

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *“The Royal Banners Forward Go” tune Herr Jesu Christ; setting Gieschen*

GREETING, followed by PRAYER

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King, and when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of the Lord.**

HYMN 442

GREETING, followed by PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **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 Ho-**

ly Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 118:19-29 - *we read responsively*

*Pastor reads even numbered verses
Congregation reads odd numbered verses*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

page 173 - **VERSE for LENT** - *all standing*

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*

*Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!
After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!*

HYMN 443

SERMON

NICENE CREED

*“Just Beyond the Palms”
by Martin and Angermann; Women’s Quartet*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 441

POSTLUDE - *“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”
tune O du Meiner Liebe; arr. Johnson*

NEWS AND NOTES

This Week Here

Wed -7:15PM - Bell Choir
- 8:00PM - Parish Choir

Church Mail is still being picked up regularly. **Offerings** may be mailed to Cheshire Lutheran Church, P. O. Box 157, Cheshire, CT 06410.

Easter Continental Breakfast - **Has been cancelled.** Once the condition permits, we will be gathering for fellowship to celebrate with our church family.

13th Annual Women’s Retreat - It is our intent to continue with our annual Women’s Retreat. Call or email the church to sign up and join us on Saturday, May 2, at the Guest House and Conference Center in Chester, CT. The book we will be reading this year is *“the next person you meet in heaven”* by Mitch Albom. Cost, including lunch, is \$46 payable to CLCW, and payable by April 12. If we need to cancel, an email will be sent and Pastor will include it in his Sunday announcements.

CLC’s “Mass Email” gets sent to individuals who have asked to be on the list. These emails are sent when there are church closures due to weather, etc., and announcements of important or special events. These emails are sent infrequently and only when there is a need. If you would like to be included on this email list, please let the church office know.

Mother’s Day Blanket Sunday - Let’s celebrate our Mothers on Sunday, May 10 and remember their warmth and kindness by dedicating blankets in their name to the Church World Service Blanket Program. Your special gift of \$5 will enable the CWS organization to supply blankets to those who are facing hardship. To dedicate a blanket please fill out the form that was email and return to the church by May 7 (CLC, P. O. Box 157, Cheshire, CT 06410). Dedications will be listed in the May 10 bulletin.



A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Now Is the Hour When the Son of Man Is Glorified - *“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming.”* He comes in gentle humility, *“sitting on a donkey’s colt,”* yet also as the King of Israel *“in the name of the Lord”* (John 12:13, 15). His royal glory is faithful obedience and self-sacrificing service *“to the point of death, even death on a cross”* (Phil. 2:8). The love of God is manifested in the cross and Passion of His Son for the salvation of sinners. Since He has borne our sins and suffered our death, *“God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name”* (Phil. 2:9), and He exalts us in His resurrection. Our Lord did not hide His face *“from disgrace and spitting”* (Is. 50:6), but He trusted His God and Father, who raised Him from death and the grave and exalted Him to His right hand. This same King Jesus now comes to us in gentle humility in His Supper, where He feeds us with His body and cleanses and covers us with His blood, so that *“after his resurrection”* we also shall rise and enter the holy city (Matt. 27:52–53).