

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Home Devotional**  
**April 5, 2020 – Sunday of the Passion**

**Reading: Psalm 118:19–29**

- <sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.
- <sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- <sup>25</sup>Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- <sup>26</sup>Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- <sup>27</sup>The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light to shine upon us.  
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!
- <sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.
- <sup>29</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4–9a**

- <sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.  
Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.
- <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.
- <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.
- <sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
- <sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who is my adversary?  
Let him come near to me.
- <sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

**Holy Gospel Reading: John 12:12–19**

- <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.”

**Hymn 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
Awaits His own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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**Collect of the Day**

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.