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**WELCOME TO PRESTON MEADOW LUTHERAN CHURCH
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH , 2019**

SPIRIT CHECK

Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week for the church as we encounter the drama and action of Jesus' passion story. Holy means "to be set apart." Often our moments on Sunday roll from one to another with no distinction.

- How can you set this hour of worship apart from your other moments and dwell in God's presence already around you?
- How can this hour of worship help you to set this week apart from all other weeks so you can encounter God's grace through the cross of Jesus anew?

Please notify an usher if you would like a hearing assistance device.

GOD GATHERS US

Congregation will begin in the atrium with our palms. We'll take our seats after the welcome.

WELCOME

P Today we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

C Today we celebrate the arrival of God's kingdom among us!

P We hear these words from Mark's Gospel:

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

C "Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (Mk 11:8-10)

P Let us make room for Jesus to enter today.

C Let us make room in our worship, our homes, and in our lives.

P 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.

**C 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.**



GATHERING HYMN

Congregation may process in to the sanctuary now to find their seats. Choir will lead the singing from their section.

Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Sovereign God,
you have established your rule in the human heart
through the servanthood of Jesus Christ.
By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession
of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord
and with their lives praise him as Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

ANTHEM

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

arr by J. Raney

PMLC Sanctuary Choir; Jubellation Ringers

INTO THE WORD

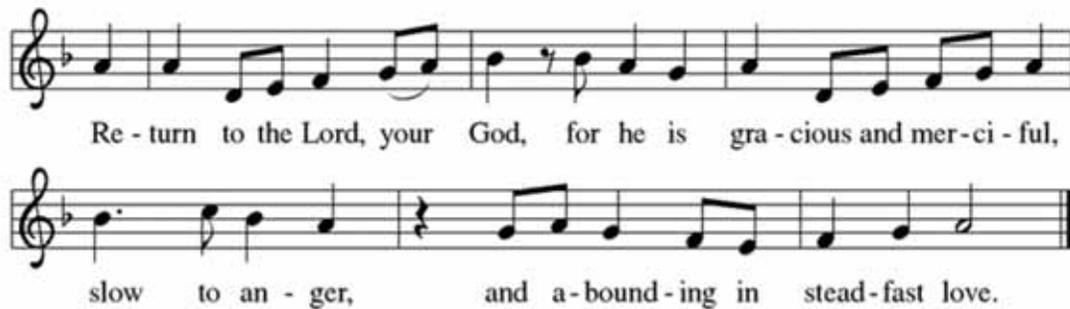
FIRST READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Pew Bible p. 980

*After the Reading, the People say, **Thanks Be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

A The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 22nd chapter.

C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 22:14-16;24-30

Pew Bible p. 882

A The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

KIDS WORD TIME (11:00)

Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited to follow the cross for children's chapel time.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

SERMON

Pastor Kate Knutson

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



- 1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
- 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
- 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
- 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com-bined in per-fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a-lone,
We are your bod-y, ris-en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser-vant church that walks your ser-vant ways,



to write God's love in hu-man deeds, e-ter-ni-ty in time.
and help us bear an-oth-er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min-is-try your love may be re-vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac-ri-fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please kneel as you are able.

After each petition:

- A Lord in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

WORSHIP, CONNECT, GROW & SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

To all of our guests: One of the many ways we live out our faith is through **JOYFUL GENEROSITY**. We'd like to celebrate that God has brought you here today by making a \$25 contribution in your name to a charity of your choice. After worship, please stop by our Welcome Center in the Atrium so you can designate the charity and provide us with your information. Thank you for joining us today.



