



Palm Sunday celebrates
Jesus' triumphal entry
into Jerusalem and
marks the start of Holy
Week, the final days of
his earthly ministry.

Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025
10am

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

Luke 19:38

Order of Service

PRELUDE "Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty" arr. Lloyd Webber

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY Luke 19:29-40
When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 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. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 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, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

CHOIR ANTHEM "Sing Hosanna" by Michael Jothan

ENTRANCE HYMN "All Glory, Laud, Honor" ELW 344

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD
Narrator: After the last supper, Jesus left the upper room and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,
Jesus: Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.
Narrator: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed.
Jesus: Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.
Narrator: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,
Jesus: Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (Vs. 1 & 2) ELW 347

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN "Alleluia, He is Coming" Screen

SENDING
P: You have been called. You have been gathered. You have been equipped. Now you are being sent. Go in peace to serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE "Behold the Savior of Mankind" arr. Healy Willan



Please join us as often as you can for any of our
Worship services or activities...

April 17—Maundy Thursday Service 7pm

April 18—Good Friday Crosswalk
Starts at SOTH at noon

April 18—Good Friday Service 7pm

April 19—Easter Egg Hunt/Pictures with the Easter Bunny
10am till 12pm— Easter Egg Hunt, Crafts, Pictures, Puppet Show

April 19—Easter Vigil Service at 7:30pm

April 20—Easter Morning Service at 10am

Narrator: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice said,

Jesus: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Transcendent”
By Jason Krug

Reverberations

(Silence)

Narrator: When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: Certainly this man was God’s son.

Narrator: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.

But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action.

He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandments.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Missing You”
(by Dennis Alexander)

Charlie Krause

MESSAGE

Pastor Jon Pedersen

HYMN

“Amazing Love”

Screen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

Narrator: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him: but Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Judas, it is with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

Narrator: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

All: Lord, should we strike with the sword?

Narrator: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

HYMN

“Oh, Love, How Deep” (Vs. 1,4,5)

(Words) ELW 322
(Tune) ELW 803

Narrator: Then they seized Jesus and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Servant: This man also was with him.

Narrator: But he denied it, saying,

Peter: Woman, I do not know him.

Narrator: A little later someone else, on seeing him said,

Witness: You also are one of them.

Narrator: But Peter said,

Jesus: No more of this!

Narrator: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands of me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

Peter: Man, I am not!

Narrator: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Witness: Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

Narrator: But Peter said,

Peter: Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

Narrator: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

HYMN

“Ah Holy Jesus” (Vs. 1,2)

ELW 349

Narrator: Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

All: Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?

Narrator: They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

All: If you are the Messiah, tell us.

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

Narrator: All of them asked,

All: Are you, then, the Son of God?

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: You say that I am.

Narrator: Then they said,

All: What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!

HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (Vs. 1,2)

ELW 351

Narrator: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

All: We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

Narrator: Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the king of the Jews?

Narrator: He answered,

Jesus: You say so.

Narrator: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Narrator: But they were insistent and said,

All: He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.

Pilate: You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

Narrator: Then they all shouted out together,

All: Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!

Narrator: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanted to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

All: Crucify, crucify him!

CHOIR ANTHEM

“I Hear Someone A-Comin’”
Michael Fogarty—Oboe

by Kouri & Drennan

Narrator: A third time Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

Narrator: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

Narrator: As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Narrator: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, and one his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

Narrator: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him saying,

All: He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (Vs. 1,3,4) (Words) ELW 803
(Tune) ELW 323

Narrator: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Witness: If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself!

Narrator: There was also an inscription over him, *“This is the King of the Jews.”* One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him saying,

First Criminal: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Narrator: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Second Criminal: Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

Narrator: Then he said,

Second Criminal: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.