

Sunday, March 24th, 2024, 9:00am

Palm Sunday

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. 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 on Maundy Thursday. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

(+ invites you to rise in body or in spirit)

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Palm Sunday Liturgy and Processional

We will begin worship in the narthex.

Welcome

Pr. Neal Cannon

Greeting

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

Hosanna in the highest!

+Psalm Reading

Psalm 118:25-29

Hosanna! O Lord, save us!

We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days!

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

we bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God and has given us light.

Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

You are my God, and I will thank you;

you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God's mercy endures forever.



+Processional Hymn



U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.
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We will continue our service when all have gathered in the sanctuary.

Announcements

Pr. Neal Cannon

Call to Worship

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!
Trad. Cameroon, arr. Ralph M. Johnson

Woodlake Choir

Palm Sunday Litany

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In Jerusalem,
Simeon and Anna prophesied over Jesus, the infant.
Mary accepted their words into her heart,
and Jesus grew in strength and spirit.

**O Emmanuel, the long-expected king,
hasten to us. We need you here.**

In Jerusalem,
the temple scholars were astonished by Jesus, the boy.
He accepted their teachings into his mind
and grew in knowledge and wisdom.

**O Child of Joseph and Mary, the unexpected teacher,
hasten to us. We need you here.**

Outside Jerusalem,
the jubilant crowd cheered for Jesus, the man.
They accepted him as he rode on a donkey,
but the fears of the powerful grew.

**O Lamb of God, gentle and meek,
hasten to us. We need you here.**

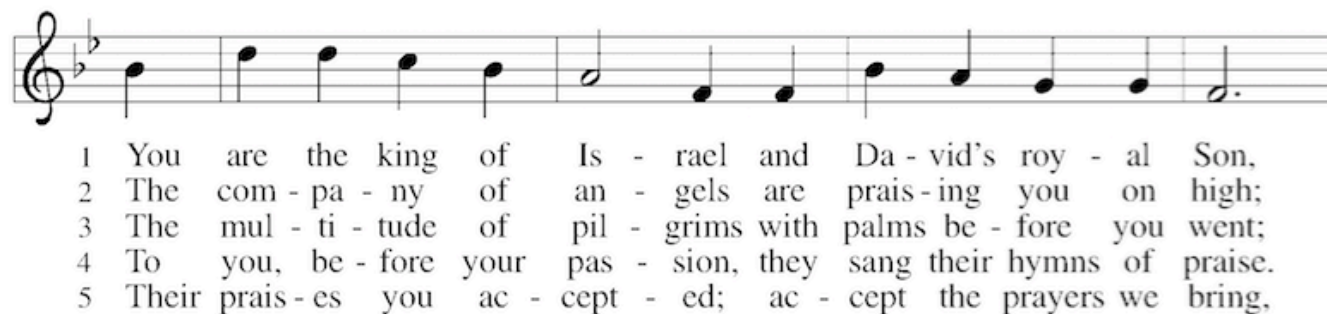
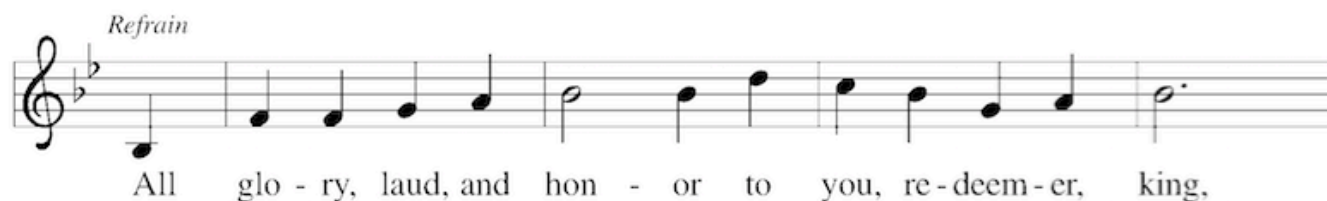
The words of the crowd echoed on the city walls:
“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Save us, Emmanuel!
We need you here.

