

# Palm Sunday

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*We gather in the Narthex with palms and hymnals.*

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

**C** **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, 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 everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

## **LUKE 19:29-44**

**P** A reading from Luke: <sup>29</sup>When [Jesus] had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*We raise our branches.*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

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

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

**P** 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 he 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 our 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.

**C** **Amen**

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** **in the name of the Lord.**

*We process into the church, singing:*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** [ELW#344 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"](#)

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

**C** **Hosanna in the highest.**

**P** 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.

**C** Amen

*Please be seated.*

**PSALM 31:9-15**

**L** <sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**C** <sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;**

**my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

**L** <sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,

a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

**C** <sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

**L** <sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

**C** <sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.**

**L** <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

**C** <sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

**ANTHEM:**

**["Were You There with When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"](#)**

*Words by Spiritual Isaac Watts (1707) and Lowell Mason (1824)*

*Arranged by Stephen DeCesare.*

*Offered by Debbie and Brad Bondhus, and Ed Hawkins.*

**MARK 14:3-9**

**L** A reading from Mark: <sup>3</sup>While [Jesus] was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. <sup>4</sup>But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. <sup>9</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** [ELW#349 "Ah, Holy Jesus"](#)

**SERMON:** ([Sermon Audio Link](#))

### Pastor Greg's Context-O-Meter for the Gospel of Luke

The Prologue	1:1–4
The Infancy Narratives	1:5–2:52
Preparation for the Ministry of Jesus	3:1–4:15
The Ministry of Jesus in Galilee	4:16–9:50
The Journey to Jerusalem	9:51–19:27
The Ministry of Jesus in Jerusalem	19:28–21:38
The Suffering and Death of Jesus	22:1–23:56
The Resurrection of Jesus	24:1–53

**WE ARE  
HERE**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**Offering\*:** ([On-Line giving Link](#))

*The Offering is received and is presented at the altar.*



it with- in me. Cast me not a- way from your pres- ence, and take  
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re- store to me the  
 joy of your sal- va - tion, and up- hold me with your free Spir - it.

**L** Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

**L** Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,

**C receive our prayer.**

**L** Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,

**C receive our prayer.**

**L** Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy,

**C receive our prayer.**

**L** Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering. God, in your mercy,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**L** Heal all those who are ill or are in any need. We pray for Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, Michelle Drayson, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Mark Hughes, Kaitlyn Leedy, Charlotte Leer, Wendy Neumann, Rick Newman, Peter Olsen, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, Pastor Jack, and the family and friends of Vicki Brick Zupancic. God, in your mercy,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**L** Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**L** For whom or what else shall we pray?

**L** We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**L** Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**C** **Amen**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C** **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not**

**into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C Amen**

**SENDING HYMN:** [ELW#339 " Christ, the Life of All the Living "](#)

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

\*Offering to be sent to  
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### **Announcements**

- Maundy Thursday, 4/17/2025, 7 pm Service
- Easter Sunrise Service, 4/20/2025, 6:15 am Broadway Pier, Fell's Point
- Easter Sunday Service, 4/20/2025, 9:30 am, Epiphany



## Upcoming Worship

<b>Date</b>	<b>Liturgical Day</b>	<b>Preaching Texts</b>	<b>Worship Leader</b>
<b>April 13</b>	Palm Sunday	Luke 19:29-44	Julie and Dave
<b>April 17</b>	Holy Week	Luke 22:1-27	Pastor Greg
<b>April 20</b>	Easter 1	Luke 24:1-12	Ron
<b>April 27</b>	Easter 2	Luke 24:13-35	Monica
<b>May 4</b>	Easter 3	Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51-60	Heidi and Bob
<b>May 11</b>	Easter 4	Acts 8:26-39	Julie and Dave

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