



Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

WELCOME! We are blessed to worship with you today!
If you are visiting, we are delighted that you're here. If you have any questions, please ask anyone near you. To find out everything going on at St. Paul's, visit www.stpaulsokc.com.

SERVING TODAY:

Reader: Joyce Martin
Ushers: Tony Nutter, Bill Schopflin, Steve Botkin & Micah Moeller
Children's Message: Jill Botkin
Altar Guild: Ami Bandi
Communion Assistants: Carolyn & Romi Behrens, Jill & Bali Botkin, Joyce Martin, Ann Lawton & Abby Moeller
Video assistant: Steve Powell
Acolyte & Crucifer: Emma Lewis & Madelynn Thompson

PRELUDE: Ron Wallace

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Leader: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Let these branches be for us signs of Jesus' victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life, who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

PALM PROCESSION & HYMN #344 All Glory Laud and Honor

vs 1,3 & 5

Refrain: All glory, laud and honor to you redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain*

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. *Refrain.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SPECIAL CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Jill Botkin
Cherub Choir

The Lord is my Shepherd; Love, Love, Love, Love; and Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

The Lord be with you.
And also, with you.

KYRIE 1 & 2

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Let us pray. O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, 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. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. ⁶I 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. ⁷The 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; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!



PSALM 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.
¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.
¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.
¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
I am as useless as a | broken pot.
¹³For 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.
¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.
I have said, "You | are my God.
¹⁵My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.
¹⁶Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love."

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Return to the Lord



The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:1-49

(Due to the extended reading of the Passion Narrative, please wait to stand until instructed.)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SPECIAL MUSIC MESSAGE

He is the King of Glory
Pastor Stefanie Rowinski

SPLC Adult Choir

HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

“Hosanna, loud hosanna,” the little children sang;
Thro’ pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang;
to Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed ‘mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav’n, our King;
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

THE APOSTLE'S 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 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 again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. (*silence for prayer*)

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. (*silence for prayer*)

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. (*silence for prayer*)

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. (*silence for prayer*)

Almighty and ever living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

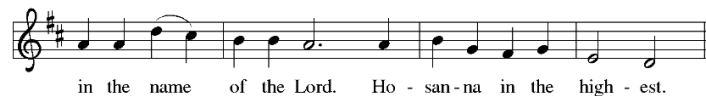
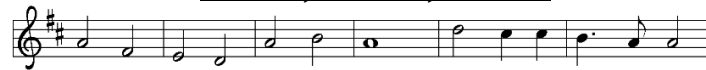
The Lord be with you. ***And also, with you.***

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to all of them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

Let us pray. ***Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

THE BLESSING

May the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Ron Wallace

SENDING

Go in Peace. Remember the poor. ***Thanks be to God.***

Please note there is no offertory during service, our offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, or you can give online using the link on our website, www.stpaulsokc.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Join us Thursday and Friday night for Holy Week Services. Maundy Thursday tells of Jesus' Last Supper with the disciples and he washes their feet. Good Friday will follow Jesus through his last hours and finally to the cross through a cantata led by the choir and orchestra. Both services begin at 7:00pm.

FLOWERING CROSS EASTER MORNING

Bring a cut flower from your garden or your favorite flower shop to help transform the cross on Easter morning. Flowering crosses represent the resurrection of Jesus as we watch the cross transform from its black drape on Friday night to the beauty new life springing forth Sunday morning.

EASTER LILLIES – ORDERS DUE TODAY!!

Help defer the cost of the Blackwelder Brass program & beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday! \$25/plant- please fill out a form, online or in person. Forms can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex and returned to the designated folder. If paying online, remember to tell us who or what your flower is in honor/memory of so they can be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin. Also please tell us if you will be taking your flower home. All orders are due April 13th.

PINE PANTRY

The Outreach Board will be collecting food for the Pine Pantry to help people provide Easter dinners for their families. We are looking for non-perishable food items. Due TODAY.

XYZ

Thursday, April 17 at 12:30 p.m. We're having a FISH FRY with games to follow. Hosts are Ron and Donna Jantz. Please note that if you plan to eat fish, you MUST sign up. We hope you can join us for a fun afternoon.

FLYFISHERS OF MEN XX

Get out your fishing gear. Mark your calendars for May 12-16 when we'll be holding our annual fishing trip to beautiful Roaring River in the heart of the Ozarks. A sign-up sheet will be displayed in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Friedemann. We hope you can join us for some great Christian fellowship and hopefully, good fishing!

EASTER EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign up sheets can be found in the Narthex. We will need volunteers to bake cupcakes, set up and clean up. We also need volunteers to oversee the cupcake walk & bounce houses. We will begin set up at 9 am Saturday, April 19.

APRIL ACTIVITIES

4/13- Worship & Education

Palm Sunday

4/15-9 am Canticle Ringers

4/16-6:30 Choir Practice

(no other Wednesday activities)

4/17-7:00 Maundy Thursday Service

4/18-7:00 Good Friday Service

4/19-10 am Easter Egg Hunt & Carnival

4/20- Worship - Easter Sunday

4/23- Wednesday Night Activities

5:45- Meal

6:30- Education & Choir Practice

4/27- Worship & Education

Prayer Partner Banquet

4/30- Wednesday Night Activities

5:30- Children's Handbells

5:45- Wednesday Night Celebration Night

6:30- Choir Practice