Save us, Child of Joseph and Mary!
We need you here.

Save us, Lamb of God!
We need you here.





Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, you travel by many roads to reach us. To some, you speak through passionate preaching, and to others through casual conversations. To some, you speak through music and dance, and to others through silence and stillness. Although there are many roads to Jerusalem, Jesus chose the one that would lead to his death on the cross. We praise you, God, for the ways you reach out through creativity, witness, community, storytelling, and holy disruption. May we learn from the example of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

The first reading is from the letter to the Philippians, chapter two.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

+Gospel Acclamation



Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes
in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is the one who comes
in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

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

Message

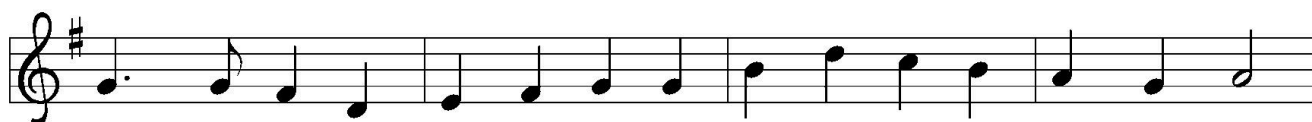
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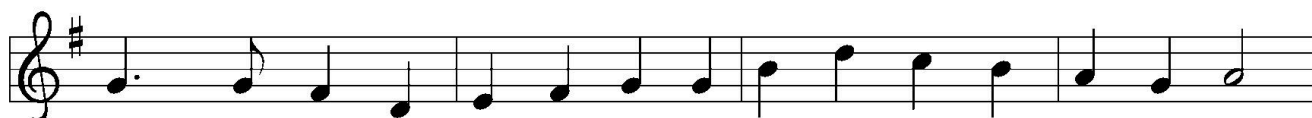
+Hymn of the Day

Christ, the Life of All the Living

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1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf-fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par-don, for the sor-rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf-f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor-ment-ed that my doom should be pre-vent - ed.
thank you for the groan-ing, sigh-ing, for the bleed-ing and the dy - ing,



Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
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for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

+Prayers of the People

After each prayer petition, you will hear "Hear us, O God"

Please respond with "Your mercy is great"

Today and throughout the week, please keep the following people in your prayers:

Emily Miller	Janeen Gries	Christina
Kathy	Kim	Maxine Lobejko
Lois Lindberg	Phyllis Jones	Sarah
Gretchen	Andrea Johnson	Brad Nelson
Clarice Anderson	Lois Torvik	Steve Michaels
Stuart Collins	And all who we name in our hearts...	

We also pray for the families of those who have died this past month:

Beverly Senenky	Beverly Erickson
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+Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed 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.**

Passing of the Peace

We invite you to share a greeting with those around you.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
Offerings of check or cash may be placed in a basket near the ushers as you depart.*

*Do you want to make a donation, but don't have cash or a checkbook handy?
Scan the QR code with a smartphone to make an electronic donation.*



Musical Offering

Ride On, King Jesus
Trad. Spiritual, arr. Bruce Trinkley

Woodlake Choir

Offering Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us forth in mission to the world.

Jesus lifted up children as models of faith. We invite the participants in Godly Play and Kids' Club forward to recess during the sending hymn, that we might follow their lead into the world.

Final Blessing

+Sending Hymn & Godly Play Processional

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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Jesus lifted up children as models of faith. As we sing our sending hymn, we invite the children here today to lead us in a procession into the world.



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
Setting by Michael Burkhardt

Yvonne Grover

We're so happy you joined us for worship today!

Worship Times

Sunday Mornings:

9:00am Worship
in the Sanctuary

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10:30am Modern Worship
in Fellowship Hall

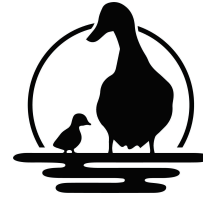
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live-streamed at:
youtube.com/
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Wednesday Mornings:
8:30am Worship
in the Chapel, followed by
fellowship in the Fireside
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