



Lord have  
mercy upon us  
& incline our hearts

**MESSIAH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Palm Sunday  
March 29th, 2026 8:30 and 11 am  
Holy Communion, Rite 2**

**Holy Week Services**

Sunday, March 29th, 8:30 & 11:00am: Palm Sunday  
Sunday, March 29th, 9pm: Compline on Youtube  
Monday, March 30th, 7pm: Prayer Vigil  
Tuesday, March 31st, 7pm: Spoken Stations of the Cross  
Wednesday, April 1st, 7pm: Youth led Evening Prayer  
Thursday, April 2nd, 7pm: Communal Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar  
Friday, April 3rd, Noon: Spoken Good Friday liturgy  
Friday, April 3rd, 7pm: Choral Prayer Book liturgy, with Veneration of the Cross  
Saturday, April 4th, 7pm: Easter Vigil & Eucharist followed by Festive Reception  
Sunday, April 5th, 8:30 & 11am: Easter Sunday Worship; Festive Coffee Hour after both services, Easter Potluck, 12:30pm



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8:30AM Gather by Messiah's front doors.  
11:00AM Gather in Parkway Auto Care's parking lot. (NW corner of Ford Pkwy & Snelling Ave)

## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*Leader* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All** Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

*Leader* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

### Matthew 21:1-11

*Leader* The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

*Leader* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Leader* It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**All** Amen.

*Leader* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All** Hosanna in the highest.

## THE PROCESSION

*Leader* Let us go forth in peace;

**All** In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Sung outside as we process indoors*

### Ride On, King Jesus

*Refrain*

Ride on, King Je - sus, No one can-a hin - der you.

Ride on, king Je-sus, ride on, No one can-a hin-der you.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Ride on, King Je - sus, No one can-a hin - der you.' The second staff contains the lyrics 'Ride on, king Je-sus, ride on, No one can-a hin-der you.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a church procession.

*Call (Solo)*

1. King Jesus rode on a milk-white horse,  
The river of Jordan He did cross,
2. The people gathered all around,  
To greet the King without a crown.

3. He died for you and He died for me,  
He died to set poor sinners free,
4. I know that my Redeemer lives,  
And of his blessing freely gives,

**Response** (Congregation)

No one can-a hinder you.  
No one can-a hinder you.  
No one can-a hinder you. *Refrain*

No one can-a hinder you.  
No one can-a hinder you.  
No one can-a hinder you. *Refrain*

Words: Traditional; Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. & Hezekiah Brinson, Jr. (b. 1958)

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 219

*Leader* The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

*Leader* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love...  
...and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All** Amen.

THE LESSONS

BCP p. 357

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Isaiah 50:4-9a)

Bible OT p. 681

Please turn in your pew Bible to OT p. # 681.

After the reading:  
Reader The word of the Lord.  
All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31: In You Lord I Take Refuge

1. In You, Lord, I ref - uge take; let me not be put to shame.  
2. My eyes weak with sor - row grow, and my bod - y fills with grief.  
3. But I trust You are my God; all my days are in Your hands.  
4. When I cried in my a - larm, "I am cut off from Your sight!"

Turn Your ear and quick - ly make safe - ty for my trem - bling frame.  
All my years pass with a groan; my strength fails, my bones are weak.  
Let Your face up - on me shine; make me in Your love to stand.  
Praise the Lord, whose sav - ing arm was my res - cue and my light.

You're a rock and for - tress strong; I am lost and can - not see.  
Those who see me turn to flee; my friends' eyes are filled with dread.  
Great the stead - fast love You've stored for the poor, who ref - uge seek.  
Love the Lord, all you His saints! You, who in Him ref - uge take.

For Your name's sake, lead me on; in Your hands my soul re - deem.  
Like a pot - ter's bro - ken dream: in their gaze a shade of death.  
In Your pres - ence, gra - cious Lord, in Your dwell - ing they find peace.  
Though in dark - ness you may wait; all who hope in God are saved!

