

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

Reading: Psalm 118:19–29

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

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4–9a

- ⁴The 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.
- ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
- ⁶I 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.
- ⁷But 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.
- ⁸He 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.
- ⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Holy Gospel Reading: John 12:12–19

- ¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast
heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So 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!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young
donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,
¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!”
- ¹⁶His 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. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called
Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead
continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went
to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So
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.