OFFERTORY

“Let Glad Hosannas Ring!”
Jubellation Ringers

by Bob Burroughs

WELCOME TO THE TABLE MILESTONE (11:00)

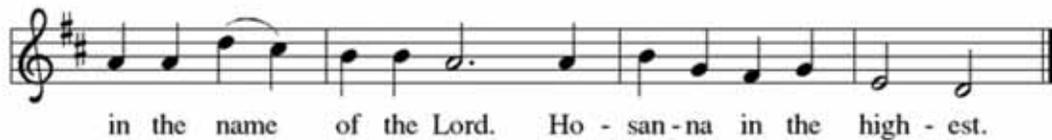
OFFERING PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Merciful God,
C receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving
and the offering of our lives,
that following in the way of the cross,
we may know the joy of the resurrection;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

AT THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...and join their unending hymn:



- P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious father...now and forever.
C **Amen.**

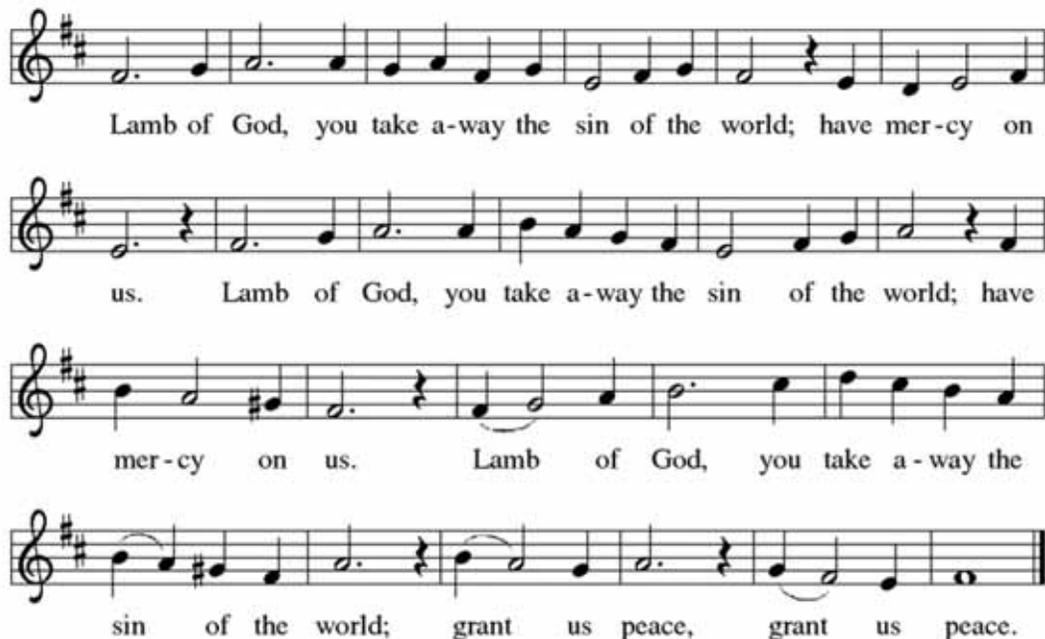
P Lord remember us in your kingdom as you teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

COMMUNION

At Preston Meadow Lutheran, our communion table is "open." That means that you don't have to be a member of PMLC to commune, or even a Lutheran. We welcome children of all ages to this favorite meal of the church because we know that we come at Jesus' invitation to receive his free gift of grace. Parents, if your children are not yet communing, encourage them to fold their arms over their chests to receive a blessing. If you are communing, simply open your hands and bread will be given to you. Cups with white grape juice are located in the center of the trays; gluten-free wafers are available on request. **Come and enjoy the free gifts of God!**



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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“What Wondrous Love Is This?”

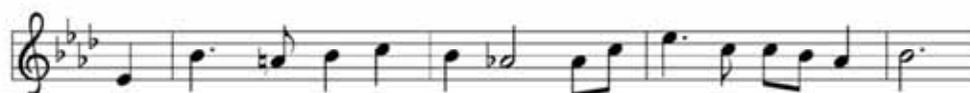
arr. Richard Walters

Carson Drew Dorsey & Agostina Migoni

I Love to Tell the Story



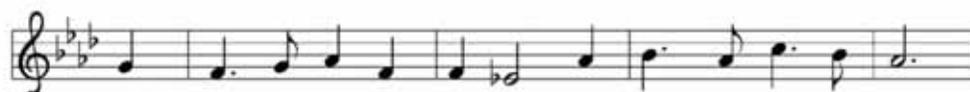
1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

TABLE BLESSING

- P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.
- C** Amen.