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PSALM 31A  
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Meet The Cast:

The Samaritan Woman, the Man Born Blind, Lazarus and Nicodemus

## The Passion Story

**Narrator** The Roman soldiers with their commanding officer and the Temple guards arrested Jesus, tied his hands behind his back, and took him first to Annas. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, High Priest that year. Annas questioned Jesus who answered,

**Jesus** "I have always spoken publicly to everyone; all my teaching was done in the synagogues and in the Temple, where all the people come together. I have never said anything in secret. Why, then, do you question me? Question the people who heard me. Ask them what I told them -- they know what I said."

**Narrator** When Jesus said this, one of the guards slapped him and said, "Who do you think you are? How dare you talk like that to the High Priest?"

**Jesus** "If I have said anything wrong, tell me and everyone here what it was. But if I am right in what I have said, why do you strike me?"

**Narrator** Then Annas sent him, still bound, to Caiaphas the High Priest where all the chief priests, the elders, and the teachers of the Law were gathered. Peter followed from a distance and went into the courtyard of the High Priest's house. There he sat down with the guards, keeping himself warm by the fire. The chief priests and the whole Council tried to find some evidence against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they could not find any. Many witnesses told lies against Jesus, some men told this lie,

**Some Men** "We heard him say, 'I will tear down this Temple which men have made, and after three days, I will build one that is not made by men.'"

**Narrator** Not even they, however, could make their stories agree. Caiaphas the High Priest stood up in front of them all and questioned Jesus.

**High Priest** "Have you no answer to the accusations they bring against you?"

**Narrator** But Jesus kept quiet and would not say a word. Again, the High Priest questioned him,

**High Priest** "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed God?"

**Jesus** "As you say. I am, and you will all see the Son of Man seated at the right side of the Almighty and coming with the clouds of heaven!"

**Narrator** The High Priest tore his robes and said,

**High Priest** "We don't need any more witnesses, we have heard enough from his own mouth! You heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?"

**Crowd Leader** Guilty! (shouting at the top of his lungs)

**Crowd** Guilty. Guilty. Guilty. (shouting their responses)

**Narrator** Some of them began to spit on Jesus, and they blindfolded him, hit him, and taunted him, saying

**Crowd Leader** "Guess who hit you?"

**Crowd** "Who hit you Jesus!"

**Narrator** And the guards took him and slapped him. Early in the morning the chief priests met hurriedly with the elders, the teachers of the Law, and the whole Council. They put Jesus in chains, and led him away to Pilate. And the crowd began,

**Crowd Leader** You are not our king!

**Crowd** You are not our king!

**Pilate** "Are you King of the Jews?"

**Jesus** "You have said so"

**Narrator** And Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

**Pilate** "I find no crime in this man."

**Narrator** But the crowds were frantic,

**Crowd Leader** He blasphemes God!

**Crowd** Blasphemer!

**Narrator** When Pilate heard this, he asked whether Jesus was Galilean. He learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, and sent him over to Herod, who was in Jerusalem at that time. He had long desired to see Jesus, and was hoping to see some miracle. So he questioned him at some length; but he remained silent. The chief priests and the scribes stood nearby, violently accusing him. And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then, arraying him in royal robes, sent him back to Pilate. Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,

**Pilate** "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and after examining him before you, look, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him; neither did Herod, for he returned him to me. He has done nothing deserving death. You have a custom, that I release one prisoner on your Passover; I will have him roughed up and then release him. That should satisfy you,"

**Narrator** But the crowd all cried out together:

**Crowd Leader** Give us Barabbas! (chants)

**Crowd** "Give us Barabbas! Give us Barabbas! Give us Barabbas!"

**Narrator** Now Barabbas was a zealot and a terrorist who had been thrown into prison for murder. Pilate, desired to release Jesus; but the crowd shouted.

**Crowd Leader** Crucify him!

**Crowd** "Crucify him! Crucify him! Crucify him!"

**Narrator** A third time he said to them,

**Pilate** "Why.... why ... what evil has he done? I have found in him no crime deserving his crucifixion; I will have him flogged and then release him."

**Narrator** But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries:

**Crowd Leader** Crucify!

**Crowd** "Crucify! Crucify! Crucify!"

**Narrator** And their voices, and our voices, prevailed.

## Holy Week Reflection

*All stand.*

### THE NICENE CREED

**BCP p. 358-359**

*Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer, p. #358, as we profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.*

**All I believe in one God  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth...  
...and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

*Please kneel as you are able.*

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM V I

**BCP p. 392-393**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Leader* In peace, let us pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

*Leader* For all people in their daily life....

