

Historic Lessons for Palm ✠ Sunday (6th Sunday in Lent)

Old Testament

Zechariah 9:8-12 NIV But I will defend My house against marauding forces. Never again will an oppressor overrun My people, for now I am keeping watch. 9 Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. 10 I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His Rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. 11 As for you, because of the Blood of My Covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. 12 Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a Servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a Man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death - even death on a Cross! 9 Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the Name that is above every name, 10 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.

Historic Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11 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!" 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."

3-Year C Gospel (Sermon)

Luke 19:28-40 After Jesus had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 As He approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples, saying to them, 30 "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The LORD needs it.'" 32 Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as He had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 They replied, "The LORD needs it." 35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. 36 As He went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. 37 When He came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 38 "Blessed is the King Who comes in the Name of the Lord!" "Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" 40 "I tell you," He replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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April 14th, 2019 * (Lent-6B) Palm Sunday A King's Entry(?)

WELCOME to OUR SAVIOR! We are so happy to have you worship Our Savior with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time or in a long time, we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come worship with us again! **God bless you.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP On the gold liturgy sheets or in red TLH Hymnal p.5.

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (#v)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	160 (5v)	All Glory, Laud and Honor
Gloria Hymn Verse	161 (3v)	<i>Sing v.1 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, The...</i> ↓
Psalm 91	Ps. 51 "4v"	<i>Be Merciful, O LORD For We Have Sinned</i> ↗
Hymn of the Day	162(5v)	Ride On, Ride On in Majesty
Offertory Verse	161 (3v)	<i>Sing v.3 Hosanna in the highest That ...</i> →
Third Hymn	361 (5v)	O Jesus, King Most Wonderful
Closing Hymn	47 (4v)	Savior Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after Palm Sunday = Holy Week

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
 Jere. 7:1-15 Isaiah50:4-11 Jer11:18-23 Zech3:1-10 Lam.2:8-15 Isa.52:13-15
 John18:1-18|John 18:19-40|John 19:1-12|Jo.19:13-24|Jo.19:25-37 |Jo. 19:38-42

PROPERs for PALMARUM = PALM SUNDAY * * * * * APRIL 14TH

INTROIT Be not far from me, O LORD! My Strength, hasten to help me! Save me from the lion's mouth, and deliver me from the horns of the unicorns. My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me?

COLLECT Almighty and Everlasting God, You have sent Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the Cross, that all should follow the example of His great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also, by Your grace alone, be made partakers of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives and... **C: ♪ A---men.**

GRADUAL C: You have held me by my right hand. You shall guide me with Your counsel and afterward receive me to glory. Truly, God is good to Israel, even to those who are of a clean heart.
 ...from Psalm 73

SCRIPTURE LESSONS (printed on outside back page of the bulletin →)

O.T. **Zechariah 9:8-12** The prophet Zechariah's prophecy of Palm Sunday.
 Epi. **Philippians 2:5-11** Be imitators of Christ on Palm Sunday and always.
 Gos. **Matthew 21:1-11** Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem Palm Sunday.

#161 GLORIA: 1. Hosanna-, Loud Hosan-na, - The lit-tle children sang; Through pillared- court and Tem-ple - The love-ly anthem rang. To- Jesus, Who had blessed- them, - Close- folded to His breast, The children- sang their prais-es, - The sim-plest and the best.

Psalm 51 BE MERCIFUL O LORD FOR WE HAVE SINNED; BE MERCIFUL O LORD FOR WE HAVE SINNED

Ref: Be merciful O LORD for we have sinned; Be merciful O LORD for we have sinned.

Verse 1. ♪ Have mercy on me, God, in Your compassion, blot out my offence. Oh wash me more and more from my guilt and my sorrow, and cleanse me from all my sin.

Refrain C: ♪ Be merciful O- LORD, for we have sinned... (←Repeat)

- ♪ My offences, truly I know them. And my sins are always before me; Against You, alone have I sinned, O LORD, what is evil in Your sight I have done. ♪ **Refrain...**
- ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, put Your steadfast Spirit in my soul. Cast me not away from Your presence, Oh LORD, and take not Your Spirit from me. ♪ **Refrain...**
- ♪ Give back to me the joy of Your salvation, let Your willing Spirit bear me up. And I shall teach Your way to the ones who have wandered, and bring them all home to Your side.

Ref: ♪ Be merciful O LORD for we have sinned; Be merciful O LORD for we have sinned.

