

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Churches
Palm/Passion Sunday – April 13, 2025**

Responsive Call to Worship – Lenten Liturgy



Palm/Passion Sunday

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One: Jesus enters Jerusalem as a humble king,
riding on a donkey.

**All: The disciples proclaim the one who comes
in the name of the Lord,**

One: but the powers that be see a troublemaker,
challenging their authority.

**All: The prophetic traditions envision the
peaceable kingdom,**

One: but the empire sees a disturber of the peace,
so death awaits him.

**All: Give thanks to God who overcomes
all the powers of death!**



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Hymn 214 All glory, laud and honour

Refrain:

**All glory, laud and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!**

**1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed one.**

Refrain:

**All glory, laud and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!**

**2. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we resent.**

Refrain:

**All glory, laud and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!**

**3. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.**

Refrain:

**All glory, laud and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!**

**4. You didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.**

Prayer of Praise *(minister)*

Prayer of Confession *(congregation)*

**O God, we allow strident voices in our times to drown
out your still, small voice within us. We are swayed by
public opinion rather than the enduring values of your**

kingdom. Forgive us. Remind us of the one constant we can rely on: your steadfast love revealed in Jesus Christ. Give us the courage to journey with Christ all the way to the cross, so that we may hear his words of healing and comfort: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

- silent confession -

The Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For ever and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (minister)

Liturgy of the Palms

Responsive Reading Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 p. 565 NT & Psalms

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

His faithful love endures forever.

²**Let all Israel repeat:**

"His faithful love endures forever."

¹⁹Open for me the gates where the righteous enter,
and I will go in and thank the Lord.

²⁰**These gates lead to the presence of the Lord,
and the godly enter there.**

²¹I thank you for answering my prayer
and giving me victory!

²²**The stone that the builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone.**

²³This is the Lord's doing,
and it is wonderful to see.

²⁴**This is the day the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵Please, Lord, please save us.

Please, Lord, please give us success.

²⁶Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷The Lord is God, shining upon us.

Take the sacrifice and bind it with cords on the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will praise you!

You are my God, and I will exalt you!

²⁹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

His faithful love endures forever.

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Scripture Lessons:

Luke 19:28-40

p. 144 NT & Psalms

Hymn 217 Ride on, ride on in majesty

**1. Ride on, ride on in majesty;
hark, all the tribes Hosanna cry.
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strewed.**

**2. 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.**

**3. Ride on, ride on in majesty;
the angel hosts beyond the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**4. Ride on, ride on in majesty;
the last and fiercest strife is nigh.
Thy Father on the sapphire throne
expects thee, loved, anointed Son.**

**5. 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 power and reign.**

Liturgy of the Passion

Responsive Reading Psalm 31:9-16 p. 480

⁹Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in distress.

Tears blur my eyes.

My body and soul are withering away.

¹⁰I am dying from grief;

my years are shortened by sadness.

Sin has drained my strength;

I am wasting away from within.

¹¹I am scorned by all my enemies
and despised by my neighbors—
even my friends are afraid to come near me.

When they see me on the street,
they run the other way.

**¹²I am ignored as if I were dead,
as if I were a broken pot.**

¹³I have heard the many rumors about me,
and I am surrounded by terror.

My enemies conspire against me,
plotting to take my life.

**¹⁴But I am trusting you, O Lord,
saying, "You are my God!"**

¹⁵My future is in your hands.

Rescue me from those who hunt me down relentlessly.

**¹⁶Let your favor shine on your servant.
In your unfailing love, rescue me.**

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Scripture Lessons:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

p. 598 pew Bible

Philippians 2:5-11

p. 342 NT & Psalms

Luke 23:1-49

p. 152 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn 352 And can it be that I should gain

1. And can it be that I should gain

God's riches through the Saviour's blood?

**Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
that thou, my God, should'st die for me?
Amazing love! how can it be
that thou, my God, should'st die for me?**

**2. 'Tis mystery all! the immortal dies:
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore;
let angel minds inquire no more.
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore;
let angel minds inquire no more.**

**3. He left his Father's throne above,
so free, so infinite his grace,
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me.**

**4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off; my heart was free.
I rose, went forth and followed thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free.
I rose, went forth and followed thee.**

**5. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Bold I approach the eternal throne,**

and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Sermon One of those days?

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Hymn 238 Beneath the cross of Jesus

**1. Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land,
a home with in the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat
and the burden of the day.**

**2. Upon the cross of Jesus
mine eyes at times can see
the very dying form of one
who suffered there for me,
and from my stricken heart with tears
two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love
and my own unworthiness.**

**3. I take, O cross, thy shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss;
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all, the cross.**

Offering & Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

Gracious God, we are so grateful for all that you have done for us. You have blessed us day in and day out and it is a privilege to return some of this blessing to you. May we give with hearts full of gratitude. Amen.

Hymn 239 O sacred head, sore wounded

**1. O sacred head, sore wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
how art thou pale with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn;
how does that visage languish
which once was bright as morn.**

**2. What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain;
lo, here I fall, my Saviour;
'tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favour;
oh grant to me thy grace.**

**3. What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
Oh make me thine forever,
and should I fainting be
oh let me never, never
outlive my love for thee**

**4. Be near when I am dying;
oh show thy cross to me,
and to my rescue flying,
come, Lord, and set me free;
these eyes, new faith receiving,
from Jesus shall not move,
for those who die believing
die safely through thy love.**

Choral Blessing

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will be with you each hour of every day.
God will be there, watching from above.**

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Piano Postlude