not desire the death of any sinner but that all would turn in repentance to You. Bless the preaching of Your Gospel and the administration of Your Sacraments in mission fields around the world. Convert those who do not yet know Christ, and sustain those who face danger and opposition for the name of Christ. Bless and protect all missionaries as they proclaim Christ

in hostile places and surround their families with Your care. Make them bold to declare Your saving Gospel. Give to us a vision of that great multitude around Your throne, from all nations, tribes, peoples and languages and banish from our hearts all prejudice which may hinder our mission work here in our nation or abroad. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to Yourself. We praise and bless You for those whom You have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank You that in all parts of the world Your Spirit continues to work through Your Holy Word and Sacraments to call, gather, enlighten, sanctify and keep Your people in the one true faith. Empower us boldly to be Your ambassadors as we proclaim the good news by our words and our deeds, rejoicing in Your grace that never forsakes us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

According to Your gracious will, O Lord, look in mercy on all who suffer illness and physical disability [*especially _____*]. Bless them with what is best for them according to Your good and gracious will, and help them to trust in Your merciful care. Open our hearts to help them so that we may lovingly serve their bodily needs. Take into Your merciful care all those who mourn the death of loved ones [*especially _____*]. Give to them peace and comfort through Your holy Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, as the Suffering Servant You endured falsehood, rejection, mockery, shame, flogging, and finally crucifixion. Sustain all those who suffer persecution for Your name. Grant endurance to all who bear any crosses of body, mind, or soul. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, give us the mind of Christ that we may in true faith receive the gift of His body and blood once given into death on a cross for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

These prayers we offer through the One who humbly entered into Jerusalem, who cleansed the temple, who taught His disciples, who suffered, was crucified, died and was buried, who rose again, and who will come again to judge—the Holy One, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

LESSON FOUR

The King Rules

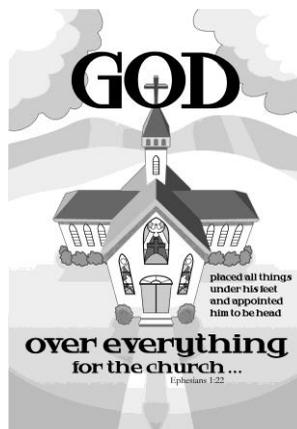
Ephesians 1:11-23

EPHESIANS 1:11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession-
-to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, ²⁰ which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

M This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**





1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er
 3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord,
 4 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees
 5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult



Christ, her Lord; She is his new cre - a - tion By
 all the earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One
 to de - fend, To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, Is
 her op - pressed, By schisms rent a - sun - der, By
 of her war She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of



wa - ter and the Word. From heav'n he came and
 Lord, one faith, one birth. One ho - ly name she
 with her to the end. Though there be those that
 her - e - sies dis - tressed, Yet saints their watch are
 peace for - ev - er - more Till with the vi - sion



sought her To be his ho - ly bride; With his own
 bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, And to one
 hate her And strive to see her fail, A - gainst both
 keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the
 glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest And the great



blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
 hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 foe and trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail.
 night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

LESSON FIVE

The King Will Return

Matthew 25:31-46

MATTHEW 25:31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

⁴⁴ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

⁴⁵ “He will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

⁴⁶ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

M This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER

M Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



Benediction

CLOSING HYMN

219 – Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see And taste your king-dom's
plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al robe shall be, My
joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your
throne, Your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; With
these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly
wrought, As your own bride I shall be brought To
stand in joy be - side you.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

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ONE LIFE. ONE DEATH. ONE *Victorious* EMPTY TOMB.

Tentative Holy Week Schedule

Subject to change pending the orders put in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The Scepter of the King”

<u>Wednesday/Festival (Date)</u>	<u>Worship Theme</u>
Palm Sunday (April 5) Sunday morning worship at 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.	A King Whose Scepter is Humility
Maundy Thursday (April 9) Evening worship at 7:00 p.m.	A King Whose Scepter is a Towel
Good Friday (April 10) Tenebrae worship at 7:00 p.m.	A King Whose Scepter is a Cross
Easter Sunrise (April 12) Sunday morning worship at 6:30 p.m.	A King Whose Scepter is a Trumpet
Easter Sunday (April 12) Festival Worship at 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.	A King Whose Scepter is a Stone