

3.29.2026

10:00 am



Palm/Passion Sunday

Sharing God's love so that all are served and supported.



Today's Worship Theme

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

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*Greeter: Roger Bodo
Ushers: Janice & Jeff Voss
Altar Guild: Beth Reavis
Coffee Host: Ann Berger*

If you are visiting, please review the Welcome Pew Card in the hymnal holder.

✠ **GATHER** ✠

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan the QR code for our "Grace Happenings" weekly e-newsletter.



PRELUDE

*"All Glory, Laud and Honor"
Ringers of Grace*

Jason Krug

We rise and face the back of the Sanctuary.

THE PROCESSION AND BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: ⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion, look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF PALMS

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

Please raise palm branches.

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 the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

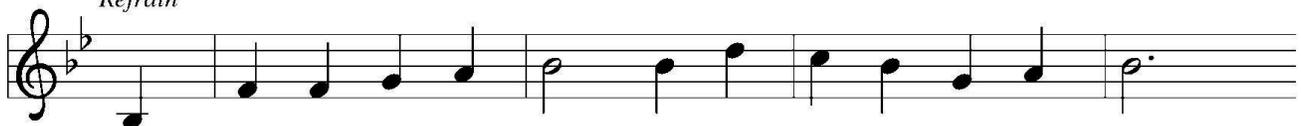
PROCESSION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Please sing and wave palm branches while moving around the Sanctuary.



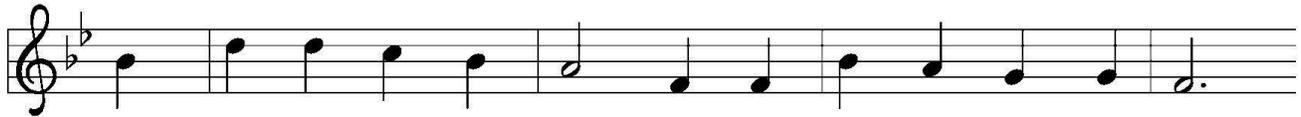
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

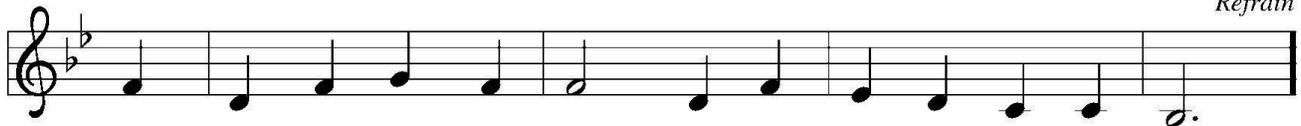


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

PRAYER OF THE 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.

Amen.

Be seated.

✠ WORD ✠

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children may come forward for the Children's Message, then go upstairs for Children's Church & Music, and return for communion.

We rise.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

ELW 338

APOSTLES’ CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

We kneel.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

✠ **MEAL** ✠

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. **Amen.**

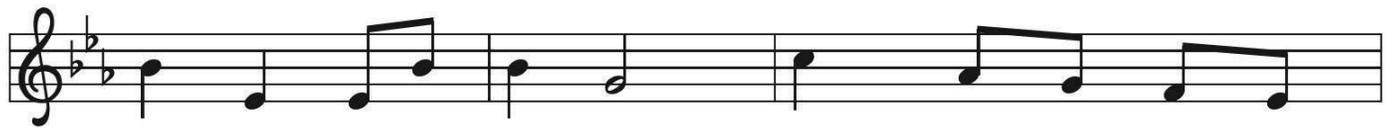
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



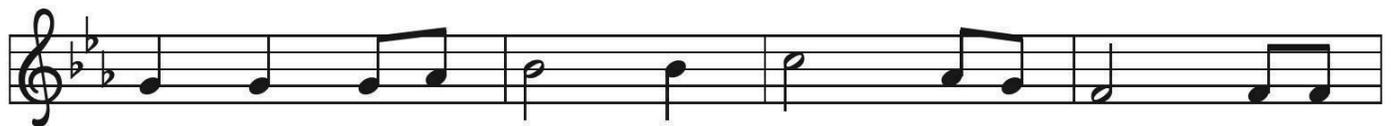
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



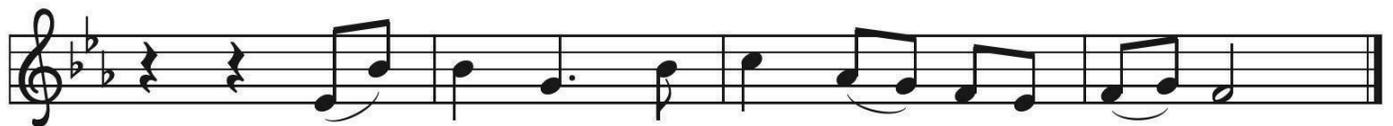
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Communion Assistant: Amy Atkins
and Beth Reavis*

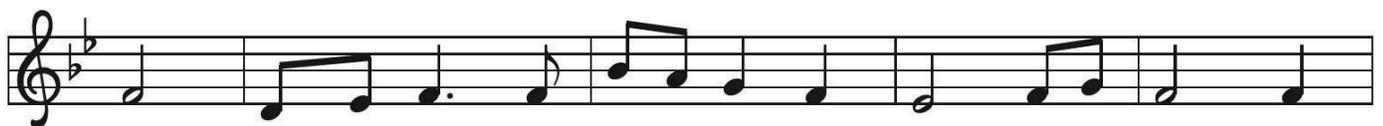
Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.
Thanks be to God!

Please be seated. This is the Lord's Table; all who seek Christ's true presence promised through this bread and wine are welcome and invited to partake in communion. You'll receive bread (it is gluten-, nut-, soy- & dairy-free) and then wine (grape juice is available). Please alert an usher if you require the sacrament brought to you. Communion is served at the head of the aisle.

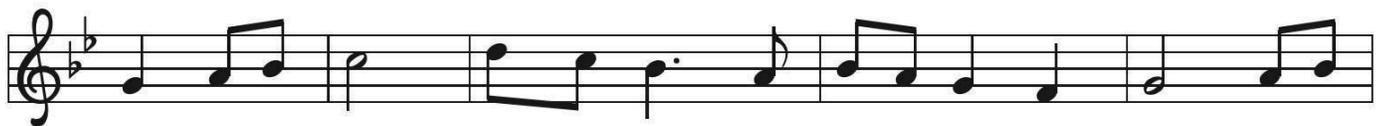
COMMUNION SONG & HYMNS



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Here Is Bread”

ELW 483

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

ELW 345



THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Read from “Matthew” booklets; congregation reads bolded text.



✠ SENDING ✠

CHORAL OFFERING

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Jayne Southwick Cool

*My song is love unknown, my Savior’s love to me,
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be,
Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?*

*He came from His blest throne salvation to bestow;
The world that was his own would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!*

*Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day hosannas to our King.
Then “Crucify!” is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.*

*His life, His all, He gave when he was crucified;
Our burdened souls to save, what fearful death He died!
But each of us, though dead in sin, through him eternal life may win.*

CHANCEL PALMS

Are given to the glory of God
by the People of Grace.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Is burning to the glory of God
by Ron & Gail Schuette.

READINGS FOR APRIL 5

Acts 10: 34-43 | Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 | Colossians 3:1-4 | Matt. 28:1-10

GIVING REPORT

Giving September 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026

February Giving	February Budgeted Giving	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budgeted Giving
\$22,578.00	\$33,333.33	\$216,258.75	\$208,249.98