

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023
8:30am and 11:00am



Central Lutheran Church
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CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE (8:30)

It is Well with My Soul

Ari Saks, Piano

(11:00) *Allegro Maestoso* (**Concerto #2**) Friedrich Seitz Charlotte Strietelmeier, Violin

WELCOME

THE PROCESSIONAL LITANY (*please stand as you are able*)

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

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Praise to Christ who comes as Messiah and Savior of the world!

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!

Hosanna to the Son of David!

The people of the world shout Hosanna to the living Christ!

Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna to the King of Kings!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise and thank you, O God for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day Jesus entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace,

in the name of Christ.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud and ho - nor 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 me - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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

Let us pray. Everlasting God, **in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** (*please be seated*)

ANTHEM *Lift Up Your Heads* J. S. Bach, arr. Hopson
The Children's Choir with Andy Strietelmeier, Violin

FIRST READING **Philippians 2:5-11** Reader: Arya Saks

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

ANTHEM *Who is Coming?* Pauline Delmonte Children's Choir

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand)*

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!

GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

‘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.’

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *(please be seated)*

SERMON

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

HYMN OF THE DAY #342 There in God's Garden *(please stand)*

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS *(please be seated)*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

The Palms Jean-Baptiste Fauré

Cantors

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(please stand)*



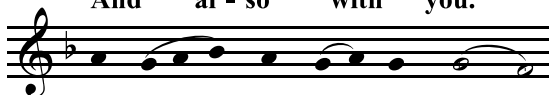
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



And also with you.



We lift them to the Lord.



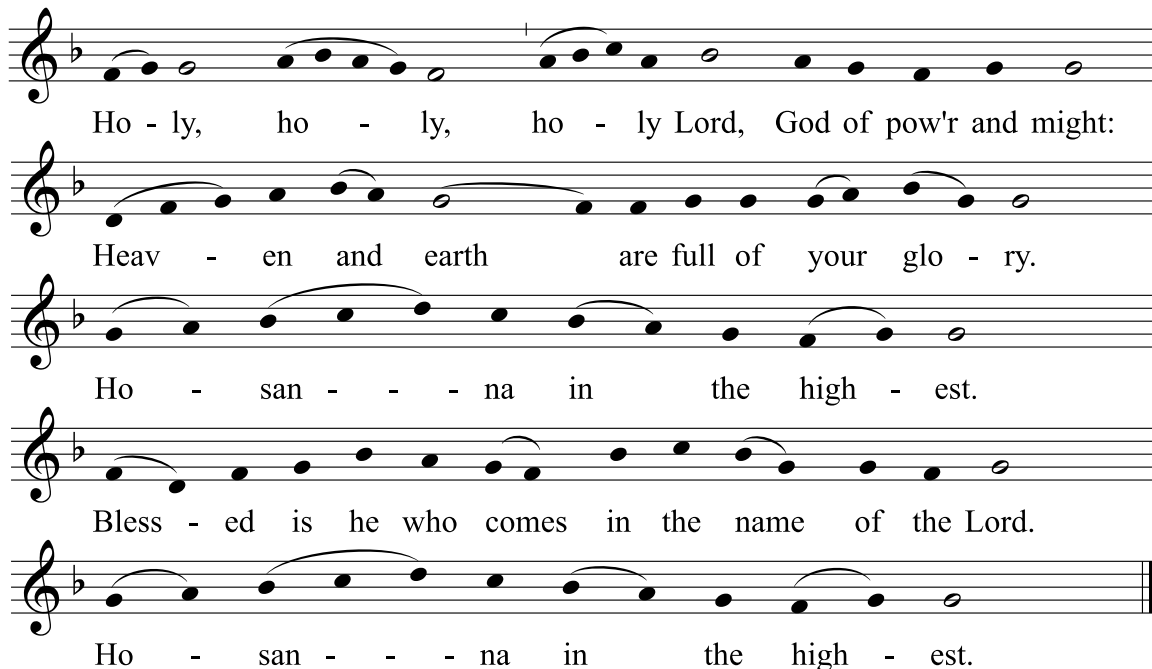
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy God, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life may be restored, and that, by a tree once overcome, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with all the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. † Christ is risen. † Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace us with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray as Je - sus taught us.

