



Palm / Passion Sunday

Become

29 March 2026

WELCOME!



*As a community in the model of Christ, we warmly welcome all who have come seeking God in worship at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. We welcome people of every race, gender, ethnic background, social status, physical ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Together in our diversity and as a **Reconciling in Christ** congregation, we seek to embrace the love of God offered to us in Jesus Christ. We gather to experience the presence of God in Word and Sacrament and to give praise to God who loves us unconditionally.*

OUR VISION *In the model of Christ and for the life of the world, we are an inclusive, devoted, caring and spiritual community that accepts challenges, takes risks and grows.*

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- *Communion can be taken at your seat by letting an usher know.*

We are gathered on this land, which touches the shared waters of the peoples of the Suquamish, Tulalip, and Muckleshoot Nations. This is God's creation and home to the Coast Salish peoples, whose long history, voices, and practices call inhabitants to loving stewardship, faithful advocacy, and inclusive story-telling. We honor the Creator's presence in this land, confess our complicity in its brokenness, and proclaim our interconnectedness with God's creation and all its creatures.

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In this service:

*ELW 344 - "All glory, laud, and honor" **Public Domain***

*ELW 343 - "My song is love unknown" **#92280***

*WOV 732 - Create in me a clean heart **#04364***

Holy, ELW Setting 10

*W&P 17 - "Beauty for Brokenness" **#104866***

*ELW 346 - "Ride on in majesty" **#62694***

**Asterisks: You are invited to stand in body
or in spirit*

Gather - Proclaim - Commune - Send

We gather in the narthex with Palm fronds!

WELCOME

Focus Verse -

Adult Formation - Palm Sunday and Community

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Today we gather with the church around the world, remembering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. He came, becoming like the people, not crowned with gold, but with thorns. Not to be enthroned, but arraigned. Not to be guarded, but abandoned. Not to conquer, but to be executed.

The path down the mountain from Epiphany led him up to Jerusalem, becoming not a king's road, but the way of mercy, teaching us that, as we do to the 'least' of us, so we do to him. As the road into Jerusalem was paved with palms laid at his feet, so the palms we carry lay plain the inroads of Christ in our hearts.

This week we become like those who witnessed Jesus' life among us, who followed him and believed in him, but we also are reminded we are among those who abandoned, turned from, wounded and killed him.

***PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, '**The Lord needs them.**' And he will send them immediately."

This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"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."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The 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!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, **“Who is this?”**

The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet, **Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.**”

***BLESSING OF PALMS**

May we celebrate his coming, God’s messiah,
as we join our voices in acclaim:

Hosanna!

May we set our hopes on Jesus’ shoulders,
and prepare the road for him to lead us,
as we shout:

Hosanna!

May we plea for God’s mercy,
to deliver us,
as we cry:

Hosanna!

May these joyful palms teach us to remember
our Lord, Jesus ✝ Christ
and his kingdom. **Amen.**



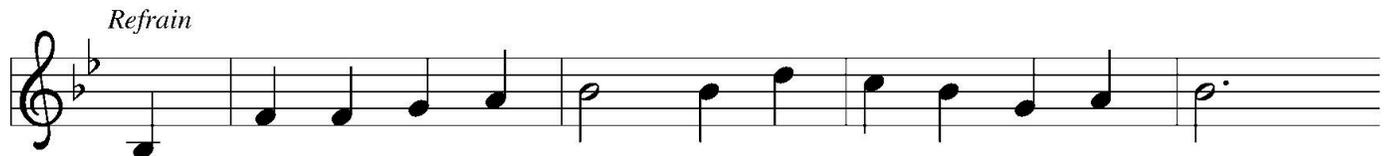
***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all. *(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

And also with you.

