

THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

10:00 AM

PALM SUNDAY

The red EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP service book and hymnal is used for the liturgy.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING

The assembly gathers at the fellowship hall and walks to the portico and process in with palm branches. Members and friends that are unable to process may silently pray during the processional.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and psalm.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The 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.

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 up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be unto God.

Psalm 31:9-16

Read responsively

⁹Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.

¹⁰**For my life is spent with sorrow
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.

¹²**I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.**

¹³For I hear the whispering of many —
terror all around! —
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, “You are my God.”**

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Leroy Cannon

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

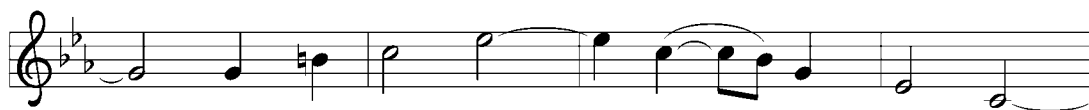
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

The assembly stands as together we confess our faith.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 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. Amen.**

The service then continues with the prayers of intercession.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND RESPONSE

(Sung response)



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
OR The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

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.

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.

O Lord, hear my prayer...

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. Give energy and joy to our pastor/s, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Watch over all who travel. Hear us, O God.

O Lord, hear my prayer...

Command your angels concerning all who are sick, especially those we remember silently in our hearts and with voice upon our lips (pause) *Fred Mansperger, Bill Barley, Sharon T. Baldwin, Jill and Marc Mann and family; Caroline Swartz (niece of Lynn Black), and her family; Liz Stanck; Tracy Hamiter; Connie Pool; Bobbie Prosser; Sarah Trani; H.B. Eleazer; Jeff Harrell; James Deckle; family and friends of Peg Thompson (nephew, Dave Walter; uncle, Eddie Lawson; friend, Vickie Henderson and friend - Candy Pennington).* God of grace,

O Lord, hear my prayer...

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

The assembly is seated.

PEACE

ELW pg. 106

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you!

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, or say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.
The assembly is seated.*

The OFFERING & OFFERTORY

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hosanna, Hosanna!

Choir

written by Julia H. Johnston (1849-1919)

Hosanna, Hosanna! We join the hearts that cry,
Hosanna, Hosanna, to Christ the Lord most high!
Victorious Redeemer, The Lord of light and life,
Triumphant over all the ranks of sin and death and strife.
Hosanna, Hosanna! Lift up the heart and voice;
Hosanna, Hosanna! Let all the earth rejoice!

Come, crown Him, yes, crown Him with all the angel train,
The ever-blessed Lord of lords, whose right it is to reign.
Hosanna, Hosanna! Save us, O Lord, we pray.
Hosanna, Hosanna! The shadows flee away.
Redeemer all-glorious, Ascended to the skies,
According to Thy changeless Word, Thy sleeping saints shall rise.

Hosanna, Hosanna! Thou interceding Christ,
Hosanna, Hosanna! Thou gift of love unpriced,
If we, then, shall be risen with Thee, the Lord of love,
Lead us by Thy almighty power to seek the things above.
Hosanna, Hosanna! We'll join the hosts that cry
Hosanna, Hosanna to Christ the Lord most high!

DOXOLOGY

Eternal Are Your Mercies, Lord

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Louis Bourgeois, 1551

The musical score is written for a piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'E - ter - nal are Your mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at - tends Your Word; Your praise shall sound from shore to shore, 'Til suns shall rise and set no more. A - men.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end of the third system.

E - ter - nal are Your mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -

tends Your Word; Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,

'Til suns shall rise and set no more. A - men.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Leroy Cannon

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE and SANCTUS (spoken)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith,
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - low - ed be your
name, your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our
sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial and de -
liv - er us from e - vil, for the king - dom, the power and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

THE COMMUNION OF THE BELOVED

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR WORSHIP IS THIS SHARED MEAL,

ALL ARE WELCOME to join us as members of God's family in Christ, as we share in this powerful gift of God's love and grace for the whole human family. We gather around the altar, kneeling or standing, wherever there is a place. The presiding minister offers wheaten wafers but can provide a gluten free wafer by request.

The assisting minister offers individual cups of wine (red) or grape juice (white) for you to choose.

The church also affirms our Lord's full presence in, with, and under each element alone.

If you prefer to commune in your pew with a prepackaged communion set, please alert an usher.

Communion Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Communion Hymn

Jesus, Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name;

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name.

The assembly stands and the presiding minister says a table blessing.

