

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

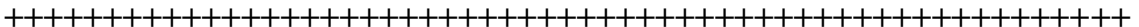
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**Palm Sunday**  
**March 24, 2024, 9:00 a.m.**



**GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME!**

Thank you for joining in Worship today. Whether you regularly worship here, are here for the first time, or are returning after a time away, your presence here is important for the worship we offer to the glory of God. May your experience of God's love be a blessing in your life.



## Introduction

*This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.*

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## Procession with Palms – Mark 11:1-11

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” <sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray... We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord

in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 Christ. Amen.**

**Processional Hymn** - “*All glory, laud, and honor,*” ELW 344

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P** 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.**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16

*Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.*

- A <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.**
- A <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.**
- A <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.**
- A <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.”**

## Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

*Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ’s example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ’s death.*

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- A The Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

# **Passion Narrative**

## **from the Gospel of Mark**

**Evangelist – Marilyn Hart**

**Jesus – Pastor Grant Quever**

**Judas – Bev Stobber**

**High Priest – Jean Wiechmann**

**Servant Girl – Ellie Bennett**

**Peter – Sharon Ryd**

**Pilate – Chris Monsen**

**Centurion – John Monsen**

**Hymn of the Day, “O sacred head, now wounded,” ELW 351**

### **Apostle's Creed**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

**P Trusting in God’s promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.**

*A brief silence.*

**P Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ’s suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.**

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Give energy and joy to our pastor/s, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Birthdays March 24-30: Logan Muffick

P Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Share the peace with each other as you are comfortable.*

### **Offering Prayer**

**C Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## Words of Institution

**Lord's Prayer** *ELW 145 (Modern Version – In front of cranberry hymnal)*

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

P Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

**Communion** – *Please come forward and surround the altar.*

## Prayer after Communion

P Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

## Blessing

P Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

**Sending Song**, "*All hail the power of Jesus' name*," ELW 634

## Announcements for the Good of All

## Dismissal

P Grow in peace. Share your bread.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Peace Lutheran Announcements

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*Attendance for Sunday, March 17, 2024 – 18 confirmed, 2 unconfirmed, 2 virtual*

*General Offerings for Sunday, March 17, 2024 – \$400.00*

*Mt Meru Donations - \$38.00*

*Easter Flower Donations - \$80.00*

**Lenten Meditation with Janet...** Join us after worship on April 7 for the final reflection time on inclusion and exclusion with Janet. We hope to see you there.

**Mid-Day Women's Gathering...** The Mid-Day Women's Gathering will meet at Napoli's Restaurant (132 N. Pine St) on Wednesday, April 10 at 11:30. Join us as we plan for the Annual Potluck Salad Supper in May. Date TBA.

**Joys and Concerns...** If you have any joys and concerns you would like to add to our prayers during worship today, please fill out a 3X5 card found in the Narthex under the bulletin board and hand it to a council member before the service.

**Easter Breakfast...** Please join us on Sunday, March 31 at 7:30 a.m. for our Easter breakfast! The sign-up sheet is on the bookcase in the Narthex.

**TLC Giving Baskets...** The most needed items for March and April are crackers, cereal, peanut butter, and healthy snacks for kids. Thank you!

## Holy Week Schedule 2024

Thu, Mar 28	7:00 Maundy Thurs. Service w/Communion
Fri, Mar 29	1:00 Good Friday Service
Sun, Mar 31	7:30 Easter Breakfast
	9:00 Easter Service with Communion