OFFERTORY: 3. "Hosanna- in the high-est!" - That an-cient song we sing, For Christ is- our Redee-mer, The LORD- of Heav'n our King. Oh,- may we ever praise- Him With- heart and life and voice, AND IN HIS- BLISSFUL PRES-ENCE ETERNAL-LY REJOICE.

PRAYER REQUESTS: (Member or Relation)	Pray for...
Linda Avant (Al's mother)	Linda has had acute Syatica pain. In & out of LRMC
Mary Lou Knigge	Was in and out of Hospital last week for rapid heartbeat
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee - rehabbing. David working & helping Mom
Jon & Andrea Sawyer	Jon home still rehabbing. Andrea starting new work
Vivian Temple (Tom)	Vivian is at home recovering. Tom is helping her
James Vanesky & Delores Platt	Jim had a procedure on his L5 lumbar
(Write-in here...)	_____
(Write-in here...)	_____

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Ethel & Steve Wendt	Bev & Don Wienke
Treaters	Bev Foster & Joe Thacker	Sun. 21st EASTER Breakfast!

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sun. / Wed. Attendance (L.S.)	30 / (27) 18	28 / 24
Bible Class Attendance: Sun.Wed.	11, 12	11, 11
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$(1.3K)	YTD \$, (\$18.K)

Calendar of Events		
Today, April 14th	9:00 am!	BibleStudy Key Symbols: "Twelve" -- 12
Palm Sunday (6th Sunday in Lent)	10:00 am!	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!
Wednesday 4/17	6:00 pm	Midweek Bible Study HOLY VOWS (8th Co.)
Maundy Thu. 4/18	7:00 pm	OSL Maundy Thursday Worship W/L.S.
Good Friday 4/19	7:00 pm	OSL Good Friday Special Worship
Holy Saturday 4/20	10:00 am	OSLadies Guild April Meeting (Ethel)
Next Sunday 4/21	8:30 am	Easter Breakfast at church (No Bible Cl)
Easter * Sunday!	10:00 am	EASTER Worship (WITH Communion)

Elders: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892

* Note the many (three) special Worship opportunities this coming (Holy) Week!

Next Sunday 4/21 Easter!/C (L.S. p.15) TLH#s 200.1-4 199 189 206 200.5-8

PALM SUNDAY Luke 19:28-40 “(Do we need our) **HEADS EXAMINED?**” 4.14.19

(WHEN) CHEERS STOP Some years ago a book was written by **Gene Smith**, a noted American historian. The title was When The Cheering Stopped. It was the story of **President Woodrow Wilson** and the events leading up to and following **WWI**. When that war was over Wilson was an international hero. There was a great spirit of optimism abroad, and people actually believed that the last war had been fought and the world had been made safe for democracy.

FR--/DEFEAT The cheering **lasted about a year**. Then it gradually began to stop. It turned out that the political leaders in Europe were more concerned with their own agendas than they were a lasting peace. At home, Woodrow Wilson **ran into opposition** in the United States Senate and his League of Nations was not ratified. Under the strain of it all the President's **health began to decline**. In the next election his party was defeated. So it was that Woodrow Wilson, a man who barely a year or two earlier had been heralded as the new world messiah, came to the end of his days a broken and defeated man. It's a sad story, but one that is **all too familiar**. So often, the ultimate reward for Someone Who tries to translate ideals into reality is **frustration and defeat**.

SAME W/ JESUS **It happened that way to Jesus**. When He emerged on the public scene He was **an initial sensation**. He would try to go off to be alone and the people would still follow Him. The masses lined the streets as He came into town. Even on (this) Palm Sunday leafy palm branches were spread before Him and there were shouts of **Hosanna**. (Hosanna =) **"Save Us Now"** Jesus. Great crowds came to hear Him preach. A wave of religious expectation swept the country.

SHORT-LIVED But the cheering didn't last long. Soon the tide **turned against Him**. Oh, you didn't notice it so much at first. People still came to see Him, but the old excitement was missing, and the crowds were not as large as they had been. His **critics now began to publicly attack Him**. That was something new. Earlier they had been afraid to speak out for fear of the masses, but they began to perceive that the **fickle** public was turning on Him. Soon the opposition began to snowball. When they discovered that they could not discredit his moral Character, they began to take more desperate measures. Before it was all over a tidal wave welled up that brought Jesus to His Knees under the weight of a Cross.