THE TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

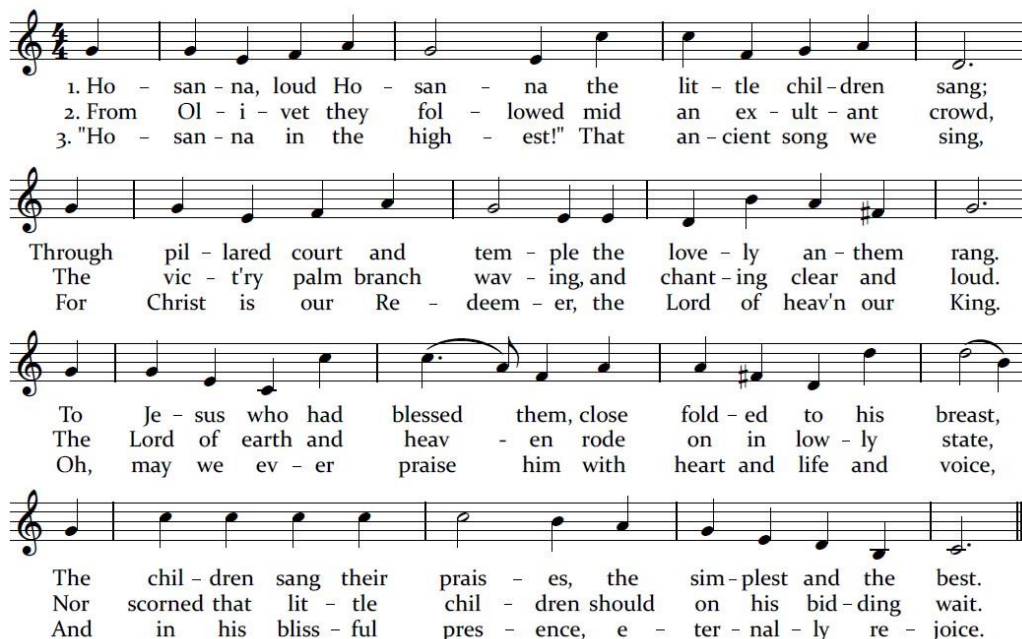
SENDING HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Jeanette Threlfall, 1821-1880

Henry Smart, 1813-1879



1. Ho - san - na, loud Ho - san - na the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,
Through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - t'ry palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n our King.
To Je - sus who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
Oh, may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,
The chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
And in his bliss - ful pres - ence, e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Holy Week worship

Thursday, March 27, 7 p.m. - Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 28, 7 p.m. - Good Friday

Easter Celebration

Sunday, March 31, 10 a.m. - The Resurrection of Our Lord!

Potluck Breakfast Brunch (Bring something to share), 9:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt after 10:00 am service

REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH IS AN INCLUSIVE, LGBTQIA+ AFFIRMING



congregation that believes Christ calls us to serve others with joy. Safe Space Dinners, a ministry for homeless LGBTQIA+ youth, including people of color.

The ministry is simple. On the second and fourth Thursday of each month, these youth (14-23 years old) are offered a safe space and time to gather for a time to rest and recharge, a home-cooked meal, a haircut, and a backpack of items they will find helpful in their day-to-day life. There are always a number of games to play, including video games. Sometimes we have entertainment from the community. There is no preaching, no conversion therapy attempts; only support and comfort. This is a ministry of giving – nothing more.

OPPORTUNITIES of WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

In Person Sunday Worship Livestream - 10:00 am-11:00 am www.reformationcae.org

Coffee Hour is held after the worship service in the Reformation Fellowship Hall.

Choir is held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

Sunday School at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall.

Wired Word is held via Zoom on Mondays at 7:30 pm

The church office will be closed on Easter Monday in observance of Easter day.

ZOOM MONTHLY MEETINGS

Day	Time	Group	Meeting ID
Every Monday	7:30 - 8:45 PM	Wired Word	882 2271 6489
2nd Sundays	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Executive Committee	873 4122 4846
2nd Mondays	7:30 - 8:45 PM	Education Committee	885 2843 7568
2nd Thursdays	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Finance Committee	876 9845 4243
2nd Thursdays	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Safe Space Dinner	IN PERSON
3rd Sundays	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Council Meeting	814 7371 7070
3rd Tuesdays	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Worship & Music Committee	840 4892 9600
3rd Thursdays	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Servants Committee	TBA
3rd Fridays	5:45 - 6:45 PM	3rd Friday Unwind	827 5730 8224
4th Sundays	11:30 - 12:30 PM	Safe Space Dinners Committee	IN PERSON - Parlor
4th Thursdays	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Safe Space Dinner	IN PERSON

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