

The Triumphal Entry

Palm Sunday

03/29/2026

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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**

JOHN 12:12-19

P A reading from John: ¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord - the King of Israel!"

¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: ¹⁵"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. ¹⁷So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. ¹⁸It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. ¹⁹The

Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!"

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

PSALM 71:1-14

L ¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

C ²**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

L ³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

C ⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

L ⁵For you are my hope, O Lord God,
my confidence since I was young.

C ⁶**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.**

L ⁷I have become a portent to many; but you are my refuge and my strength.

C ⁸**Let my mouth be full of your praise and your glory all the day long.**

L ⁹Do not cast me off in my old age;
forsake me not when my strength fails.

C ¹⁰**For my enemies are talking against me,
and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.**

L ¹¹They say, "Pursue and seize that one whom God has forsaken;
because there is none who will save."

C ¹²**O God, be not far from me;**

come quickly to help me, O my God.

- L** ¹³May my accusers be put to shame and waste away;
let those who seek my misfortune be engulfed by scorn and reproach.
- C** ¹⁴**But I shall always wait in patience,**
and shall praise you more and more.

JOHN 19:16b-22

- L** A reading from John: ^{16b}So they took Jesus, ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

- L** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: [ELW#803 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"](#)

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

PASTOR GREG'S CONTEXT-O-METER FOR THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



Prologue: The Word Made Flesh	1:1-18
The Book of Signs: Jesus' Public Ministry	1:19-12:50
The Book of Glory: Jesus' Final Hours	13:1-20:31
Epilogue: The Risen Lord and His Church	21:1-25

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.



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
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 Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

- L We pray for the church. Grant life and peace to all who gather in your name. Breathe into us so that we may share your message of forgiveness, hope, and love. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L We pray for creation. Renew landscapes that have dried up, prosper the work of those who restore homes and habitats after natural disasters, and sustain places where biodiversity thrives. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L We pray for the nations. Unbind leaders trapped by fear to act boldly for justice, free all who live in places of war and violence, and guide refugees and asylum seekers to safety. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L We pray for all people in need. Take away the stone of poverty that weighs down so many. Console any who weep and heal all who are sick. We pray for Barbara Ash, Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Bob Hardy, Mark Hughes, Charlotte Leer, Wendy Neumann, Rick Newman, Peter Olsen, Claudia Schober, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L For whom or what else shall we pray?

- *For peace and reconciliation among the nations, especially in Iran, Lebanon, Gaza, South Sudan, Ukraine, and Venezuela...*
- *For families of those killed in airstrikes at rehab center in Afghanistan...*
- *For University of Kent students, staff, and families facing a meningitis outbreak...*
- *For all impacted by natural disasters, especially those facing historic wildfires in Nebraska...*
- *For the energy crisis and blackouts in Cuba...*
- *For communities grieving violence, especially Old Dominion University, VA and Temple Israel, MI...*
- *For TSA workers and airport travelers...*
- *For all immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers...*
- *For all affected by rising fuel and food costs and access...*

L Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

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#416 "At the Name of Jesus"](#)

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

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Announcements

- Holy Week Service, Thursday, 4/2/2026, 7 pm Service
- Easter Sunrise Service, 4/5/2026, 6:30 am Broadway Pier, Fell's Point
- Easter Sunday Service, 4/5/2026, 9:30 am, Epiphany

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Date	Day	Theme	Text	Leader(s)
April 2	Holy Week	Jesus' Last Words	John 19:23-42	Pastor Greg
April 5	Easter	Resurrection	John 20:1-18	Heidi and Bob
April 12	Easter 2	Thomas	John 20:19-31	Julie and Dave
April 19	Easter 3	Paul's Conversion	Acts 9:1-19a	Ron
April 26	Easter 4	Paul and Silas	Acts 16:16-34	Monica
May 3	Easter 5	Paul's Sermon at Athens	Acts 17:16-31	Heidi and Bob
May 10	Easter 6	Partnership in the Gospel	Phil 1:1-18a	Julie and Dave
May 17	Easter 7	The Christ Hymn	Phil 2:1-13	Ron
May 24	Pentecost	Day of Pentecost Rejoice in the Lord	Acts 2:1-21 Phil 4:4-7	Monica

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