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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

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HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Procession

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

Processional Gospel

Matthew 21;1-11

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

21 When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. ² He said to them, “Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that their master needs them.” He sent them off right away. ⁴ Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, ⁵ *Say to Daughter Zion, “Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey’s offspring.”* ⁶ The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them.

⁸ Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, “*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*” ¹⁰ And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. “Who is this?” they asked. ¹¹ The crowds answered, “It’s the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

L: The gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Blessing of the Palms

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray:

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph

and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us go forth in peace.

C: in the name of Christ. Amen.

Palm Procession

He is Exalted (This is what we have walked in to in the past)

He is exalted, the King is exalted on High;

I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted,

and I will praise his name.

Jesus is Lord

Forever His truth shall reign;

Heaven and earth

rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Opening Prayer

Welcome

Texas Kyrie

Refrain L: Lord have mercy.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: Christ have mercy.

C: Christ have mercy.

L: We pray for peace from above.

We pray for our salvation.

Refrain

L: We pray for peace in the world,
We pray for wellness in Your church,
We pray for unity of all.

Refrain

L: We pray for this holy place.
We pray for all who gather here.

Refrain

L: Oh Lord help us, save us.
Oh Lord comfort and defend us.

End: L: Amen.

C: Amen.

L: Amen.

C: Amen.

Children's Message - *(Pastor Chris Duckworth)*

Prayer of the Day

Reader: As we prepare to hear the Word of God this day, let us pray:

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader: A reading from Isaiah:

The LORD God gave me an educated tongue
to know how to respond to the weary
with a word that will awaken them in the morning.
God awakens my ear in the morning to listen,
as educated people do.

⁵ The LORD God opened my ear;
I didn't rebel; I didn't turn my back.

⁶ Instead, I gave my body to attackers,
and my cheeks to beard pluckers.

I didn't hide my face
from insults and spitting.

⁷ The LORD God will help me;
therefore, I haven't been insulted.

Therefore, I set my face like flint,
and knew I wouldn't be ashamed.

⁸ The one who will declare me innocent is near.
Who will argue with me?

Let's stand up together.
Who will bring judgment against me?

Let him approach me.

⁹ Look! The LORD God will help me.
Who will condemn me?

Look, they will wear out like clothing;
the moth will eat them.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Reader: Our second reading is from Philippians:

Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

⁶ Though he was in the form of God,
he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.

⁷ But he emptied himself
by taking the form of a slave
and by becoming like human beings.

When he found himself in the form of a human,

⁸ he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore, God highly honored him
and gave him a name above all names,

10 so that at the name of Jesus everyone
in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow
11 and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Homily- *Pastor Chris Duckworth*

Song of the Day

O Sacred Head Now Wounded (ELW 351)

O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

How pale thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn;
how does thy face now languish,
which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion
were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.

What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?

Oh, make me thine forever,
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.

The Assisting Minister leads this portion of the service, where we proclaim our faith, renew our shared mission, lift our prayers to God, and extend God's peace with one another.

Mission Statement

AM: Let us say together the mission of our congregation:

C: **New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community called by God to extend a radical welcome, share a generous grace, nurture a transforming faith, and live God's promise.**

Prayer

The Assisting Minister leads the congregation in the Prayers of the Church, giving thanks to God, and asking God's blessings for the church, the world, and all those in need. Each prayer petition concludes, "Hear us, O God" and the congregation responds, "Your mercy is great."

Sharing God's Peace

We greet one another with the words "Peace be with you" now, in the middle of our worship service. We wish for each other that we'd truly experience God's presence and peace. This helps prepare us for the gift of Holy Communion.

AM: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Offering

Sharing our gifts is a significant act of worship for Christians. At New Joy we see our offering as a practice in gratitude, sacrifice and joy. If you are with us as a guest, we hope we've been able to offer something to you this morning. If you choose to share an offering in the name of Jesus Christ, we thank you for your generosity and trust that you'll be blessed through your giving!

Announcements

Offering Prayer

WE SHARE GOD'S MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

Lift Up Your Hearts

P: The Lord be with You.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,
Lord, God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full, full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Eucharistic Prayer

The presiding minister continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, a prayer that recalls God's mighty works and asks God's blessing at the time. During this prayer:

P: ...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: ...Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: ...Grace our table with your presence.

C: ...Come, Holy Spirit.

P: ...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: ...Come, Holy Spirit.

P: ...blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: ...Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

Lord's Supper *(please be seated)*

All are welcome to the table, where Jesus is host and offers himself to all who desire to receive. This is truly our Lord's table. We believe that Jesus shows up in this meal - in the invitation, in the bread and cup, and in the precious words that his body and blood are given and shed "for you." This meal is indeed given for you for the forgiveness of sins and as a promise of our Lord's presence with you.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God

you take away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God

you take away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God

you take away the sin of the world
Oh, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Jesus, Remember Me (ELW616)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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Prayer after Communion

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Passion Reading

Matthew 26:14-27:66

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Blessing & Dismissal

AM: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God!

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New Joy Lutheran Church: A Spirited Community

New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community called by God to extend a radical welcome, share a generous grace, nurture a transforming faith, and live God's promise.

Extend Radical Welcome

New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that welcomes, values, accepts, and nurtures all people wherever they are in their relationship with God.

Share Generous Grace

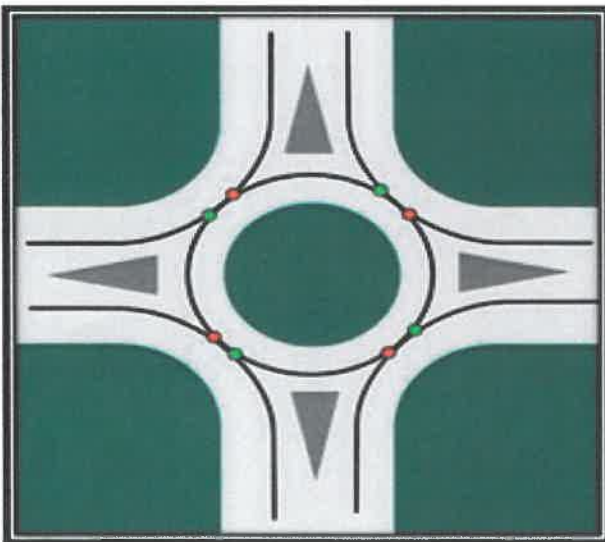
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

Nurture Transforming Faith

New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that receives faith as a gift of God that transforms us and the world.

Live God's Promise

New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that boldly lives in our Lord's promise of renewed and everlasting life.



About New Joy Lutheran Church

New Joy Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), is a community of faith moved by God's Spirit. We come to New Joy from different places, with different life and faith experiences. What draws us together is the center – our Lord Jesus Christ – who welcomes us into a common life and transforming faith, and sends us out to share generous grace and boldly live God's promise.