WHY (CHEERING STOPS)? Why did the masses so radically turn against Him? How did the shouts of **"Hosanna!"** on (Palm) Sunday transform into the shouts of **"Crucify Him!"** on (Good) Friday? I am not just talking about the immediate events that may have brought it about, but the deeper root causes. What were the underlying issues? In **five days it all fell apart**. Why? That's the issue that I would like to concentrate on this morning. **Why did the CHEERING STOP?**

NO DIFFERENT(?!) And, How different are people today? Doesn't the excitement fade and the cheering stop in our time and with people **we know**? Isn't that even the truth **about us** sometimes? Don't we sometimes need to have

Our heads examined? Think about today. We started this morning with Scripture readings exclaiming: *"Hosanna, in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest."* Hosanna basically means **"Save Us! Save Us! ...Now!"** The crowds threw their garments on the road and screamed, *"Save us! Save us!"* Little did they know that is **exactly what Jesus was doing**. Then we sang, *"All glory, laud, and honor to You Redeemer King; to Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring."* But we know (where) this story ends (in five days) with Jesus (on the Cross and) saying, *"Father, into Your Hands I commend My Spirit."* **And He dies.**

EMOTION SWING Yes, we come to church. Maybe even study the Bible a little. (For the most part) We claim to believe that Jesus is the Savior. We shout over and over again **"Save us, Save us,"** And **God does** - through this Holy of Holiest Weeks - we call it the **Passion of Jesus Christ - God's Passionate love for you and me!**

S.R.O. Folks, if people only had the slightest idea and belief what happened some two thousand years ago during this week the churches would be **packed today, jammed** to gills on Maundy Thursday, **overflowing** on Good Friday, and **(SRO) Standing Room Only** at Easter. Next Sunday you would have to start out for Worship **an hour early** simply because of the traffic, and finding a place to sit would be nightmare.

RIDE-ON-RIDE-ON However, we all know good and well that **will NOT be the case**. Why? Is it because we **just don't know the story?** Or is it simply because we need **our heads examined?** I can't do anything about your heads, but I can do something about the story part. Jesus has just spent the better part of 3 years teaching through words and action what the Kingdom of God should look like - where the sick are healed, demons are driven out, the dead are raised, hungry crowds are fed, forgiveness is offered to the unforgivable, love is shown to the unlovable. And now today this "King" rides on a donkey into Jerusalem **knowingly to His death**.

M.T./G.F. This coming Thursday, we celebrate this Lamb of God giving us a new Commandment - that's what **Maundy** means in Latin - **A "New Command."** To love God and love one another, sharing with us His Body and Blood, and washing His disciple's feet. Yet on this night, Jesus is **betrayed by His own disciple** for 30 pieces of silver. **Denied by His closest friend. Abandoned** by every one of His followers. He's dragged away as a Criminal for committing no crime. This Silent Innocent King stands in front of earthly powers where He is beaten, spat upon, and found guilty.

G.F. Then on Good Friday the Son of God will have a crown of thrones placed on His Head, nails driven into His Hands and Feet and crucified - executed **for you** - for me! You see, if we truly **owned this "Passion"ate story** in our hearts and minds it would not only have to **make a huge difference in our lives, but in the world.**

GET PASTOR-PERSONAL (Pastor/s-Personal story?) - Someone comes to us/me or comes to church and **is at wit's end** - a total **lowpoint** in life. Maybe their **marriage** is on the rocks. Maybe they're **fighting** like crazy, maybe *literally*

fighting. Maybe **financially** they've hit rock-bottom. Banks are threatening to take away cars and home. **Lost work**. Or even **health** problems.

SANCTUARY How often at times like that do we **look to God and the Church for sanctuary**. Our prayer-life becomes much more active. We learn about and personally *feel* the hope God gives in hopeless situations.

WHAT ABOUT CHURCH? Then we don't see them at church anymore. We ask, How are things going? And we find out that everything seems all better now. (It's like a Country-western song played **backwards**(?). They got a job (back), relationships improve, and even health turns around. **...and, Church?!** It's about at that time when we hear (or don't hear) the words: *"Well (pastor), you probably won't be seeing me a church anymore. I don't know what I was thinking. Maybe I just worry too much. After all, things just have a way of working themselves out."*

IN OUR LIVES... We shout, *"Save us, Save us ...now!"* And then God **does** ...as He did **for all of us** in Holy Week. And then... **What do we do?**

WE DO We continually **betray** Jesus like Judas for 30 pieces of silver - seeking **things** instead of peace and understanding. We **abandon** Him like the disciples, going about our daily lives as if Jesus never did ride into town.

