

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PRAYER FOR THE WORD

P: We humbly ask You Almighty God, to give to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, so that Your Word may not be bound, but instead that it may have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and in the confession of Your name abide to the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BLESSING

P: 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 upon you with favor and give you (+) peace.

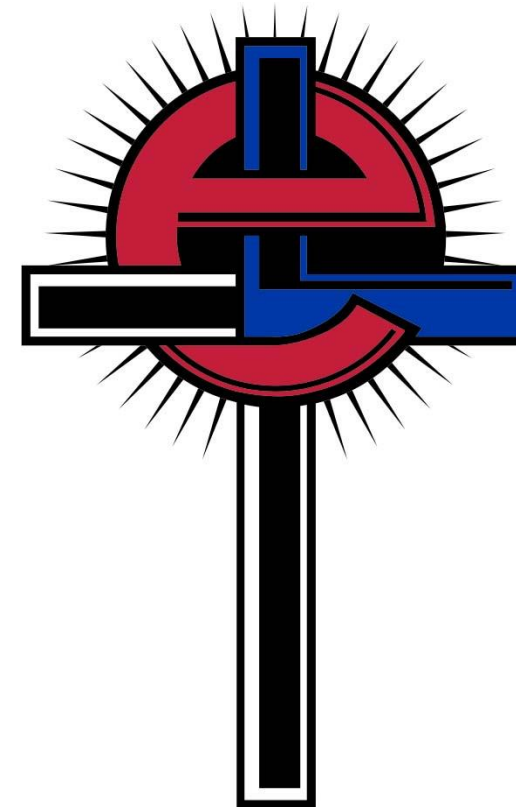


CLOSING HYMN

"Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle" (CW #122)

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**"The Cross and Passion are the Hour of
Jesus' Glory"**



Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
Palm Sunday – *Sunday of the Passion*
April 9, 2017

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE BEFORE HIM

OPENING HYMN “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” (CW #100)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, pleading with Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

P: Almighty God our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and action. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, for this purpose, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those that believe on His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord to us all.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Heavenly Father, You loved the world so that You gave Your only-begotten Son to liberate us from sin and death by His obedient death on the cross.

C: We confess that without Your love we are lost.

P: Lord of the Church, we thank You for the treasure of the gospel. By Your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

C: Through that gospel in Word and Sacrament, strengthen our determination to do what pleases You, no matter what the danger or the cost.

P: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplain, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and values as Christians.

C: By Your Spirit’s work through the means of grace, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

P: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: Through Your Word grant them peace O Lord, and in Your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

P: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE APOSTLES CREED

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.

Please be seated

HYMN

#133 “Ride One, Ride On in Majesty”

SERMON

Zechariah 9:9-12

“Welcome Your King with Joyful Shouts of Praise”

1. He’s like none other
2. He brings peace
3. He sets the prisoner free

RESPONSE

#272 – “Create in Me a Clean Heart O God”

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please Stand

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Sings “All Glory be to God on High” CW #263

All glory be to God on high, Who has our race befriended!

To us no harm shall now come nigh; The strife at last is ended.

The Father’s love, the Savior’s birth, Bring peace, good will to all the earth;

Oh thank Him for His goodness!

O Jesus Christ, the only Son Of God, your heav’nly Father,

You did for all our sins atone, And your lost sheep you gather.

O Lamb of God, to you on high From depths of woe we sinners cry,

Have mercy on us, Jesus!

O Holy Spirit, precious Gift, Our Comforter from heaven,

Our weary hearts and souls uplift; For this our praise is given.

Deliver us from doubt and fear; when Satan troubles us, be near;

We trust your love and power.

P: The LORD be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! Look! Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation. He is humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. 10I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His kingdom will extend from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth. 11As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you I will release your prisoners from the waterless pit. 12Return to the stronghold, you prisoners who have hope. This very day I declare that I will restore double to you. EHV

PSALM 24 (*p.73 in front section of hymnal*)

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

5 Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. 6Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, 7but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, 8he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. 9Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (Jn. 12:23)

CHOIR sings “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:1-9

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” 4This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. 6The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. 7They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. 8A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. 9The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! (EHV)