*ENTRANCE SONG

All glory, laud, and honor



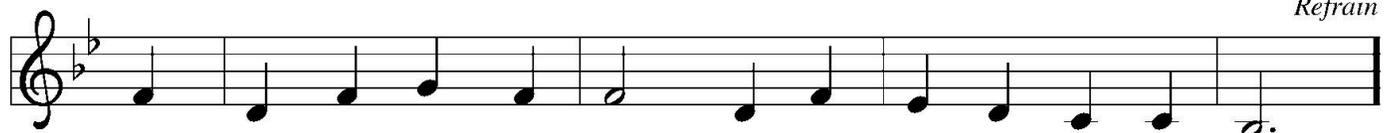
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



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

O God of power and might, as you sent your Son to reveal your loving justice, and, in taking on our life under the power of sin, we ask that you grant us compassion and empathy, that we might show your rule in service to you and our neighbors. Grant that all the peoples of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by his glorious and gentle rule. Form us to bear the image of Christ's Body through faith, and, following the way of the cross, lead us to become examples of the life and ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Faith comes from what is heard,
and what is heard comes through the Word of Christ. *(Romans 10:17)*
Hear what the Spirit is saying. **Our ears and hearts are open.**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.



Word of God. Word of Life.
Thank God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

We are turning

We are tur - ning Lord to you, You are mer - ci - ful and true.

Help us find our way to You, O lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

John 12:1-11

The good news of Jesus Christ from the Gospel of John.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. **You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.**"

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

We have been called, because Christ left us an example, so that we should follow in his steps. (*1 Peter 2:21*)

Thank God!

SERMON/CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Thomas Voelp

SONG OF THE DAY

My song is love unknown

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es
 4 We cry out; we will have our dear Lord made a -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior
 sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to

be. Oh, who am I that for my sake my
 know. But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who
 king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and
 slay. Yet cheer-ful he to suf - f'ring goes that

Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 at my need his life did spend!
 for his death we thirst and cry.
 he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

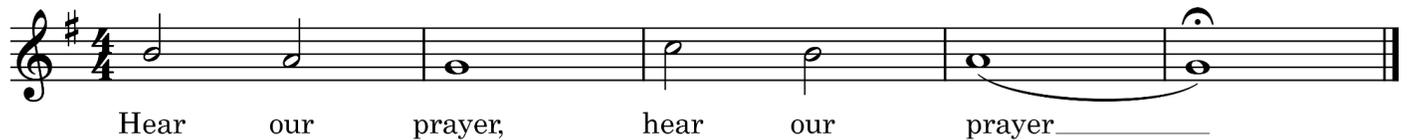
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Music accompanies the prayers, as they are spoken.

After offering a prayer, please close with the words,
“God in your mercy,” and we will all respond with the refrain:



We commend these prayers to you, O God,
seeking to love not only in word and speech but in deed and truth, *(1 John 3:18)*
seeking to do good to one another and to all,
and believing this is your will for us
in Christ Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.** *(1 Thessalonians 5:15-18)*

Gather - Proclaim - **Commune** - Send

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*We greet each other with sign of Christ’s peace
by gesture and word, such as “Peace be with you.”*

OFFERING

May we be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, in offering and sacrifice (*Ephesians 5:1-2*)

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OFFERING MUSIC

Create in me a clean heart



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

5 and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cre - ate in me a

10 clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in

15 me. And cast me not a - way from thy pres - ence, O Lord, and

21 take not thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the

27 joy of thy sal - va - tion. And re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

