

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Our red hymn book is located in the pew rack in front of you. The songs are in the back half of the book, with the song number at the top of the page.

**An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand as you are able.*

Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.



Opening Litany

All voices: Hosanna! Amen.

Movement to indoors

Prelude

"The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" by G.F. Handel

"Celebration in C" by Michael R Keller

"Old-Time Gospel Medley" by Sandra R Wagner

Organ
Handbells
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***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Let us pray:

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

God, forgive us for the times when we do not trust your word and do not follow where you lead. Forgive us when we play it safe.

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

God, forgive us for forgetting that you are always coming toward us. Help us find you in our midst.

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

God, forgive us when we choose greed over generosity, or when we choose our self-image over our loyalty to you. Give us the courage to be unabashed in our faith.

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

God, give us the conviction to shout your name from the rooftop. Give us the wisdom to sing, "Hosanna!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

With hope in our hearts we pray to you, Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee. Amen.

***Words of Forgiveness**

Turn to another: **Nothing can separate you from God's love.**

Turn to another: **You are loved, forgiven, and sent out to serve. Hosanna!**

ANTHEM - *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"* arranged by Melchoir Teschner
Handbells

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, sometimes it's hard to hear you over the hosannas. Sometimes it's hard to hear you over the noise, over our racing thoughts, our to-do lists, or our desire to fit in. Just as you stopped traffic in Jerusalem, stop traffic here. Pause the rush. Open the gates. Dwell among us, until your Word is all we can hear. We are listening. We are laying down our cloaks. Amen.

READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel: Matthew 27:11-54**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O God.

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day - ELW 342 *There in God's Garden

We confess our faith using ancient and fresh words...

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God-Christ-Spirit who walks headfirst into the world's suffering, who lights a candle in the shadows, who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars.

We believe in God who does not shy away from the truth, who is bold in seeking justice and offering mercy, and humble in taking power.

We believe in God who sees our hurt and wraps love around it, cocooning us in hope, tethering us to one another.

We believe in God who is always carrying us from the pain of the world into the hope of a new day.

May it be so. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition of the prayers:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

***Exchange of Peace**

Please be seated.

Offertory - *Te Deum* by Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Trumpet

***Offering Song** - *Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God* (see insert)

***Offering Prayer**

***The Great Thanksgiving** (see insert)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy** (see insert)

Cantor sings each line once, then congregation repeats

***Words of Institution**

***Prayer of Jesus**

Holy God, our only home
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.

Invitation to Communion

Come and taste the joy of God!

This is Christ's table. You are welcome here, without exception. Please follow the ushers' direction, filling in the communion rail starting on the right side. You may stand or kneel. If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your heart. Gluten free wafers are available. The wine is red; the grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.

Lamb of God (ELW, page 208)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Sending Announcements

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn - ELW 344 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

***Dismissal**

You are loved, forgiven, and sent out to serve. Hosanna!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

See the Conquering Hero by G. F. Handel

Trumpet


You are welcome to leave anytime during the postlude or stay to listen. Please use this time in whatever way is most worshipful for you.

Dedication in Memorial Garden - Following the Postlude, please gather in the Memorial Garden for a brief blessing service.



Welcome to Our Saviour's

Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us (Ephesians 2:14). You are welcome at Our Saviour's because of who you are. We are a congregation of longtime churchgoers, newcomers, seekers, seasonal visitors, and returners with diverse backgrounds, life experiences, and beliefs. We follow a familiar Lutheran service with piano, organ, and guest musicians. We celebrate the cultural, ethnic, and racial diversity of the Tucson region and seek to be a place of belonging for all. We welcome those who have felt or been excluded from church spaces because of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, financial status, or any other reason. We like the sound of young people in worship, we value the experience of our elders, and all ages between. Our communion table is Christ's table, and all people are welcome, no exceptions. Your presence here builds up the body of Christ.



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April 2, 2023

Palm/Passion Sunday

THOSE SERVING TODAY (4/2/23)

Presider - Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister - Kathy DeVinney
Accompanist/Organist - Gréta Pásztor **Cantor** - Jennifer Strand
Communion Assistant - Pam Hardman **Acolyte** - Olga Ryan
Ushers - Olga Ryan, Patty Sirls **Greeter** - Gloria Schmidt
OSLC Handbell Choir **Coffee Host** - David Lester **Trumpet** - Michael Marty
Sound & Video - Kent Pflibsen, Tracy Ratliff, Timothy Bustamante, Jack Ryan
Treats - Mary-Lou Forier

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (4/9/23)

Presider - Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister - Bill DeVinney
Accompanist/Organist - Gréta Pásztor **Cantor** - Sophia Rankin
Communion Assistant - Nilu Dorschner **Acolyte** - Ted Adams
Ushers - Ted Adams, Diane Siefkes **Greeter** - Patty Sirls
OSLC Chancel Choir **Djembe** - Michael Marty **Coffee Host** - Catalina Rankin
Sound & Video - Kent Pflibsen, Tracy Ratliff, Timothy Bustamante, Jack Ryan
Hot Cross Buns - Olga Ryan

Holy Week with Our Saviour's & Lutheran Campus Ministry

Palm/Passion Sunday - April 2 - 9:00 AM - Sanctuary
Maundy Thursday - April 6 - 6:15 PM - Chapel
Good Friday - April 7 - 5:15 PM - Sanctuary
Easter Sunday - April 9 - 7:30 AM (Chapel) - 9:45 AM (Sanctuary)

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