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## Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

### ORDER OF SERVICE

**Prayer on entering church:** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

### PRELUDE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Truuke Ameigh

### RINGING OF THE BELLS

OPENING HYMN *(please rise and sing)*

**The Palms** (See Insert)

## CONGREGATION GREETINGS

### INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross (+) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)*

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## KYRIE

P: Heavenly Father, Your only begotten Son overcame Satan, sin, and death by His patience and suffering. Help us, we pray, to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has borne for us that we would be inspired to patiently persevere in true faith unto life everlasting.

C: *(sung)* **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

## COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Rejoicing in Your mercy to us this day, enable us to follow our Savior, walking with Him to His cross and sharing with Him in His resurrection.

C: **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4–9a

L: The first reading for Palm Sunday is from chapter fifty of Isaiah.

*“The Lord God helps me.”*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY

**This Is the Day the Lord Has Made**

Hymnal p. 903 sts. 1,3-5

**This is the day the Lord has made;**

**He calls the hours His own.**

**Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad**

**And praise surround the throne.**

**Hosanna to the anointed King,**

To David's holy Son!  
Help us, O Lord, descend and bring  
Salvation from Your throne.

Blessed is He who comes to us  
With messages of grace;  
He, in the Lord's name, comes to us  
To save our fallen race.

Hosanna in the highest strains  
The Church on earth can raise.  
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns,  
Shall give Him nobler praise.

## SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5–11

L: The second reading is from chapter two of Philippians.

*Jesus humbled Himself to the point of death.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## CHOIR

Jesus Walked to Jerusalem      Ben Logan      Choir

Jesus walked to Jerusalem, walking to heaven's drum.  
Jesus walked to Jerusalem, knowing death would come.  
Jesus walked to Jerusalem, walking to heaven's drum.  
Jesus walked to Jerusalem, knowing death would come.  
The disciples worried, were confused. Still they followed Him.  
They did not know how He would be used, used by powerful men,  
used by God to defeat sin; still they followed Him,  
still they followed Him to Jerusalem. Jesus walked to Jerusalem,  
walking to heaven's drum.  
Jesus walked to Jerusalem, knowing death would come.  
Jesus walked to Jerusalem, walking to heaven's drum.

Jesus walked to Jerusalem, knowing death would come.

Still they followed Him to Jerusalem.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 12:12–19

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Matthew, chapter twenty-six.

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

*Jesus is welcomed into Jerusalem with palms and singing.*

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him."

*Following the reading...*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE NICENE CREED<sup>2</sup>**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the**

Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### HYMN OF THE DAY

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Hymnal p. 442

*Refrain* All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The company of angels Is praising You on high,  
And we with all creation In chorus make reply. *Refrain*

The multitude of pilgrims With palms before you went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present. *Refrain*

To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;  
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. *Refrain*

As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King. *Refrain*

### SERMON<sup>3</sup>

### OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

## VOLUNTARY

The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns

Stephen Weber

## OFFERING SONG

Hymnal p. 437 sts. 1,4 &5

### **Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

**Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov'reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?**

**Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.**

**But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

*Following each petition:*

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**C: Amen.**

## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) is being celebrated in today's service. In preparation for that, please be reminded that the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are not merely representations or symbols of Jesus' body and blood but Jesus' body and blood sacrificed on the cross are present in, with, and under the bread and wine (The Real Presence). How is this possible? This is beyond human understanding, but we remember that with God all things are possible. This truth is a divine mystery instituted by Jesus, taught by his Apostles, fervently held by the Christian church, and one in which we participate through faith. To be properly prepared to receive this sacrament, you must

- 1) Recognize that you have indeed sinned against God and other people and are accountable to God for those sins;
- 2) Be sorry (repentant) for those sins;
- 3) Believe that in this sacrament Jesus bestows forgiveness, life, and salvation; and
- 4) Sincerely desire to live a godly life from this point forward.

If you are not a member of Christ Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor before receiving communion here for the first time. If you choose to come forward to receive a blessing rather than the Lord's Supper, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

**PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

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

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary.....praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** (*sung*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life....

**THE 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.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD****PAX DOMINI**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you in all ways.

**C: Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI(*sung*)

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

**Prayer before communing:** Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION

*Form a line at the communion rail starting at the left side. When the line is half full, begin filling it in from the right side. When invited, approach the rail and kneel/stand. If you want to receive a gluten-free wafer at communion, let the worship assistant know as he comes by with the wafers. After communion, exit through the right doorway, place individual communion cups in the tray, and proceed down the stairs back to your seat.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

Hymnal p. 443

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.**

**From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.**

The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav’n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Hymnal p. 627

Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior, Turned away God’s wrath forever;  
By His bitter grief and woe He saved us from the evil foe.

As His pledge of love undying, He, this precious food supplying,  
Gives His body with the bread, And with the wine the blood He shed.

Jesus here Himself is sharing; Heed then how you are preparing,  
For if you do not believe, His judgment then you shall receive.

Praise the Father, who from heaven To His own this food has given,  
Who, to mend what we have done, Gave into death His only Son.

Firmly hold with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken  
By the sick who are distressed, By hearts that long for peace and rest.

Agony and bitter labor Were the cost of God’s high favor;  
Do not come if you suppose You need not Him who died and rose.

Christ says: “Come, all you that labor, And receive My grace and favor:  
Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician’s help or skill.

“For what purpose was My dying If not for your justifying?  
And what use this precious food If you yourself were pure and good?”

If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses,  
You will be your Savior’s guest, Be at His banquet truly blest.

Let this food your faith so nourish That its fruit of love may flourish  
And your neighbor learn from you How much God’s wondrous love can do.

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## VOLUNTARY

When to Our World the Savior Came

Robert Lind

## NUNC DIMITTIS

Hymnal p. 211

**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.  
All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity. Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P:** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and (†) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

**Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**

Hymnal p. 441

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes To see th'approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne Awaits His own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! In Lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.**

**Prayer after worship:** Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Kingsfold"

Emma Lou Diemer

<sup>1</sup>*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

<sup>2</sup>*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

<sup>3</sup>Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

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