Anglican Church of Freiburg Palm Sunday Service April 10, 2022, 11:30 am

Palm Procession

(The service begins outside the church where Palm leaves are shared with the congregation who enters the church singing acclamations of Hosanna)

Silent Preparation

Opening Words

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion, meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass. Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice. Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever; and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre. You have loved righteousness and hated evil. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Opening Hymn

Hosanna - SOF 189

Youtube link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iG5y_Gd3oZc

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hosanna in the Highest Blessed are you O Lord

You are the King of Kings

Blessed are you O Lord

You come in the name of the Lord

Blessed are you O Lord

You come with Peace from Heaven

Blessed are you O Lord

You reveal glory in the Highest

Blessed are you O Lord

You chose a colt for the peaceful entry

Blessed are you O Lord

You told us if we are silent the stones will shout

Blessed are you O Lord

You are on the Way to the Cross and then to Glory

Blessed are you O Lord

Penitence

Come, let us return to the Lord and say Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. (cf Hosea 6) Amen.

The Lord enrich *you* with his grace, and nourish *you* with his blessing; the Lord defend *you* in trouble and keep *you* from all evil; the Lord accept *your* prayers, and absolve *you* from *your* offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Psalm 118

Refrain: I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦ his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, ◆ 'His mercy endures for ever.'

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- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, ◆ that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord; ◆ the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, ◆ and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. ◆ Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; ◆
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
27 The Lord is God; he has given us light; ◆
link the pilgrims with cords
right to the horns of the altar.
28 You are my God and I will thank you; ◆
you are my God and I will exalt you.
29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ◆
his mercy endures for ever.

Refrain: I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.

Saving God, open the gates of righteousness, that your pilgrim people may enter and be built into a living temple on the cornerstone of our salvation, Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

The reading is taken from Isaiah 50:4-9

Let us prepare ourselves for the word of God Our hearts and our minds are open

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Holy, holy, holy

Youtube link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqKUFWnRYrA

Gospel

The reading is taken from Luke 19:28-40

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it." So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"
Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Palm Sunday Homily

Intercessions

Lord Jesus, today we celebrate Palm Sunday, the day when you entered Jerusalem seated on a donkey and hailed as a king. You were the humblest king ever to ride into a city and you were the only king in all of history who could see the future. You knew that the cries of praise and all the hosannas would soon turn into shouts for your death. Your recognition as the rightful king lay so close to your rejection. Your triumphal entry, so close to your crucifixion and the palm branches so close to that treacherous kiss.

Let us remember, if we keep silent the stones will cry out.

Lord Jesus, as we begin the final countdown to Easter, the week in which you had to face that you were going to die, let us reflect that this week must have been packed with emotion and dread, and an overriding urgency. You had one last week to make an impact on some lives, to teach at the temple, to prepare your closest disciples, to say all the things you still needed to say and to accept the toughest call of all - to lay down your life.

Let us remember, if we keep silent the stones will cry out.

Lord Jesus, we know that You wept over Jerusalem on that Palm Sunday. You wept because of people's blindness and the destruction to come. How much more must You weep today when you see horrors of war, rampant injustice and the suffering of many innocent people in the Ukraine and other places around the world? We ask for Your divine intervention to bring peace and reconciliation. We also remember those individuals who are not well in mind or body and we bring them to You now in prayer, remembering also Margaret and asking for Your healing touch.

Let us remember, if we keep silent the stones will cry out.

Lord Jesus, it would seem that Palm Sunday is in some ways a symbol for our lives - for is not rejoicing often tinged by sadness and glory marked also by pain? Let us not accept your resurrection and the joy of Easter lightly, let us always remember what came before and not forget the agony leading to the cross. Help us to wave our palms inwardly and alter our lives outwardly, asking ourselves "if the Lord needs it", what can I give to Him that is precious to me or can I give Him even my very life?

Let us remember, if we keep silent the stones will cry out.

Amen.

Peace and the Palm Crosses

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

The Palm reminds us that Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of Lords

The Palm reminds us of the journey to the cross
The Palm reminds us of life eternal and the triumph of
Jesus

Let us share the palm crosses as a symbol of sharing peace eternal

(Palm crosses are shared with each other)

The Preparatory Hymn

We are a moment - ACF 125

Youtube link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQvi7AFXv0c

The Eucharist

majesty.

Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live, let us share your death and passion: make us perfect in your love.

Amen.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden

The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever praising you and *saying*:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom.

Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered

a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,

a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,

according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution.

in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Amen.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us! Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have

mercy upon us!

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace!"

The Sharing of the Communion

With this bread that we bring we shall remember Jesus. With this wine that we bring we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood, gifts from God to his table we bring. **We shall remember Jesus.**

Communion Songs

Laudate Dominum, Laudate Dominum, Omnes gentes, Alleluia!

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life © Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, 71250 Taizé, France. (also applies to Laudate Omnes Gentes)

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

Closing Hymn

You shall go out with joy - SOF 640

Youtube link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ivfUKd6AFXw

Benediction

God grant to each of us your peace; to all the Nations justice and concord; to us all Your servants the promise of

everlasting life, light to guide us on our way, courage to support us, and Your blessing to unite us in service to You our God and to all your creation. Amen.

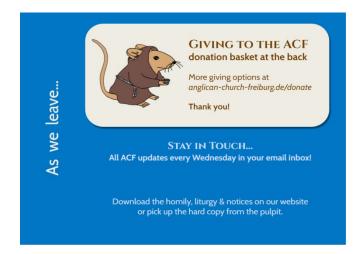
The Sending

May the strength of God sustain us; may the power of God preserve us; may the hands of God protect us; may the way of God direct us; may the love of God go with us this day and forever. Amen

The Postlude

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