**All For our families...**

*All stand.*

### THE PEACE

**BCP p. 360**

*Leader* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Maw Ywa, ata ghu ta poe, oh taw thu da kay.*

**All And with thy Spirit.**

***Maw oh taw, na thar da kay.***

*Please take a moment to share the sign of peace with those around you.*

*All sit.* WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*A greeting from our clergy to Messiah members and our guests; we'll also share news for the Messiah community.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

*Leader* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

*The bread and wine are brought forward and the offering is received.*

#### *Behold Him*

He who was before there was light  
Walked across the pages of time  
He who made every living thing— behold Him  
He who heard humanity's cry  
Left His throne to wake as a child  
He became like the least of us— behold Him

*Chorus* Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, the Lamb, the roaring Lion  
Oh be still and behold Him

He who dined with sinners and saints  
Healed the blind, the lost, and the lame  
Even now He is in our midst— behold Him  
He who chose a criminal's end  
Paid with blood to settle our debt  
Buried death as He rose to life— behold Him

*Chorus 2* Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, the Lamb, the roaring Lion  
Oh be still and behold Him  
Jesus, Alpha and Omega, our God, the risen Savior  
Oh be still and behold Him

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Worthy, worthy, worthy to receive all praise (*To Ch.2*)

Behold Him

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*All stand as offering is brought forward.*

*Leader* All things come of thee, O Lord.

**All And of thine own have we given thee.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B BCP p. 367-369**

*Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. # 367.*

*Leader* The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

*Leader* Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

*Leader* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Please kneel as you are able.*

*Leader* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

**SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might, —

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of power and might —

hea - ven and earth are full, — full — of your glo - ry

Ho - san - na in the high - est 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.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr: Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

*Leader* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love...

... By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Leader* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken with traditional language) **BCP p. 364**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP p. 364-366**

*Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #364.*

*Leader* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**COMMUNION FRACTION ANTHEM Hymnal #S164**

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us,  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us,  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:  
Give us your peace, give us your peace.

*All are invited to kneel in prayer at the Communion. The ushers will release you, one pew at a time, to kneel at the Altar Rail to receive Holy Communion. All baptized believers in Jesus are welcome to receive the Eucharist. A special note to visitors: If you are accustomed to receiving Holy Communion in your home Church, no matter what its denomination, you are also welcome to receive Holy Communion. After receiving the bread, one is free to receive the chalice. If you would prefer to receive the bread only, simply cross your arms in front of you. And, if you would prefer to receive a blessing only, please also signify by crossing your arms. Thank you.*

8:30 am service: Healing team members Deb Baird and Jean Smidt are available for prayer during communion.

11 am service: Healing team members Libby Johnson and Christy Libbus are available for prayer during communion, concurrent with Joanne Slinger & Jennifer Wilson available for prayer by calling 612-803-9020.

All sit or kneel.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

### Lamb O God

Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but You have  
 Your gift of love, they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and  
 I was so lost, I should have died, but You have

sent Him from Your side, to walk up - on this guilt - y  
 scorned Him as He died, the hum - ble King they named a  
 brought me to Your side, to be led by Your staff and

sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.  
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the Ho - ly Lamb of God. O wash me  
 in His pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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### You Are My All In All

1. You are my strength when I am weak  
 You are the treasure that I seek  
 You are my All in All.  
 Seeking you as a precious jewel,  
 Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.  
 You are my All in All.

**Refrain**                      **Jesus, Lamb of God,  
 Worthy is your name.** (Repeat)

2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
 rising again I praise your Name  
 You are my All in All.  
 When I fall down you pick me up,  
 When I am dry you fill my cup  
 You are my All in All.

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At Messiah we generally stand for the last Communion song, the Altar party will stand first.

### O Sacred Head

**Hymnal #168**

All kneel.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**BCP p. 365**

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #365.

Leader Let us pray.

**All    Eternal God, heavenly Father...  
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

BCP p. 366

The Celebrant offers a blessing to the people in the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## THE DISMISSAL

BCP p. 366

*Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #366.*

*Leader* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Clergy recess in silence.*

## Postlude

### *Were You There*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Words & Music: African American Spiritual



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