I DON'T KNOW HIM Some of us like Peter **deny even knowing Jesus**. Some of us spit on His Name by our thoughts. In effect **we** yell, *"Crucify Him, Crucify Him,"* and over and over, week after week, we once again nail the Son of God to the Cross with our daily lives, just like the crowds and Romans.

REST OF THE STORY Yet, here's the **amazing part of the story**. Even through our betrayal, fear, denial, abandonment. Even through the spitting on His Name, nailing the One who saves us on a Cross. (Still) This conquering Christ, Jesus riding on a donkey **is still**, I repeat **is still willing to suffer and die on a Cross for you**, so that you may experience the abundance of life here and now and eternal life in the world to come.

BIG-"G" Now that's what I call the **Gospel** – the **REAL Good News** that the world **canNOT offer in any way, shape or form**. It is only offered through the **Passion of Jesus Christ**.

THIS WEEK... This Holy Week not only make it a priority to **attend** all the Holy Week services - **think long and carefully** how you respond to the Only One Who can save our sorry souls. Think long and carefully how you have a God willing to overlook your tremendous shortcomings and give you life, through His death on the Cross.

HO-SHEE-AH-NAH! And friends, if this does not change the way we **think and live**, if the Passion Story of Christ Jesus does not make us realize the Love of God, then **maybe we really do need to have our heads examined**. **Hosanna! Save Us! Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of The LORD.** ... May we always sing our *"Hosannas!"* and waive the palm branches of our lives in praise to Jesus! **IJ'N, Amen. SDG**

Possible Prayer of Church (6th Sunday in Lent) **Palmarum** ✠ **April 14th, 2019**

As people redeemed by the King Who entered Jerusalem on a donkey so that He could leave carrying a Cross, let us pray for ourselves, for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and for those who cannot pray for themselves. (Possible Brief Silence)

Heavenly Father, as Your **Son humbled Himself for our salvation**, give to each of us and to every member of Your Church a confident faith in Christ's Passion for us, so that during this Holy Week and throughout our lives we would humbly entrust ourselves and all those whom You place in our lives to You. **Hosanna to the Son of David, C: Hosanna in the highest.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son promised that when He was lifted up, He would draw all people to Himself. **Turn unbelievers** from their false gods to You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. Work through chaplains and missionaries. Give to each of us the courage to speak of our King, Who comes righteous and having salvation. By the power of Your Gospel, put faith-filled hosannas into the mouths of people who now live without You. **Hosanna to the Son of David, C: Hosanna in the highest.**

Heavenly Father, in love for us Your Son became obedient unto death, even death on a Cross. Teach us to look to You in every temptation so that drawing strength from You, we may resist Satan and our own sinful desires, **obey Your Commandments**, and care for all people as Christ cares for us. **Hosanna to the Son of David, C: Hosanna in the highest.**

Heavenly Father, give Your protection and guidance to our (US) president; to our (FL) governor and to all who make, administer and judge our laws, so that **every life is protected** and so that citizens live under justice in our country and in every nation of the world. **Hosanna to the Son of David, C: Hosanna in the highest.**

Heavenly Father, come to the rescue of all who are sick, injured, facing surgery or recovering from surgery [*especially OSL Prayer List*]. Help them, heal them, comfort them and encourage them in the way that You know to be best for each of them. **Hosanna to the Son of David, C: Hosanna in the highest.**

Almighty God, open our hearts to welcome others as You have welcomed us into Your presence, and make us mindful of those whose disability or illness requires special care. Give us understanding so that we may not judge but serve those with mental infirmity. Give us patience so that we may be slow to anger and quick to forgive and so sustain our unity in the affection of Christ. **Hosanna to the Son of David, C: Hosanna in the highest.**

Heavenly Father, on the night before He went to the Cross, Your Son gave us the gift of His Holy Supper. Show us our sin, give us repentant hearts and assure us that our King has made Himself a servant for us, so that with confident faith we sing our hosannas to Him who comes to us in the name of the Lord and gratefully receive His body and blood, which give us life. **Hosanna to the Son of David, C: Hosanna in the highest.**

Into Your gracious care, heavenly Father, we place ourselves and everyone for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ, our King and Lord. **Amen. Lord's Prayer**