

this? ¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."
P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN #412 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" - see slides

SERMON: Zechariah 9:9-10 Your King is Coming!

1. He is not coming in earthly splendor.
2. He will bring peace, freedom, and hope.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (page 164 - spoken responsively) - see slides

OFFERING PRESENTATION HYMN #405: - see slide

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN #303: "O Bride of Christ, Rejoice" - see slides

PRAYER & BLESSING (spoken by Pastor - All join in for the AMEN) - see slides

HYMN #411: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" - verse 1 & verse 5 - see slides

The flowers on the altar are from Jack and Sandy Meisner in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Thank you to our Worship Team:

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**OUR GREATEST NEEDS:
A GREATER TYPE OF KING**

**April 2 & 3, 2023
Palm Sunday**

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In the name of our Lord Jesus, welcome to one and all! We pray that here at Grace you will find the warmth of Christian hospitality, the abiding truth of God's Word, and the quiet assurance of peace in Christ. If we can assist you in any way, please ask.

Listening Assist Aids are available. Please see an usher.

Our Communion Practice

In obedience to God's Word and in loving concern for the spiritual welfare of others, we practice closed communion, participating in this wonderful supper. By limiting communion at our altar to those of our faith and fellowship we are not trying to judge non-members' personal faith, we are acting in accord with the Lord's will concerning the administration of the Sacrament. Those of our faith and fellowship, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), but not of our congregation, should announce to the pastor personally prior to taking Communion with us for the first time.

Our Greatest Needs: A Greater Type of King

Pick any head of state: the president, a prime minister, a king. Hopefully, they care about the people over whom they have authority. But even if they care, they live and operate above the people. The British royals live in a palace, not a three-bedroom ranch. The President does not fly coach. He sits in a recliner on Air Force One. There's nothing wrong with this. Those offices are worthy of high respect. The point is these rulers live and operate above us. If a thief is breaking into your home, call 911 and see if your governor shows up. Your governor doesn't even know your name! But cut him some slack. He is only human.

Jesus is not Jesus is the King of kings, God and man in one person. He knows you intimately. More! He is willing to do absolutely anything necessary to serve and protect you. We see that this Holy Week. It begins with Jesus riding a donkey colt into Jerusalem—as the prophet foretold. As this week nears its end, Jesus is given a crown of thorns. He carries a cross out of Jerusalem and is nailed to it. Placed on his cross was this sign: "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." The sign was partially right. Jesus is a king, just not of the Jews. He's our King, infinitely mightier than any ruler in history, while also being infinitely humbler. King Jesus has come to save us. Those other heads of state can serve as blessings. But this is the greater type of king that we need most.

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HYMN #413: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" - see slides

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION - see slides

LORD, HAVE MERCY - Kyrie - see slides

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Spoken by Pastor - ALL speak the Amen) - see slides

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 palms 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9, 10

The prophet Zechariah foretold of a Savior King who would rule with gentleness and bring peace to the ends of the earth.

⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses 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.

P: The Word of the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 24 ALL sing - see slides

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

There is none greater than King Jesus. Yet there is none humbler than King Jesus.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – see slides

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

Look at how King Jesus humbly enters the royal city of Jerusalem. He comes in the name of the Lord to save us.

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵"Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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 heaven!" ¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is