*OFFERING PRAYER

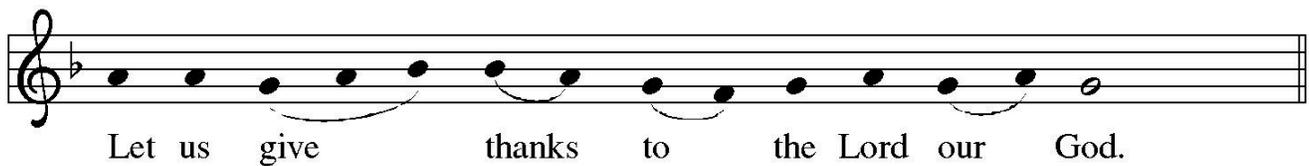
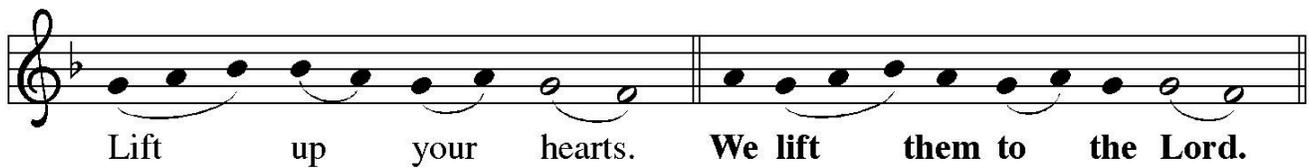
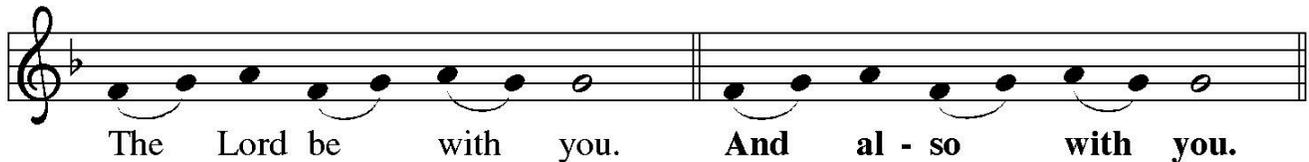
Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone
but by your Word of Life.

Speak your word here at this table,
that these gifts may become for us
the bread without scarcity,
Christ, the Bread of Life.

**May we be filled with the good things
you prepare for us in this meal
so through these gifts of faith
we may keep your commandments
and walk in your ways,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(adapted, Deuteronomy 8:3-10)

*AT THE TABLE



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY



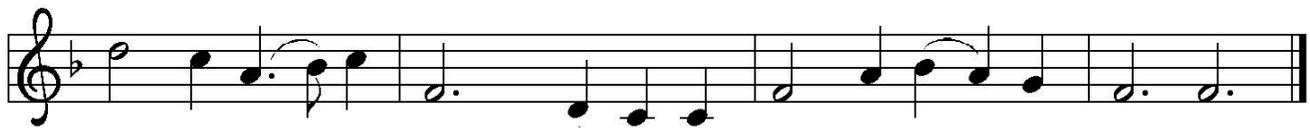
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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

We give you thanks, O God,
for sending your only Son into the world,
who laid down his life for us,
through whom we know love,
so that we might live through him.

(adapted, 1 John 3:16, 1 John 4:9)

Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming our human likeness.

**And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross. *(Philippians 2:6-7)***

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me. *(1 Corinthians 11:23-24)*

As we come to this, Christ's table,
may we have fellowship with each other
and those we have been united with in faith,
in fellowship with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. *(adapted, 1 John 1:3)*

**In this meal, O God,
make our joy complete—
declare to us your Word of life,
so we may become like those
who have seen and felt your presence
revealed in eternal life. Amen.** *(adapted, 1 John 1:4, 1-2)*

***LORD'S PRAYER**

We pray in the language of our hearts as our Lord, Jesus has taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
holy be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Many of us have experienced rejection, exclusion, and marginalization at different times in our lives, but we come here, knowing we will not be turned away. So come, whether this is your first time, or your hundredth. All who have tried to follow— all God's people needing healing and wholeness; Come to this simple feast. God's table is big enough for all of us.

All Are Welcome

to commune, including children (as parents permit).



LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world have
mer - cy on_ us; Lamb of God who takes a - way the
sins of the world have mer - cy on_ us; Lamb of God who
takes a - way the sins of the world grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

Beauty for brokenness



1. Beau - ty for bro - ken - ness, hope for de - spair:
2. Shel - ter for fra - gile lives, cures for their ills,
3. Re - fuge from cru - el wars, ha - vens from fear,
4. Rest for the rav - aged earth, o - ceans and streams,
5. Light - en our dark - ness, breathe on this flame,



Lord, in the suf - fer - ing this is our prayer.
work for the crafts - men trade for their skills;
cit - ies for sanc - tua - ry, free - domds to share;
plun - dered and poi - soned, our fu - ture, our dreams.
un - til your jus - tice burns bright - ly a - gain;



Bread for the chil - dren, jus - tice, joy, peace;
land for the dis - pos - sessed rights for the weak,
peace to the kill - ing fields, scorched earth to green,
Lord, end our mad - ness, care - less - ness, greed;
un - til the na - tions learn of your ways,



sun - rise to sun - set your king - dom in - crease.
voic - es to plead the cause of those who can't speak.
Christ for the bit - ter - ness, his cross for the pain.
make us con - tent with the things that we need. *(to verse 5)*
seek your sal - va - tion, and bring you their praise.

TABLE BLESSING

“God is love,
and those who abide in love abide in God,
and God abides in them.

**Love has been perfected among us in this:
because as God is, so are we in this world.”** *(1 John 4:16-17)*

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen us, and keep us in everlasting grace and in eternal life. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As the fullness of God dwells in Christ may we come to fullness in him.

As we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, may we continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as we were taught, giving thanks always. Amen.

(adapted, Colossians 2:9-10, 6-7)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week and Easter - Setup Saturday, 12:30 pm

Holden Update and Support Event (April 11)

Community Styrofoam and E-cycling (April 26)

***ENTRANCE INTO HOLY WEEK**

Merciful God, bless us for the journey of this Holy Week. May we become followers of your Son, witnessing his lament and anger over Jerusalem, his preparations and Passover with his disciples, and, keeping watch with him and the people, behold his trial and scourging, and his execution and burial. **May we bear with him his cross and walk in the Way of mercy. Renew us in the life of Jesus Christ. Uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*BLESSING

As you go, be careful, how you live: being subject to one another out of reverence for Christ (*Ephesians 5:15*)

F B \flat F F C Gm7
The Lord bless you _____ and

7 A A Dm7 A7 Dm Dm
keep you, _____ the Lord make his face shine u - pon you, may the

13 G G7 C C Dm C/E F B \flat F F
Lord go out be - fore you, _____ and give you peace. _____



*Many thanks
for serving today!*

Coffee Setup:
Communion Setup:
Nursery Attendant: Jordan Holt
Online Host: Erica Lee
Greeter:
Ushers: Sonja Braasch, Kris Rogness
Readers: MJ McDermott, Tamara Anderson
Communion Server: Mary Melvey, Linda Carbone
Coffee Cleanup:
Musicians: Nadiia Druzhynina, Michael Reznick,
Michael Olivola, Arunachala Satgunasingam
Betsy McGregor, Gianfranco Foddai, Jodi Duke

IN OUR PRAYERS

Faye Buckalew, Jennifer Carter,
Pete D'Amico, Barb Dougherty,
Meggan Ellingboe, Gerry & Bob Faley,
Helene Fowler, Fowler family, Cindy Funai,
Don Hansen and family, Donnalyn Hansen,
Margaret & Hlastala family, Holt family,
Tyson Hunter, Julie Johnson and family,
Helen Jones, Bud Knapp, Judy Malmgren,
Roger Mandery, Martin,
Barbara Moen and family,
Alan Murray, Herb Myers, Iko Rodenberger,
Rosing family, Michelle Rundle,
Kjersti Sangrey, Michael Schieffer,
David Schrader, Sharon Stearns,
Lars Sveum-Hanson, Carolyn Swanson,
Eliot Wright and family, Jon Wright;
asylum seekers, refugees, and those seeking
housing and a home;
those living with mental illness and loneliness;
those outside in the elements;
children and parents; immigrant families
remaining separated;
Ballard Food Bank; Road to Housing guests.

*Please contact Pastor Thomas to request
additions to our prayer list.*

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