INTO THE WORLD



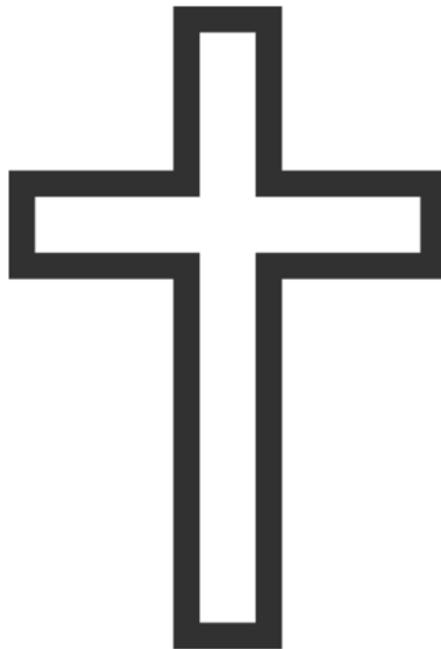
PRAYER TO ENTER HOLY WEEK

- A** God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,
C so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will.
- A** As we enter this holiest of weeks,
C Open our ears to hear what you are saying to us.
- A** When we gather at your table,
C May we follow the command "to love one another as you have loved us" and
not take for granted the gifts of your grace.

- A When we view you on the cross,
C **May we see your steadfast love that reaches out to us
even when we turn our backs on you.**
- A Make us bold and courageous enough
C **To pray for our enemies,
to forgive those who have sinned against us,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**
- P God and Father of Jesus Christ,
we leave this place for a week in which busy activities
and worshipful remembrance are mixed together.
- C **Teach us, even now, how to make every day a day of prayer,
so that each day of our lives is filled with hope
because of Jesus' death and resurrection. Amen.**

BLESSING

- P May our + Lord Jesus Christ,
whose arms were spread on the cross to embrace the whole world,
help us this week to take up the cross and follow him.
- C **Amen.**



CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Follow Jesus to his cross.
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Rigaudon “ from the Ceremonial Music from the French Baroque by A. Campra
Brass and Organ

Serving in Worship

	8:30	11:00
Preacher:	Pastor Kate Knutson	Pastor Kate Knutson
Presider:	Pastor Jackie Linden-Schade	Pastor Paul Mussachio
Acolytes:	Preston Potts	Faith Barrett
Assisting Minister:	Gary Mashigian	Mark Rice
Lector:	Nettie Schwarz	Deanne Gray
Organist/Choir Dir:	Anne Abercrombie	Anne Abercrombie
Pianist:	Hannah Abercrombie	Hannah Abercrombie
Jubellation Bells Dir:	Benjamin Kelly	Benjamin Kelly
Brass Band:	Benjamin Kelly & Michael Moreno, Trumpet Donald Bruce & Ethan Henshaw; Baritone Russ Abercrombie; Conductor	
Ushers:	Walt & Kena Bader Bill Ostergren Bart Smith Chris Summer Jim Crouse	Scott Bynum Kevin Ericson Kai Johnson Chris Nolden
Asst. Head Ushers:	Steve Bargmann	John Losurdo
Atrium Greeters:	Ken & Joleen Schwarz	Allen Gray, Judy Haven & Mark Benedict
Altar Care:	Judy Haven	Tricia Johnson
Bread Bakers:	Mardi Woodling & Christina Stelzl	
Coffee:	Gene Menze	Linda Bland

April 7, 2019

Church Attendance: 422 Online Attendance: 51 Communion Attendance: 113 (8:30 Only)

Total Attendance: 473 Offering: \$26,129.60

Blood Drive Donations: 34

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAUNDY
THURSDAY

APR 18 | 7PM

GOOD
FRIDAY

APR 19 | NOON & 7PM

FAMILY
PARTY

APR 20 | 10AM-NOON

EASTER
SUNDAY

APR 21 | 9 & 11AM (Brkfst. 8-11am)



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