

**PALM SUNDAY/ THE PASSION OF
OUR LORD**
MARCH 29, 2026



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PRELUDE *Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna* Edward Broughton

INTROIT *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Arr. Mark Hayes

THE PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

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

Hosanna in the highest!

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The people raise their palm branches.

We praise you, O God, for...

Amen

Let us go forth in peace,

In the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* ELW 344

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Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Response after the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16 *Spoken responsively by whole verse.*

- ⁹ Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- ¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are
consumed.**
- ¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay
to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- ¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
- ¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- ¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.**
- ¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- ¹⁶ **Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Response after the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

The Passion According to St. Luke

SERMON

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

ELW 346

LITANY ON THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." In the name of Jesus, we pray:

Lord, help us to take up our cross and follow you.

You stood before Pilate, your life condemned, your word rejected, your innocence ignored:

Keep us from rejecting your word of truth and salvation.

You carried your cross on the wounded stripes of your back, for love of us and for all the world.

Help us to bear our cross, for love of you and for love of others.

The weight of your cross was the weight of our sins which make us stumble and fall.

In our weakness, we turn to you for strength.

Although you suffered, you still reached out to care for your mother.

May our cross-bearing never keep us from caring for our families.

As you struggled to bear your cross to Calvary, a passerby was drafted to help you.

Make us as willing as Simon to bear the burdens of those in need.

Others also took risks to comfort you.

Strengthen our faith to take loving risks for our needy brothers and sisters.

Sin weighed heavily upon you as you stumbled along the way.

Forgive us, Lord, for the sins which make us fall.

Your suffering under the cross caused the women of Jerusalem to weep.

Make our suffering in life a share in your suffering.

The full burden of our sin crushed you mightily to the earth.

Do not forsake us in our falling, but bring us to repentance and faith.

Stripped and jeered, you endured humiliation without complaint.

Humble us in our work and daily lives.

Nailed to the cross, you took your place among the condemned.

Take your place beside us sinners, and bring us through faith to the Paradise of God.

*When your sacrifice was complete, you handed your life to the Father,
and he did not forsake you.*

Keep us close to your cross and death, now and at the hour of our death.

Faithful friends and loving women took loving care of your lifeless body.

Turn the darkness of death into the brightness of day for those we love.

In the tomb you were laid, but from the tomb you arose.

Be the Lord of the resurrection for us and for all the baptized.

Loving Jesus, for the sake of your cross and passion, we are justified in faith, washed clean of our sins by baptism and repentance, and made one with God. We thank you for your cross and for the depths of your love for us. Help us to bear our cross in the world and follow you until you bring us into your heavenly kingdom; where you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Palm Sunday Retrospection Carol Simone

OFFERTORY HYMN God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending ELW 678 (vs.1)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW page 161

The presiding minister continues: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW page 162

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

...Shall sing our hosannas to Him at our joyful resurrection.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

...and in that final hope of glory and praise with your Son.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

...as we acclaim:

**Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

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AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

We do not presume to come to your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen

LAMB OF GOD

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DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table! Please join us by coming up the center aisle and receiving the bread from the Pastor (Gluten-free wafers are available). Then you may choose to receive the wine from the common cup, or by picking up an empty cup and receiving the wine from one of the two pouring chalices. Filled cups of grape juice are available alongside the empty cups.

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 320, 336, 338, 325, 770, 616

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

ELW 339

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE With Palms Before Him Went

Douglas E. Wagner

Today's Worship Support

Presiding Minister: Rev. Christopher Frye
Assisting Minister: Kay Gauthier
Lector: Glenna Heckart
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Crucifer: Reece Chestnut
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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sundays

10:00 am Holy Communion
8:45 am Faith Formation/Christian Education

Wednesdays

11:00 am Holy Communion & Healing
7:00 pm Zoom Prayer & Share

Thursday

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday service

Friday

6:30 pm Good Friday service



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