Our Fa - ther in heav - ven hal - lowed be your name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we

for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al

and de - liv - er us from e - vil, For the king - dom, the pow'r

and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men. —

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*please be seated*)

LAMB 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. A-men.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

ANTHEM *Sing, My Tongue*, A 12th century Gregorian hymn Cantors

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

BENEDICTION (*please stand*)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

HYMN #351 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (St. 4 a cappella, without organ)



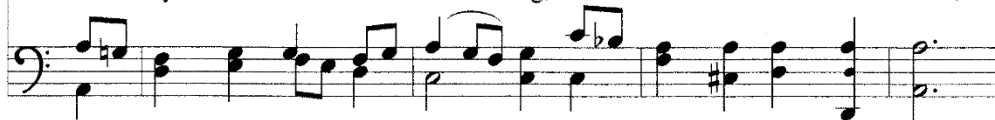
1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - ges - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We invite you to remain seated through the voluntary; however, if you choose to depart, we kindly ask you to do so in silence.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Præludium in G* Nikolaus Bruhns

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Cantors: Alyse Jamieson and John Shields

Worship services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be held at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary (Link for livestream can be accessed at welcometocentral.org.) The Chapel will be open on Good Friday between noon & 3pm for self-guided prayer and meditation. Members of our Prayer Ministry Team will also be on hand to offer reflection and prayer.

Also, on **Holy Saturday**, children of all ages are invited to join us for an **Easter Egg Hunt**. Meet in the Parish Hall at 10am.

Then, on **Easter Sunday** we invite you to join us as we celebrate **The Resurrection of Our Lord** at our Festival Worship Services at 8:30am and 11:00am. (Link for livestream can be accessed at welcometocentral.org.)

Please note: The church office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 10.

Special Meeting: The Church Council is calling a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday, April 16th at 9:45am in order to inform the congregation of important property maintenance issues. Details about the specific issues, cost estimates, and the plan for addressing these issues is included in the April Centralite.

A prayer minister will be available in the chapel for individual prayer after the 8:30 worship service this morning.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Crucifer: Elise Hendriksen

Torch Bearers: Evan Barrett & Maeve Josef-Maier

Acolytes: Sam Rodgers & Charlotte Strietelmeier

Greeter: (8:30) Jean Clancey; (11:00) Denita Strietelmeier

Ushers: (8:30) Don Rasmussen & Howard Kallinen

Cantors: Alyse Jamieson & John Shields

Organist/Choirmaster: Dr. A. ElRay Stewart-Cook

Associate Organist/Children's Music: Dr. Lindsey Henriksen Rodgers

Preacher: Pastor Laurie A. Jones

Presider: Pastor Ben Nickodemus

Assisting Minister: Deacon Clare Josef-Maier

CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

Agatha Anderson

Evan Barrett

Lukas Henriksen

Elliot Hodgetts

Henry Koscho

Maeve Josef-Maier

Charlotte Miller

Piper Neubert

Paul Rodgers

Sam Rodgers

Arya Saks

Claire Shorack

Signe Smith

Charlotte Strietelmeier

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Kim Eifert Krogstad

Karen Lacey

Erin & Reed Mueller

Kylie & James Phillips and their children, Adrian & Soren

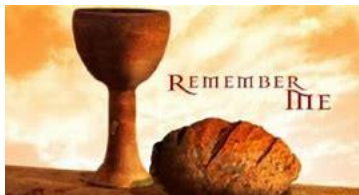
Karie & Todd Shorack

Gretchen & Mark Sturdivan and their daughter, Juniper

J'Nene Wade

Greg Young

David Zhou



MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 6th 7:30pm

Jesus shares his last meal
with his disciples

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 7th 7:30pm

Jesus is crucified

PRAYER VIGIL

noon-3pm in the chapel



CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8th 10am

(meet in the Parish Hall)

Rain or Shine!

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 9th

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Festival Worship

8:30am and 11:00am

